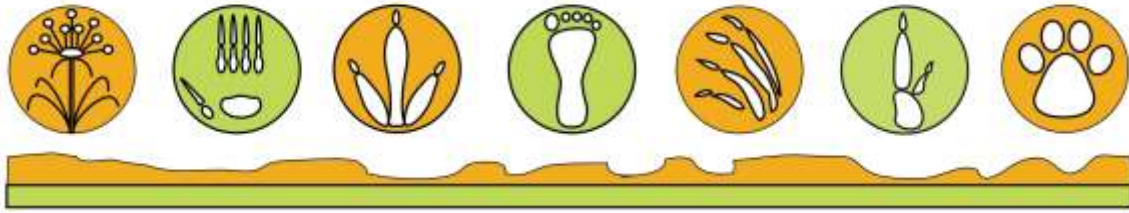


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 8 September 2022 at 8:30am.

**Emma Bradbury**  
Chief Executive Officer

### OUR VISION

We strive to be responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens and empowers the people to be strong.

### The Way We Will Work

**We will make it happen!**

**We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.**

**We will have strong policy and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.**

**Respect is shown in everything we do and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.**

**We are a responsible Council.**

**We will be a responsive Council.**

**We want to empower local decision making.**

**We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.**

**We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.**

**We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.**

**We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.**

Meeting commenced at 8:30 am with Mayor, Cr McLaughlin as Chair.

## **1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

### **1.1 Elected Members Present**

- Mayor Cr McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Stokes
- Cr. Plummer
- Cr. Clubb
- Cr. Hayes
- Cr. Ruger
- Cr. Marlow
- Cr. Bailey
- Cr. Barton
- Cr. Corbett
- Cr. O'Donnell
- Cr. Wilson

### **1.2 Staff Members Present**

- Emma Bradbury – Chief Executive Officer
- Troy Koch – Director of Operations
- Sonya Kenny – A/Director of Community Development
- Frank Crawley – Governance Officer
- Bakhita Southcott – People & Culture Manager
- Anupam Singh – A/Finance Manager
- Karen Legge – Corporate & Community Planner

### **1.3 Visitors Present**

- Tanya Battle
- Helen Flanagan
- Glen Barber
- Fiona Barber
- Colin Battle
- Jack Gannon
- Sylvia Phillips
- Elizabeth Phillips
- Demi Murphy
- Lachy Manno
- A Andrew
- Gail Bishop
- Warren
- Brian
- Clarissa Burgen

- Paul Bishop

#### 1.4 Apologies

#### 1.5 Absent Without Apologies

- Cr Walker

#### 1.6 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff – Under Section 116(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*

#### 1.7 Review of disclosure of interests – Councillors and Staff (to be done at each council meeting)

There were no declarations of interest made at this Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### MOTION

#### That Council

- Confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as a true and accurate record.
- Be provided with an update on the parking spaces audit, Council committees and councilor membership of these committees be presented to the next Council meeting.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Clubb

Seconded: Cr. Barton

**CARRIED**

*Resolved OC 132/22*

### 2.2 RATES CALCULATION INCREASE – *The Mayor, Cr. McLaughlin*

Some ratepayers received significant increases for their 2022-23 rates. Ratepayers have brought their concerns to Council for review. Council advised that the NT Valuer General has recently undertaken a revaluation of properties across the Barkly. However, there may have also been administrative issues in this year's rates calculations.

Council is now working with the Valuer General's office to review the rates calculations, particularly in the business and industrial the valuations and internally to review the rates calculation. Following this review, new rates notices will be issued to any affected ratepayers. Council has confirmed that there is no expectation that affected ratepayers pay their first instalment of rates until the review is completed and rates amounts are confirmed. Council also confirmed that the due date will be extended to reflect the review time taken, and no penalties will be incurred for affected ratepayers in relation to the current rate notice instalment due date.

The Mayor thanked ratepayers in attendance for bringing this matter to Council's attention, acknowledged Council's appreciation of the contribution local businesses make to the Barkly community, and confirmed Council's commitment to supporting local businesses to thrive. There were several speakers from the public gallery who voiced their concerns and allowed Council to understand the impact this issue has had, particularly for local business ratepayers.

## MOTION

### That Council:

- a) Note the matter and staff advice about the review that is underway;
- b) Acknowledge the concerns raised by the members of the public present, and other representations made to councillors, and thank them for bringing the matter to Council's attention.

## RESOLVED

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Stokes

**Seconded:** Cr. Marlow

**CARRIED**

*Resolved OC 133/22*

## 3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 3.1 ACTION ITEMS

#### MOTION

#### That Council

- a) Receive and note the Action & Resolution Tracker;
- b) Approve removing completed items from the Action and Resolution Tracker.

## RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr. Barton

**Seconded:** Cr. Hal Ruger

**CARRIED**

*Resolved OC 134/22*

## 4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

*Nil*

## 5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

See item 2.2 above.

## 6. MAYOR'S REPORT

### 6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

#### MOTION

#### That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the report from Mayor, Cr McLaughlin for the month of August 2022.
- b) Refers to the Cultural Competency Committee for its consideration the matter of anti-social behaviour across the Territory, and requests a report be prepared to Council about its possible role in addressing this issue.

## RESOLVED

**Moved: Cr Bailey**  
**Seconded:Cr Wilson** **CARRIED**  
*Resolved OC 135/22*

**MOTION**  
That Council write to the Chief Minister to request an update on progress of implementing Barkly Regional Deal Initiatives and advice about which Territory Agencies are funded to run programs in our region and in Tennant Creek.  
**RESOLVED**  
**Moved: Cr. Ruger**  
**Seconded:Cr. O'Donnell** **CARRIED**  
*Resolved OC 136/22*

Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 09:38 AM  
Cr Hal Ruger returned to the meeting, the time being 09:44 AM

**7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**7.1 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**MOTION**  
That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of August 2022.  
**RESOLVED**  
**Moved: Cr. Barton**  
**Seconded:Cr. Bailey** **CARRIED**  
*Resolved OC 137/22*

**MOTION**  
That Council break for morning tea.  
**RESOLVED**  
**Moved: Cr. Barton**  
**Seconded:Cr. Bailey** **CARRIED**  
*Resolved OC 138/22*

**MOTION**  
That Council resume the meeting.  
**RESOLVED**  
**Moved: Cr. Plummer**  
**Seconded:Cr. Clubb** **CARRIED**  
*Resolved OC 139/22*

## 7.2 REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS - SECOND 'CLOSING THE GAP' IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WORKING GROUP

### MOTION

**That Council** nominate the following persons to the LGANT Working Group to develop new actions for the second *Closing the Gap* NT Implementation Plan.

- Councillor Dianne Stokes
- Councillor Pam Corbett
- Councillor Noel Hayes
- Councillor Ronald Plummer

### RESOLVED

**Moved: Cr. O'Donnell**

**Seconded: Cr. Ruger**

**CARRIED**

*Resolved OC 140/22*

## 7.3 CALL FOR MOTIONS – LGANT GENERAL MEETING: 3 NOVEMBER 2022.

### MOTION

**That Council** request the CEO to present for its consideration the following draft motions for submission to the LGANT November General Meeting:

- i) Housing advocacy
- ii) Staff and skills shortages/Attracting and retaining staff to the region
- iii) Tourism promotion for the Barkly region

### RESOLVED

**Moved: Cr. Marlow**

**Seconded: Cr. Hayes**

**CARRIED**

*Resolved OC 141/22*

## 7.4 MANAGER PEOPLE AND CULTURE

### MOTION

**That Council** receive and note the August 2022 report from the Manager People and Culture.

### RESOLVED

**Moved: Cr. Ruger**

**Seconded: Cr. Wilson**

**CARRIED**

*Resolved OC 142/22*

## 8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### 8.1 FINANCE REPORT AUGUST 2022

#### MOTION

**That Council**

- i. Receive and note the Finance Report for August 2022
- ii. Receive and note as part of the Finance Report for August 2022 the Financial Statements for July 2022.
- iii. Approve the addition of Bakhita Southcott, Manager People and Culture, as an Authorised Signatory to the Barkly Regional Council Transacting Accounts, consistent with approved policy and delegation.
- iv. Approve the allocation of a Credit Card to Bakhita Southcott, Manager People and Culture, consistent with approved policy and delegation.

**ALIGNMENT TO REGIONAL PLAN 2022 – 2023**

GOAL 3: Leadership and Governance

- 3.4 Prepare a Long-Term Financial Plan to ensure Council's ongoing financial Sustainability and to provide an evidence base for decision-making
- 3.11 Pursue grant opportunities to enhance Council's revenue through targeted grant applications and efficient grant acquittals
- 3.13 Maintain positive relationships with suppliers through timely processing of invoices

Goal 6 – Progressive Stakeholder Relationships

- 6.14 Maintain positive relationships with suppliers through timely processing of invoices

Goal 7 – Employer of Choice

- 7.4 Implement the actions of the Workforce Management Plan with a focus on filling vacant positions.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr. Marlow**

**Seconded: Cr. Barton**

**CARRIED**

*Resolved OC 143/22*

Cr Jack Clubb left the meeting, the time being 11:52 AM  
Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 11:52 AM  
Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 11:55 AM  
Cr Pamela Corbett left the meeting, the time being 11:58 AM  
Cr Pamela Corbett returned to the meeting, the time being 12:00 PM  
Cr Jack Clubb returned to the meeting, the time being 12:01PM

**9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

*Nil*

**10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE**

**10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT AUGUST 2022**

**MOTION**

**That Council** receive and note the Community Development Report for July 2022.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr. Bailey**

**Seconded: Cr. O'Donnell**

**CARRIED**

*Resolved OC 144/22*

## 11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

### 11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

#### MOTION

##### That Council

- a) Receive and note the Local Authority Report for the month of July;
- b) Receive and note the Ali Curung Local Authority July meeting;
- c) Receive and note the Alpurrurlam Local Authority July meeting;
- d) Receive and note the Ampilatwatja Local Authority July meeting;
- e) Receive and note the Ampilatwatja Local Authority August meeting;
- f) Approve the allocation of \$23,165.45 of Ampilatwatja local authority funds for the purchase of Solar Lighting from Green Frog Systems.
- g) Receive and note the Wutunugurra Local Authority July meeting;
- h) Acknowledge the request that the Wutunugurra Local Authority member limit be changed past 7 to allow further opportunity for community input;
- i) Approve the allocation of \$8,202.70 of Ali Curung local authority funds for the purchase of a 20ft Container for Murray Downs.
- j) Approve the allocation of \$14,800.00 of Elliott local authority funds for the purchase of 1 Polaris Ranger 500 from R&M Motorcycles;
- k) Approve the allocation of \$5,971.35 of Elliott local authority funds for the purchase of a fork lift from Forklift Solutions;
- l) Approve the allocation of \$2,684.76 of Elliott local authority funds for the purchase of 332G forks from RDO Equipment;
- m) Approve the allocation of \$10,456.60 of Elliott local authority funds for the purchase of skip bin from MHA Products.

Item h) to be referred to the Governance Officer to provide a report back to Council.

Item i) is recommended to be accompanied by a shade structure over the container to minimise heat within the container and reduce risk of deterioration of items stored within the container.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Bailey

**CARRIED**

*Resolved OC 145/22*

## 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 13. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

### 15. OPERATIONS

### 15.1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

#### MOTION

That Council receive and note the Operations Director's report for August 2022.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Corbett

Seconded: Cr. Plummer

**CARRIED**



Resolved OC 146/22

**16. GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Nil*

**17. CORRESPONDENCE**

**17.1 CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION**

**That Council** receive and note the correspondence for the month of August 2022.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr. Plummer**

**Seconded:Cr. O'Donnell**

**CARRIED**

*Resolved OC 147/22*

**17.2 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION**

**That Council:**

- (a) Endorses the re-establishment of the Animal Management Advisory Committee
- (b) Adopts the Terms of Reference for the Animal Management Advisory Committee

Cr Marlow asked that his vote against the motion be recorded

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Hal Hal Ruger**

**Seconded:Councillor Russell O'Donnell**

**CARRIED**

*Resolved OC 148/22*

**18. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 2.28 pm.

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Jeffrey McLaughlin

Council Mayor

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Emma Bradbury

Chief Executive Officer

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