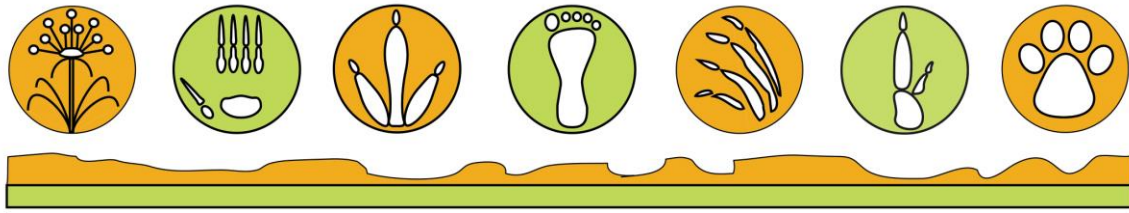


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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.

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, 27 January 2022 at 8:30am.

Steven Moore

Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8.46am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Derek Walker
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Steve Moore
- Santosh Niraula
- Sharen Lake
- James Saunders
- Troy Koch
- Steve Edgington, MLA (visitor)

1.3 Apologies

- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Anita Bailey

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Heather Wilson

MOTION

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 1/22

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

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

Council began the meeting by observing a minute of silence for the former Barkly Regional council president who passed away on 26th of January 2022.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 December 2021 as a true and accurate record.
- b) Confirm the Minutes from the Patta Councillors meeting held on 10 January 2022 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 2/22

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action Items
- b) Remove the following completed items: 7

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 3/22

ACTION ITEM: Write a letter to Min Ken Wyatt regarding Rainbow Gateway's performance with CDP and get letter of support from both the local authorities on the matter.

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Mayor's Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Pam Corbett

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 4/22

The mayor commended all staff for stepping up and working through the lockouts and lockdowns that happened, and continue to happen in the Barkly. The mayor also commended staff, fire fighters, police and community members who assisted in a matter relating to a deceased individual in Tennant Creek last week. Deputy Mayor Stokes stated that her time as acting mayor in the month of January went smoothly, with her and staff member communicating well.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S UPDATE

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Pam Corbett

Seconded: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 5/22

Cr.s raised concerns with the Purkiss reserve upgrade has taken a very long time to get started. The process has taken so long that prices have now gone up, so Council will now be getting less things that were originally available on the budget. Cr's also raised concerns about how long the streetscape project for Tennant Creek has taken.
ACTION ITEM: Invite Sarah Fairhead from DIPL to come and give an update to council regarding the lack/slow progress of all the DIPL projects in the Barkly.

7. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 OFFICE OF WATER SECURITY

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the presentation from the Office of Water Security.
- b) Agree to work with the NTG and water consultants to ensure adequate information and support is provided to Local Authorities to enable their engagement in the water consultations and their perspective to be collated for inclusion in a submission to the

NT strategic water plan consultation process.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 6/22

The Northern Territory Government's Office of Water Security would like to discuss the recently released NT Strategic Water Plan Directions Paper with Council and discuss any key water security issues from a Barkly Regional Council perspective. The Northern Territory Strategic Water Plan will set the agenda on water management through to 2050 and address water security in the Territory. The plan will be based on evidence, good regulatory practice, and community values and aspirations.

Cr. Marlow raised the issue of TC water tanks security breaches needing to be included as part of the water security plan

Cr. Barton pointed out that the Elliott water issue is access to clean water in the town camps. This was acknowledged, and will be discussed further through the Local Authority meetings

Ali Curung and Devenport water supply issues noted

Cr.s Plummer and Deputy Mayor Stokes emphasised the importance of such matters being taken back to the Central Land Council as the middle contact point for matters relating to land.

MOTION

That council

a) Break for morning tea at 1018am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Pam Corbett

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 7/22

The deputy commissioner of Police and his team visited council during morning tea to introduce themselves to council.

MOTION

That Council

a) Resume the meeting at 1125am

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 8/22

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 CORPORATE SERVICES

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report from Corporate Services Directorate

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 9/22

Director of Corporate Services to clarify progress with the Telstra tower for 58 Peko Road at the next meeting.

Council acknowledged Robert Smith for the work done over the years as Area Manager for Barkly Regional Council.

8.2 POLICY APPROVAL

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the Principal member policy subject to amendment to allow the Mayor personal use of his vehicle and interstate travel, with the mayor to pay for fuel, and council to approve all travel outside the Barkly.
- c) Defer the housing policy to the February meeting.
- d) Amend and approve the Reasonable expenses policy to mirror the Principal member policy allowing the principal member to go interstate.
- e) That council approve the mayor's trip to Darwin for the bombing of Darwin ceremony and associated meetings on the week of the 13th of February 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 10/22

Cr's discussed whether the principle member is able to use their car interstate. It was decided that this would be

If the Mayor gets a meeting with the Chief Minister, he must make sure to discuss the issues that Council is experiencing with DIPL

ACTION: Email Damian to confirm that the contract has been signed with the artists for the point of entry statement,

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Report

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 11/22

ACTION ITEM: Write a paper for the Ali Curung Local Authority regarding the youth centre in Ali Curung and land access issues.

ACTION ITEM: Follow up on advertising for free metal scaping for cars in Tennant Creek.

Cheryl Williams from the RSL came in to accept the Australia Day award for community event of the year.

MOTION

That Council

- a) Break for lunch at 1209pm

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 12/22

MOTION

That council

- a) Resume the meeting t 1236pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Pam Corbett

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 13/22

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DECEMBER 2021 REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Community Development December 2021 Report

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 14/22

Sharen emphasised the importance of RAT's to be made available to her staff so that they can start travelling out and performing their roles.

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 12:36 PM

Cr Lennie Barton left the meeting, the time being 12:36 PM

Cr Noel Hayes left the meeting, the time being 12:36 PM

Cr Lennie Barton returned to the meeting, the time being 12:40 PM

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Nil

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. OPERATIONS

15.1 JANUARY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 15/22

Cr. Ruger raised a point about how people need track tires that were dumped at the go cart track. CEO stated that the individuals concerned need to formally write a letter to council.

17.1 CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the correspondence attached.
- b) Mayor Jeff McLaughlin, Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes, Cr. Derek Walker, Cr. Pam Corbett, Cr. Ronald Plummer to attend the ALGA National Assembly from 19-22 June 2022.
- c) Note that motions for ALGA conference must be put forward by the March

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Councillor Pamela Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 16/22

Cr. Ruger raised that hardship payments to the Barkly

Cr Derek Walker returned to the meeting, the time being 01:14 PM

Cr Noel Hayes returned to the meeting, the time being 01:14 PM

Cr Lennie Barton left the meeting, the time being 01:28 PM

Cr Lennie Barton returned to the meeting, the time being 01:31 PM

FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Circulate to councillors the timeline for the budget so that they are aware of what is due when

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 17/22

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

17. CORRESPONDENCE

18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

19. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with *Section 99(2)* of the *Local Government Act 2019* and *Regulation 51* of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;
- (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;
- (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:
 - (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or
 - (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
 - (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; or
 - (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;
- (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;
- (e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;
- (f) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 18/22

20. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION

That Council move back into open session at <2.43pm

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 19/22

16.1 LGANT

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

b) Mayor Jeff McLaughlin a member to nominate for the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

c) Move into ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 20/22

18.3 EVACUATION CENTRE- TENNANT CREEK

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (c(iv)) (c(iv)) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

b) Approve the request to use the Civic Hall as the Tennant Creek evacuation center.

c) Move to ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 21/22

18.6 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (b) (b) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; AND information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report;

Elliott

b) Accept the appointment of Lora Jackson to the Elliott Local Authority

c) Move to ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 22/22

21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 2.43pm.

This page and the proceeding 11 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 27 January 2022 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Council Mayor

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

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