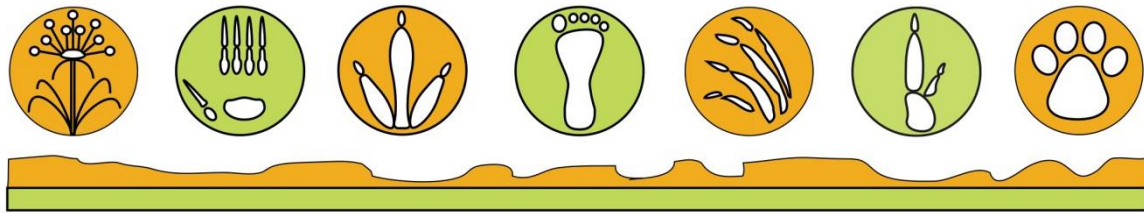


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## Vision

**A strong, cohesive Barkly Shire working as one to champion regional development to provide sustainable economic growth and community capacity where people embrace cultural diversity and are treated equitably and with respect.**

## The way we will work

**By leading the Barkly Region to achieve an organisation that realises excellence in its governance and operational responsibilities and with a community service ethic and is co-operative, innovative and efficient.**

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

## TENNANT CREEK

**20TH FEBRUARY 2014**

## 1. OPENING & ATTENDANCE

Council President Barb Shaw welcomed those present, and opened the first meeting for 2014 at 8.30am with the new Chief Executive Officer Ms Edwina Marks, commenting that she was looking forward to working with her. President Shaw then read the Council Prayer, and acknowledged the Traditional Owners and Elders past and present of the Warramungu country.

**1.1 Present:**

President Barb Shaw	Cr. Noel Hayes
Cr. Joyce Taylor	Cr. Bob Bagnall
Cr. Tony Boulter	Cr. Ray Aylett
Cr. Timothy Price	Cr. Lucy Jackson
Cr. Narelle Bremner	

Edwina Marks (Chief Executive Officer) Henry Szczypiorski (Executive Director Operations) David Heron (Director Corporate Services) Peter Ryan (Executive Director Human Resources) Jenny Mitchell (Governance Officer) Pam Hodges and Courtney Barber (minutes)

**1.2 Apologies -** Cr. Pat Braun, Cr. Hal Ruger (for late arrival)

**1.3 Leave of Absence**

**1.3.1 Cr. Jennifer Mahoney**

**MOTION 001/14**

**That Council grant Cr. Jennifer Mahoney a leave of absence for a period of up to three months commencing Monday 1 February 2014 and ending 30 April 2014.**

***Moved: Cr. Boulter***

***Seconded: Cr. Aylett***

**CARRIED**

**1.3.2 Cr. Eileen Bonny**

**MOTION 002/14**

**That Council accept Cr. Eileen Bonny's verbal resignation as an Elected Member, noting that when written confirmation is received, Council will need to advise the Northern Territory Electoral Commission of the need for a by-election to fill the casual vacancy in the Alyawarr Ward.**

***Moved: Cr. Hayes***

***Seconded: Cr. Taylor***

**CARRIED**

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**2.1 Ordinary Council Meeting, Ali Curung 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**MOTION 003/14**

**That the minutes of the Council Meeting held at Ali Curung 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be accepted.**

***Moved: Cr. Bremner***

***Seconded: Cr. Jackson***

**CARRIED**

The Ordinary Council Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 was cancelled due to a quorum not being obtained.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING****3.1 Professional Development**

Explanation was given regarding Members raising matters for consideration at Council or committee meetings discussion from Meeting Procedures Workshop. (Item 7.11)

**MOTION 004/14**

That Council organise another Meeting Procedure Training Workshops for Councillors and the CEO to create a template form for Councillors to raise matters to Council or Committee meetings.

*Moved: Cr. Aylett*

*Seconded: Cr. Hayes*

CARRIED

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF LOCAL BOARD MINUTES****4.1 Wutunugurra Local Board****MOTION 005/14**

That Council receive Wutunugurra Local Board meeting minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014, note the Continuing Actions List and adopt recommendations contained in the minutes.

*Moved: Cr. Taylor*

*Seconded: Cr. Bagnall*

CARRIED

**MOTION: 006/14**

That Council send a letter to all the agencies in Wutunugurra including external visiting agencies, requesting that visitors to the community sign in at the Council office on arrival or upon office opening in order for members of the community to know who and why people are entering their community.

*Moved: Cr. Hayes*

*Seconded: Cr. Bremner*

CARRIED

**4.2 Elliott Local Board****MOTION 007/14**

That Council receive Elliott Local Board meeting minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014, note the Continuing Actions List and adopt recommendations contained in the minutes.

*Moved: Cr. Taylor*

*Seconded: Cr. Bagnall*

CARRIED

**MOTION 008/14**

That Council endorse Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) Remote Jobs Community Program's (RJCP) continued occupation in the Elliott Service Centre for a further period of 6 months and endorse long term access for JCAC RJCP including licence or leasing arrangements on part of Council's existing site.

That Council not endorse the draft Elliott area plan and invite the Department of Planning to the 1 April 2014 Local Board meeting to discuss discrepancies identified in the area plan with a notion to endorse the plan once these anomalies have been addressed.

That Council support the Willpower initiative with financial assistance of \$5,000 from Barkly Regional Council Community Project Funding as endorsed by the Elliott Local Board.

That Council commence an appropriate weed management strategy to control the weed outbreak in Elliott and in the two camps.

That Council seek the assistance of the Federal Member (Warren Snowdon) in relation to uniformed presence for the 2014 Elliott Anzac Day event.

That Council contact the Power and Water Corporation (PWC) to have the currently unsafe PWC World War II workshop stabilised.

*Moved: Cr. Aylett*

*Seconded: Cr. Bagnall*

CARRIED

#### 4.3 Tennant Creek Local Board

MOTION 009/14

That Council receive Tennant Creek Local Board meeting minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014, note the Continuing Actions List and adopt recommendations contained in the minutes.

*Moved: Cr. Taylor*

*Seconded: Cr. Bagnall*

CARRIED

#### 4.4 Ali Curung Local Board

MOTION 010/14

That Council receive Ali Curung Local Board meeting minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014, note the Continuing Actions List and adopt recommendations contained in the minutes.

*Moved: Cr. Taylor*

*Seconded: Cr. Bagnall*

CARRIED

MOTION 011/14

That Council invite the RJCP Manager, Neil Smith, to attend the next Ali-Curung Local Board meeting (8 April 2014) to report on their projects and staff activity.

That Council ensure that an all weather surface is located at the new landfill site prior to the commencement of the Old landfill Remediation Project.

That Council erect the AVON Slimline Bus Shelter design on the land adjacent to the Ali-Curung community 'Respite Centre' and the same shelter design to be located at the Bert Franks Park near the entrance to the community.

*Moved: Cr. Hayes*

*Seconded: Cr. Jackson*

CARRIED

### 5. COUNCILLORS' WARD REPORTS

**Cr. Aylett** reported blocked drains in Elliott and was advised that Department of Infrastructure had been contacted. He also raised attention to the significant grass growth around the town after ongoing rain. He was advised that the grass cutting program has

commenced in Tennant Creek. Cr. Aylett made mention of the three cornered jack prickles also growing in the area near the Westpac Bank. Cr. Bremner reported the same near her residence and has been poisoning them without result. Cr. Bagnall reported that these weeds are in Elliott and Councillors have asked that this prickle/weed become a focus as part of any Weed Management program occurring in the Barkly Region.

**Cr. Boulter** has attended RSL meetings and has reported a change of management and that the club is operational again.

**Cr. Hayes** asked if Council could enquire as to when the last section of the access road off the Stuart Highway to Ali Curung is to be completed by the Department of Infrastructure. Cr. Hayes commented that RJCP visits to the community are very erratic, and stated that no work was being done at the new landfill. CEO reported that ten participants as part of a project were to start in the area with the next week for the duration of three months with the potential of one or two jobs becoming available after the project.

**Cr. Jackson** made comment on the Ali Curung coffin making, which is a community enterprise with eight workers under the leadership of Jeff Herbert, who is working with stakeholders to source funding and build a business plan. Currently they are working in the training room and although they are struggling with the initial first phase, they do have a strong market for cultural funerals and offer coffin and headstone packages.

**Cr. Taylor advised that** as the Council representative on the CIAC Board, tabled the minutes of that meeting for the information of Councillors.

**Cr. Price** stated that nothing was happening with RJCP at Tara. The CEO is to invite DEEWR and JCAC to provide an update for specific communities.

**Cr. Bremner** mentioned that Disabilities Insurance scheme has opened an office in Tennant Creek, which is an exciting outcome for people with disabilities who now can have individual plans developed and access to equipment, employment etc. Tennant Creek was chosen for a two year trial because of the high number of indigenous people with disabilities living here. Cr. Bremner felt it would be positive for Council to have them address a meeting.

**President Barb Shaw** thanked staff and Councillors that participated in the Australia Day morning ceremony at Battery Hill Mining Centre and the afternoon event at Lake Mary Ann. Australia Day awards were presented to  
Australia Day Citizen of the Year 2014 – Mr Steve Russell  
Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year 2014 – brothers Liam and Brandon Wilson and,  
Community Event of the Year 2014 – Tennant Creek Volunteer Unit.  
President Shaw reminded Councillors that the public have an expectation to see Councillors at civic events. The Public relations Officer could assist and liaise with Councillors in regard to upcoming events.

The Tennant Creek Alcohol Reference Group is to have its first meeting in March 2014 to establish a plan for Tennant Creek, and was interviewed by the ABC regarding alcohol issues within the Barkly region.

The President is to sponsor a young woman from the high school for the International Women's Day event in March.

The President and CEO were invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Urapuntja Council but due to a cultural ceremony and instruction by the Chair at Arlparra they were unable to attend.

The President and CEO also attended the Elliott Local Board meeting and the Northern Territory Library's "My Banbiya" bilingual baby book launch in Elliott on the same day. Pauline Smith and Kelly Rogers from Youth Connections met with the President to discuss the range of youth programs within the Barkly region.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS ARISING**

That Council noted the minutes of the Finance and Operations Committee meeting minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and adopt the recommendations contained in the minutes. David Heron reported on the meeting and the recommendation of the committee.

**MOTION 012/14****Conditional Rating Policy**

That Council adopt the Conditional Rating Policy for 2014/15 as a valuation based levy using the most recent Australian Valuation Office valuations of conditional rateable land and the 2013/14 differential increased by the appropriate CPI rate as determined by the Department of Local Government.

*Moved: Cr. Bagnall*

*Seconded: Cr. Boulter*

**CARRIED**

10.10am Cr. Hal Ruger joined the meeting – late arrival

**MOTION 013/14**

That Council close the meeting for Morning Tea -10.10am

*Moved: Cr. Ruger*

*Seconded: Cr. Jackson*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 014/14**

That Council re-open the meeting - 10.24am

*Moved: Cr. Hayes*

*Seconded: Cr. Aylett*

**CARRIED**

**7. ADDRESSING THE MEETING**

Mr Peter Davenport and Mr Steve Baldwin attended as requested by Council to inform Councillors of the background history of the Battery Hill Mining Centre Association and the Incorporated Body, including their understanding of its current status of exemption to rates as a public museum. They referred to a range of documents highlighting that they had never been rated under the previous Tennant Creek Town Council. They also explained the current financial status of the organisation and that the organisation had just received funding to develop a business plan in order to source long term sustainable funding.

**MOTION 015/14**

That Council request the Battery Hill Mining Centre Incorporated provide written evidence about their status as a Public Museum for the purpose of considering whether their organisation is exempt from rating.

That

1. 2013/4 rates and any outstanding fines for 2013/4 be remitted for the Battery Hill Mining Centre subject to payment within 30 days of any arrears from previous years;
2. Battery Hill Mining Centre be advised that rates will be payable in full in future years and that the Centre must apply annually for a community grant if financial support is sought from the Council in future; and,
3. Council give consideration, when formulating the 2014/5 and future budgets , to increasing the amount allocated for Community Grants (or to the Tennant Creek Local Authority) by an amount approximately equivalent to the Battery Hill Mining Centre rates (say \$22,000 in 2014/5)

*Moved: Cr. Ruger*

*Seconded: Cr. Taylor*

**CARRIED**

**10. GENERAL BUSINESS AND MATTERS FOR NOTING****10.01 BUDGET POLICY****MOTION 016/14****That Council adopt the Budget Policy.*****Moved: Cr. Taylor******Seconded: Cr. Jackson*****CARRIED****10.2 COMMUNITY BENEFITS GRANT****MOTION 017/14****That Council approve funding as indicated to be supplied to the following applicants to the Barkly Regional Council Community Grants program:**

Young Gun Football Team Alpururulam (2)	\$ 2,000.00
Stronger Sister - Tennant Creek High School	\$ 3,000.00
Tennant Creek Child Care Centre	\$ 3,000.00
Tennant Creek Gun Club	\$ 1,500.00

***Moved: Cr. Taylor******Seconded: Cr. Jackson*****CARRIED****Total Funds granted in Round One \$9,500.00, \$5,500 to be rolled over to Round Two.****MOTION 018/14****That Council close the meeting for Lunch -12.00 pm*****Moved: Cr. Ruger******Seconded: Cr. Jackson*****CARRIED****MOTION 019/14****That Council re-open the meeting – 12.40pm*****Moved: Cr. Hayes******Seconded: Cr. Aylett*****CARRIED****LUNCH 12.00 – 12.40pm****10.3 POLICY AND PROCEDURES FRAMEWORK POLICY****MOTION 020/14****That Council adopt the Policy and Procedure Framework Policy.*****Moved: Cr. Bagnall******Seconded: Cr. Ruger*****CARRIED**

The Policy and Procedures Framework Policy incorporates a policy hierarchy, a template for the preparation of new policies, and, methodology for the management of policies and procedures whether adopted by Council or introduced by the Chief Executive Officer and the administration.

**10.4 RECYCLING POLICY****MOTION 021/14****That Council adopt the Recycling Policy.*****Moved: Cr. Bagnall******Seconded: Cr. Ruger*****CARRIED**

**10.5 POLICY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES****MOTION 022/14****That Council adopt the Policy for the Establishment of Local Authorities..*****Moved: Cr. Bagnall******Seconded: Cr. Ruger*****CARRIED****10.6 POLICY FOR THE OPERATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES****MOTION 023/14****That Council adopt the Policy for the Operation of Local Authorities.*****Moved: Cr. Bagnall******Seconded: Cr. Ruger*****CARRIED****10.7 CIVIC HALL HIRE POLICY****MOTION 024/14****That Council adopt the Civic Hall Hire Policy.*****Moved: Cr. Bagnall******Seconded: Cr. Ruger*****CARRIED****10.8 WASTE DISPOSAL AND MANAGEMENT – TENNANT CREEK STUDY****MOTION 025/14****That Council accept the Draft Terms of Reference for the Future Waste Disposal and Waste Management - Tennant Creek Scoping Study; and,****That Council invite Expressions of Interest from a minimum of three firms of consulting engineers.*****Moved: Cr. Bagnall******Seconded: Cr. Aylett*****CARRIED****10.9 DEPUTY PRESIDENT POSITION****MOTION 026/14****That Council endorse the appointment of Cr. Ray Aylett as Deputy President for the period 1 February 2014 to 30 June 2014.*****Moved: Cr. Bremner******Seconded: Cr. Ruger*****CARRIED****10.10 Agenda Briefing Trial**

It was agreed by Councillors that the first hour of the Council meeting day be set aside as a closed agenda briefing session and that this be trialed for a period of four months to June 2014. This session will replace the Councillor Ward Reports agenda item and Councillors are encouraged to provide feedback on the trial to the President by phone or email during the period.

**11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS****11.1 USE OF THE COMMON SEAL****MOTION 027/14****That Council endorse the execution of the following documents under Council's common seal:**

- 1. PowerWater – Essential Services Officer Contract;**



Period Contract - Maintenance PowerWater Communities Sewerage Remote Communities – Elliott, Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Alpurrurulam, Arlparra communities

2. Funding Agreement – FaHCSIA Barkly Regional Youth Multi Media Program \$118,000.00
3. Department of Community Services – Agreement - Municipal Essential Services/Housing Maintenance Services – Barkly South \$1,155,518.00
4. Department of Community Services – Agreement - Municipal Essential Services/Housing Maintenance Services – Barkly North \$466,758.00
5. Department of Community Services – Agreement - 2013-2014 Homelands Extra Allowance
6. Deed of Agreement Transfer of Property known as Lot 13,15 Crawford Street, Elliott from OR and MA Nilsson to the Barkly Regional Council

*Moved: Cr. Boulter*

*Seconded: Cr. Taylor*

CARRIED

11.2 Director of Corporate Services – January 2014 Report  
MOTION 028/14

That Council accept the Director of Corporate Services – January 2014 Report

*Moved: Cr. Hayes*

*Seconded: Cr. Taylor*

CARRIED

11.3 Executive Director of Communities – January 2014 Report  
MOTION 029/14

That Council accept Executive Director of Communities – January 2014 Report

*Moved: Cr. Hayes*

*Seconded: Cr. Taylor*

CARRIED

11.4 Executive Director of Infrastructure – January 2014 Report  
MOTION 030/14

That Council accept the Executive Director of Infrastructure – January 2014 Report

*Moved: Cr. Hayes*

*Seconded: Cr. Taylor*

CARRIED

MOTION 031/14

That Council move into confidential session – 2.22pm.

*Moved: Cr. Bremner*

*Seconded: Cr. Aylett*

CARRIED

#### 14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

*The following reports will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008.*

*It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

**14.1 Waiver of Rates**

**14.2 Overdue Rates and Charges**

**MOTION 035/14**

That Council moved out of the confidential session – 2.50 pm.

*Moved: Cr. Aylett*

*Seconded: Cr. Bremner*

**CARRIED**

**15 OTHER MATTERS**

**16 CLOSE OF MEETING**

Shire President Barb Shaw closed the meeting at 2.55pm

Next meeting of Council to be held in Elliott on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 9.00am.

**Cr. Barb Shaw  
Shire President**

**Edwina Marks  
Chief Executive Officer**