



# 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 Wednesday 27 September 2023 at 9:05 am.

# **Russell Anderson**

**Acting 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.



### 1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Elected Members Present

Meeting commenced at 9.05am with Acting Mayor Russell O'Donnell as Chair

### **Elected Members Present**

- Acting Mayor Russell O'Donnell
- Cr. Dianne Seri Stokes
- Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Elliot McAdam (Teams)
- Cr. Sharen Lake
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Mark Peterson
- Cr. Lucy Jackson
- Cr. Jack Clubb

# 1.2 Staff Members Present

#### **Staff Members Present**

- Russell Anderson Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Romeo Mutsago Chief Financial Officer
- Emmanuel Okumu Governance Manager
- Tash Adams Executive Manager
- Grant Hanson ICT Coordinator

# 1.3 Visitors Present

### **Visitors Present**

- Sally O'Callaghan Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
- Lachlan Wilkins Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet
- Peter Burnheim Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet
- Phillipa Hunter Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security
- Nicole Joy Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security

# 1.4 Apologies and Leave of Absence

# **Apologies**

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Cr Heather Wilson
- Cr Lennie Barton
- Cr Heather Wilson
- Cr Anita Bailey

### 1.5 Review of Disclosure of Interest



# 2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

# **Confirmation of previous Minutes**

# 2.1 Confirmation of minutes from 31 August 2023 Ordinary meeting

#### **MOTION**

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the 31 August 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council as a true and accurate record.

**RESOLVED** 

**Moved: Cr Jack Clubb** 

**Seconded: Cr Dianne Stokes** 

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/132

Cr McAdam questioned the CEO about a meeting on Thursday regarding Animal Management. The CEO advised the meeting would be postponed due to other commitments but would email Cr McAdam with a new date for the meeting, and invite the Director of Community Development to attend.

Cr McAdam requested an agenda be included in the email correspondence ahead of the meeting.

# 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

# **Actions from previous Minutes**

# 3.1 Actions from previous meetings

# **MOTION**

That Council receives and notes actions arising from the previous minutes.

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Cr Dianne Stokes Seconded: Cr Greg Marlow

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Resolved OM-23/134



#### **MOTION**

That the Bush Councillors are given a spot on the agenda at each Council Meeting to talk about issues in their communities.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell** 

**Seconded: Cr Pam Corbett** 

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/133

The CEO suggested that the bush Councillors be given an opportunity at each Ordinary Council Meeting to present issues and concerns within their respective communities.

### 4 ADDRESSING THE MEETING

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics Regional Director Barkly Sally O'Callaghan was invited to discuss two ongoing projects with Council (OM-23/117): Purkiss Reserve Upgrade and Streetscape Project.

Ms O'Callaghan said the department had sent through an invoice for payment for \$1.4 million for the Streetscape Project.

The Acting CEO pointed out that progress payments would be made as per the contract instead of the total amount paid in advance.

Acting Mayor O'Donnell said the Department had breached the contract several times before Ms O'Callaghan's appointment.

Ms O'Callaghan argued there had been no Barkly Regional Council representation at project meetings and suggested to move forward "instead of throwing shade at both parties."

Acting Mayor O'Donnell agreed but reminded the department the contract was binding.

The department has commenced the engagement of a design consultant to design the upgraded sprinkler system and water services to begin the landscaping master plan.

Ms O'Callaghan said BRC input was needed to consider plant varieties and plant areas.

The next project was regarding Purkiss Reserve Upgrade, and it was suggested a Working Group be formed to progress the project.

Ms O'Callaghan said she needed BRC Councillor and staff representation by 16 October.

Acting Mayor suggested BRC advertise for expressions of interest to form a Purkiss Reserve Working Group.

#### **MOTION**

#### **That Council:**

- a) call for Expressions of Interest to form a Purkiss Reserve Working Group
- b) Expressions to close Monday 9 October 2023
- c) Call a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday 10 October to appoint those members to the Working Group.

# **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Sharen Lake Seconded: Cr Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Resolved OM-23/135



Ms O'Callaghan, Mr Wilkins and Mr Burnheim left the meeting at 10.05 am.

Cr Jackson joined the meeting at 10.05am.

Cr Clubb joined the meeting at 10.05am.

# 4 ADDRESSING THE MEETING

# Representatives from the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security presented to Council about:

- 1. Western Davenport Water Allocation Plan 2023 2033 key messaging be raised at the next meeting of the Ordinary Council.
- Ordinary Council has discussed their concerns for water with staff from the Department of Environment Parks and Water Security, Water Resources Branch, who listened to their concerns
- 3. The Ordinary Council is urged to share information with other community members
- 4. Decide as a group on whether the Water Engagement team attends another Ordinary Council meeting for further engagement opportunities.
- 5. Water Resources team is to attend the next Ordinary Council meeting and bring back updates on:
  - a. The information that was reported to the Ali Curung Local Authority.
  - b. Water bore reports and information for the following communities: Epenarra, Alpurrurulam, Elliott, Karlumpurlpa Community, Arlparra and surrounding outstations, Ampilatwatja and surrounding outstations, Tennant Creek, Ali Curung.
  - c. Information on the governing bodies of water infrastructure, water resources, water delivery and water policies/plans (including Power and Water (IES), Water Controller, Water Security)
  - d. A map of surface water/Groundwater basins for the region with information including Georgina-Wiso (Beetaloo), Western Davenport, Lake Eyre.
  - e. Update on the outcomes of the Mataranka Water Advisory Committee meeting occurring 28-29 September and information on water licences in the Mataranka

Nicole Joy informed Councillors the Traditional Owner Ranger Advisory Committee (TORAC) met today, and they requested the Department provide feedback on key water projects:

- \* Ranger group requested education on bore monitoring. NT Government Alice Springs bore monitors will travel to the Barkly to provide education.
- \* TORAC requested the Department to report back at its next meeting about the Singleton Water Licence.



# 5 MAYOR'S REPORT

# **Mayor's Report**

# 5.1 Mayor's September 2023 Report

Council received and noted the Mayor's Report for September 2023.

The meeting resumed at 12.42am.

Cr Clubb did not rejoin the meeting after lunch.

# 6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

# **Chief Executive Officers Reports**

# 6.1 CEO Report to Council September 2023

Council received and noted the CEO's September 2023 report.

# **Chief Executive Officers Reports**

# 6.2 Audit & Risk Committee

Council noted the Audit & Risk Committee Report.

Cr Marlow reported Shane Smith was elected as the Chair.

Cr Lake missed the meeting due to incorrect contact details and still has no access to BRC email.

Cr McAdam missed the meeting due to an email being missed requesting to be able to phone in. Acting CEO said it was decided when the financials arrive month, they will be tabled at the next Committee meeting in October.

# **Chief Executive Officers Reports**

### 6.3 Reviewed Policies

#### MOTION

That Council endorses the following updated Barkly Regional Council Policies for use:

- A. Local Authority Policy
- B. Professional Development Policy
- C. Extra Meeting Allowance Policy
- D. Equal Opportunity: Anti-Discrimination, Anti-Harrassment and Anti-Bullying Policy

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Sharen Lake Seconded: Cr Dianne Stokes

# **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/136

McAdam questioned 2.1.4 of the Local Authority Policy.

Governance Manager informed Council that when the Minister passes the guidelines Council must match policies to the guidelines.



# 7 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

# **Corporate Services Directorate Reports**

# 7.1 ICT Report - September 2023

Council received and noted the report.

Acting CEO informed Council a new Director of Corporate Services has been appointed and his name is Murray Davies.

He highlighted there are still a lot of IT issues in the communities

#### **MOTION**

That Council requests keyboards be supplied with all iPads for the Councillors.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow Seconded: Cr Dianne Stokes

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/137

# **Corporate Services Directorate Reports**

# 7.2 Implementation of Docs on Tap

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to no presentation provided.

Acting Mayor O'Donnell noted if Councillors still required a hard copy, they can request a copy be supplied.

#### **MOTION**

That Council training be provided to elected members on the use of the iPads and Docs on Tap.

### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow Seconded: Cr Lucy Jackson

# **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/138

### 8 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE REPORTS

# **Community Development Directorate Reports**

# 8.1 Community Development Report

Council received and noted the Community Development report for August and September 2023.

CEO reported there has been a few fracas at the TCYC and security is needed. He noted community interest has been very good where a lot of parents were visiting the Centre with their kids.

Cr Lake acknowledged the hard work Council staff have been doing at the Youth Centre.



# 9 TENNANT CREEK DIRECTORATE REPORTS

# **Tennant Creek Directorate Reports**

# 9.1 Director of Tennant Creek Report

#### MOTION

That Council request the CEO to come back to Council with a report on the best location for a public crossing and speed limit from corner of Peko Park to wherever applicable past the Tennant Creek Youth Centre.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Lucy Jackson Seconded: Cr Dianne Stokes

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/139

Cr Lake said people said people have really big concerns about the delayed reopening of the pool.

Cr Stokes noted someone should be at the gate of the Youth Centre.

Cr Jackson suggested Peko Road needs a crossing and 40km/h zone near the Youth Centre for the safety of children.

Cr Stokes said local youth are very happy with the Youth Centre.

# **Tennant Creek Directorate Reports**

# 9.2 Fitness and Wellness Centre Audit

Council received and noted the Fitness and Wellness Centre Audit Report



# **Tennant Creek Directorate Reports**

# 9.3 Karguru Park

### MOTION

#### **That Council:**

- a) Receives and notes the report
- b) Requests the Director of Tennant Creek to report back to Council with prospective areas for a location for future a Dog Park.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell** 

Seconded: Cr Dianne Stokes

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/140

Acting CEO said the park is used regularly by kids kicking a football and himself and other locals use it to keep fit. He suggested perhaps there is other Council land that could be fenced and turned into a park.

Cr Marlow pointed out that Cr McAdam suggested at the Workshop there should be consultation with Patta Group and other Traditional Owners.

# **Tennant Creek Directorate Reports**

# 9.4 Swimming Pool BBQ and Shelter

### **MOTION**

# That Council

- a) Receives and notes the request from Tennant Creek Local Authority about a second BBQ and shelter at the pool
- b) Requests the Tennant Creek Director to source quotes for the works for a second barbecue and shade installation at the Swimming Pool and report to Council and the Patta Ward Local Authority for consideration.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell** 

**Seconded: Cr Greg Marlow** 

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/141

Acting Mayor has observed people requesting to hold birthday parties at the Pool, and a second barbecue would benefit the venue.



# **Tennant Creek Directorate Reports**

# 9.5 Tennant Creek Local Authority 19 Sept 2023 Minutes

Council received and noted the minutes from the Tennant Creek Local Authority meeting held on 19 September 2023.

Cr Marlow said discussion came up yesterday at the Council workshop about an annual or bi-annual joint Local Authority meeting where Members could discuss common interests or concerns.

### MOTION

#### **That Council:**

- a) Notes the previous TC Local Authority Minutes
- b) Requests the CEO to add the idea of bi-annual joint local authority meeting in November to the next meeting agenda

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow Seconded: Cr Lucy Jackson

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/142

Council received and noted the minutes from the Tennant Creek Local Authority meeting held on 19 September 2023.

Cr Marlow said discussion come up yesterday at the Council workshop to come up with annual or biannual Local Authority meeting. Where LA Members could have a chat about common interests or concerns.

### 10 OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

# **Operations Directorate Reports**

# 10.1 Purkiss Reserve Redevelopment

Council received and noted the update on the redevelopment of Purkiss Reserve.

Cr McAdam asked if Mr Green could be contacted on the status of the Purkiss Reserve Working Group and be added to the group.

### 11 FINANCE REPORTS



# **Finance Reports**

# 11.1 Financial Report for the period ended 31st August 2023

Council received and noted the Finance report for the year-to-date 31st August 2023.

# **Finance Reports**

# 11.2 Procurement Policy Review

### **MOTION**

### **That Council:**

- A. Receives and notes the expressions of interest received; as well as
- B. Approves Stantons as preferred consultant.
- C. That Councillors be consulted and contacted around the Terms of Reference to provide input if required.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow Seconded: Cr Elliott McAdam

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/143

Cr McAdam asked if the Terms of Reference would be created after Stanton's has been approved as the preferred consultant. Cr McAdam referred to an email to Council on 19 September to be part of the Terms of Reference.

The Chief Financial Officer advised if Council approves, the Terms of Reference would be discussed at the next Audit and Risk Committee meeting.

Cr McAdam insisted there was a difference between being consulted and contacted, and requested the motion include the word "contacted".



# **Finance Reports**

# 11.3 Westpac Bank accounts

# MOTION

### **That Council:**

- A. Receive and note the Finance Report regarding Westpac Bank account.
- B. Approve transfer of bank balances in Westpac Bank accounts to ANZ

### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Sharen Lake Seconded: Cr Greg Marlow

# **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/144

Cr Marlow asked if the \$6m was tied to anything and suggested if not, to earmark it towards the commitment to the Barkly Regional Deal.

Acting CEO said BRC needs money to operate and suggested investing the money to generate interest. He said since the closure of the Westpac branch in Tennant Creek, it made sense to move the funds to ANZ where a branch can be accessed locally.

The meeting paused for a break at 2.26pm.



# 12 GENERAL BUSINESS

# **General Business**

# 12.1 Appointment of Deputy Principal Member

### **MOTION**

# **That Council:**

- a) Decide the appointment of the Deputy Principal Member by show of hands
- (b) That Council appoint Councillor Greg Marlow to the position of Deputy Principal Member for a 12month period ending at the Council Meeting in September 2024.
- (c) Acknowledge and thank Cr Russell O'Donnell for his hard work and service in the role for the 12-month period.

### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Dianne Stokes Seconded: Cr Sharen Lake

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/145

Cr Jackson, Cr Lake, Cr McAdam voted for Councillor Sharen Lake. (3)
Acting Mayor O'Donnell, Cr Marlow, Cr Stokes and Cr Peterson voted for Councillor Greg Marlow. (4)

Council gave a round of applause for Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell.

Cr Marlow will be Acting Mayor from Thursday 28 September 2023.



# **General Business**

# 12.2 Request for donation - Tingkarli Paddlers

#### **MOTION**

That Council defers to the next meeting and request the CEO write to Tingkarli Paddlers as to its identity and

- a) Whether its incorporated and insured
- b) And if there is is any conflict of interest

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell** 

Seconded: Cr Elliott McAdam

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/147

Cr Marlow asked if there was already a sea container. CEO confirmed there are quite a few being cleaned out right now.

Acting Mayor said if the Council already owns sea containers that aren't being used, it could be located at the Lake for it to be used for storage.

Cr McAdam questioned if Tingkarli Paddlers was a separate entity or part of BRC. The Acting Mayor said Tingkarli Paddlers is not part of BRC.

Cr McAdam said the sea container was asset of Barkly Regional Council.

Acting Mayor said he recognised what Mr McAdam was asking regarding the need for more information about the Tingkarli Paddlers and if it has public liability and insurance.

Cr McAdam said Council needs a detailed program and information about its structure to protect Council.

# **General Business**

# 12.3 Request for Donation - TC Primary School Choir

#### **MOTION**

### **That Council:**

- a) Approves the donation to the Tennant Creek Primary School Choir.
- b) The CEO contact the Primary School to determine how much the Choir need
- b) Cr Lake and Cr Stokes moved to donate up to \$1,500

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Sharen Lake Seconded: Cr Dianne Stokes

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/148

Cr Lake said the choir is great for our young children and the event is great for their exposure. Cr Lake recommended \$1,500 and was supported by Cr Stokes.

Cr McAdam asked if the Council was setting a precedent when no specific amount had been requested.



# **General Business**

#### **MOTION**

That Council move the previous discussion into Confidential Section.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow Seconded: Cr Sharen Lake

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/150

### **MOTION**

Cr McAdam requests Barkly Regional Council hold a formal function in recognition of former Cr Hayes, Walker, Ruger and late Mr RP to recognise contribution and commitment to BRC and Tennant Creek Town Council and

- a) Invite a sector of the community and families of the former Councillors
- c) Pay respect to the former Councillors

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Elliott McAdam Seconded: Cr Sharen Lake

#### **CARRIED**

Resolved OM-23/151

CEO suggested to think that the new CEO will be starting soon and it might be an opportune time to hold it then and be a good time for community to get to know the new CEO. Cr McAdam agreed.

Acting Mayor O'Donnell and Cr Marlow voted against the motion.

# **MOTION**

That Council asks the CEO to write to DIPL and ask for clarification on the quality of water that stored at the roadside rests and if the water is fit for human consumption and seek a response to report back to Council.

### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Dianne Stokes Seconded: Cr Lucy Jackson

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/149

Cr Stokes highlighted a concern of the potability of the water on roadside rests.



# 13 CORRESPONDENCE

# Correspondence

# 13.1 Single Use Plastics Ban

Council received and note correspondence from the Local Government Association NT's regarding the NT Government's plan to ban single use plastics.

# 14 DECISION TO MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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 listed to be discussed come within the following provisions: -

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;

information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or

prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or

prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; or

subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;

information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;

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;

subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

#### MOTION

That Council move into Confidential Session

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Cr Dianne Stokes Seconded: Cr Sharen Lake

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting moved into confidential session at 10.40am.



# **14.1 Confidential Items Register**

#### REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

**Status 51(1)(a)** - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, 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.

# 14.2 LGU Compliance Concerns

#### REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

**Status 51(1)(a)** - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, 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.

# 14.3 Rate Request Property Number 104584

#### REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

**Status 51(1)(a)** - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, 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.

# 14.4 Rate Request Property Number 101688

### **REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

**Status 51(1)(a)** - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, 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.



# 14.6 Correspondence from the Local Government Unit

#### REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

**Status 51(1)(f)** - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(f) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, subject to subregulation (2) - information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

# 14.7 Breach of CEO Code of Conduct Complaint

#### REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

**Status 51(1)(a)** - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, 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.

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (a) and (d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains 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; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re-opened to the public at 12 noon.

The meeting paused for lunch at 12 noon.

Cr Corbett left the meeting at 12.13pm.



# 15 NEXT MEETING AND MEETING CLOSE

# **MOTION**

That Council close the meeting.

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Cr Dianne Stokes Seconded: Cr Mark Peterson

# **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Resolved OM-23/146

The next Ordinary Council Meeting of Barkly Regional Council will be held Thursday 26 October 2023.

The meeting closed at 3.23pm.

This page and the preceding 18 pages are the minutes of the meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 September 2023 and are unconfirmed.