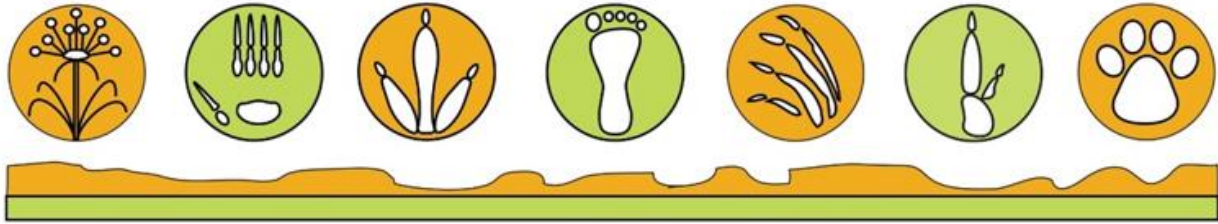


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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 29 June 2023 at 8:00 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 8:43 am Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair

Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell
- Cr. Anita Bailey
- Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Heather Wilson
- Cr. Elliott McAdam
- Cr. Sharen Lake
- Cr. Mark Peterson
- Cr. Lucy Jackson
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Jack Clubb

1.2 Staff Members Present

Staff Members Present

- Russell Anderson - Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Romeo Mutsago - Chief Financial Officer
- Tash Adams - Council Secretary
- Grant Hanson - IT Coordinator

1.3 Visitors Present

Visitors Present

- Yvette Nichols, Dept Chief Minister & Cabinet Local Government Unit
- Linda Weatherhead, Dept Chief Minister & Cabinet Local Government Unit

1.4 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies

Cr Dianne Stokes
Cr Lennie Barton

1.5 Disclosure of Interest

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Tennant Creek & Districts Show Society committee and left the room

1.6 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Special Ordinary Council Minutes held on 22nd June 2023.
- b) Confirm the Minutes from the Special Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8th June 2023 as a true and accurate record.
- c) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25th May 2023 as a true and accurate record.
- d) Confirm the Minutes from the Special Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12th May 2023 as a true and accurate record.

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the 12 May, 25 May, 8 June, 22 June, Ordinary Meeting of Council as a true and accurate record on that Meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/24

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

4 ADDRESSING THE MEETING

Nil.

Addressing the Meeting

4.1 Strengthening the role of Local Authorities

RECOMMENDATION

That Council hears from the Department of Chief Minister's Local Government Unit in regards to the Local Authority Review.

MOTION

That Council hears from the Department of Chief Minister's Local Government Unit in regards to the Local Authority Review.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Sharen Lake

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/25

Cr Clubb left the meeting at 9.18am
Cr Clubb returned to the meeting at 9.19am.
Mayor McLaughlin left the meeting at 9.25am.
Mayor McLaughlin returned to the meeting at 9.28am.

DIPL Regional Manager Sally O'Callaghan addressed the meeting to update Council on the status of the Streetscape Upgrade and Purkiss Reserve Upgrade projects.

Mayor McLaughlin left the meeting at 11.28am.

Mayor McLaughlin returned to the meeting at 11.32am.

Mayor McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest with one of the talking points in regards to the Tennant Creek Entry Statements and left the meeting at 11.34am.

Cr Clubb left the meeting at 11.43am.

Cr Clubb returned to the meeting at 11.49am.

Mayor McLaughlin returned to the meeting at 11.50am.

CEO Russell Anderson left the meeting at 12.08pm.

CEO Russell Anderson returned to the meeting at 12.10pm.

MOTION

That Council breaks for lunch at 12.14pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/38

MOTION

That Council resumes the meeting at 12.55pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Sharen Lake

Seconded: Cr Heather Wilson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/39

5 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Report

6.1 Mayor's Report to Council

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note this report.

MOTION

That Council receive and note this report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr Heather Wilson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/26

Cr Corbett joined the meeting at 10.18am.

MOTION

That Council supports the Mayor joining the Water Safety Advisory Council Board.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Sharen Lake

Seconded: Cr Elliot McAdam

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/27

7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

7.1 Certification of Assessment Records

MOTION

That Council acknowledges the certification of the Assessment Record for ratable property in the Barkly Regional Council provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/28

Chief Executive Officers Reports

7.2 Adoption of Draft Regional Plan 2023-24

MOTION

That the council:

- a) notes all submissions received from the public regarding the Regional Plan;
- b) adopts the 2023-24 Regional Plan and all contents contained therein in accordance with Section 35 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) and its statutory instruments, including:
 - i) Elected Member Allowances in accordance with Clause 7 of Ministerial Guideline 2A;
 - ii) Declared Rates in accordance with Sections 237 and 238 of the Act, having been certified by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 29 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021;
 - iii) Budget for Financial Year 2023-24 in accordance with Section 203 of the Act; and
- c) and adopts the Barkly Regional Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit the finalised, adopted version of the Regional Plan 2023-24 to the Minister for Local Government.
- d) A review into the organisational structure put forward in the Draft Regional Plan 2023-24, is required to be completed, with community consultations as per our Community Consultation Policy and with a budget review on current structure prior to the legislated plan review scheduled in October 2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/29

MOTION

For Council to pause the meeting for Morning Team at 10.30am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr Mark Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/30

MOTION

For Council to resume the meeting at 11:01 am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mark Peterson

Seconded: Cr Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/31

Chief Executive Officers Reports

7.3 Chief Executive Officer Report to Council

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note this report.

MOTION

That Council receive and note this report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/32

Chief Executive Officers Reports

7.4 Finance Directorate Report YTD 31 May 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Finance Report for the year-to-date 31 May 2023.

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Finance Report for the year-to-date 31 May 2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr Elliot McAdam

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/33

MOTION

That Council

- a) advertise an expression of interest for an independent, expert procurement policy review set against best practices.
- b) be provided an electronic monthly purchase report.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr Elliot McAdam****Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***Resolved OM-23/37*

Notes: Councillors and stakeholders to be consulted as part of the review process. That due to the move from Tech 1 to Xero, the electronic monthly purchase report may not be possible in time for the next July meeting.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

16.1 Councillor Greg Marlow is now a Justice of the Peace

MOTION**That Council notes this report.**

Cr Corbett left the room at 1.48pm.

Council noted the report. No resolution was made.

Deputy Mayor O'Donnell heard from staff that they were approached with ice in town and will be reporting to police. He encouraged anybody to report if they here or see anything as it is a terrible drug and destroys community.

Cr Corbett returned to the meeting at 1.51pm.

MOTION**That Council supports the Tennant Creek Show 2023 by:**

- a) donating \$9,000
- b) providing waste collection services.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr Sharen Lake****Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***Resolved OM-23/36*

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin presented a letter from the Show Committee requesting for donation from Council and support with waste services. The Mayor declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Tennant & Districts Show Society Committee and left the meeting for Council decision.

Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell said he would donate a skip bin voucher to the Show.

17 CORRESPONDENCE



Correspondence

17.1 Barkly Region Accommodation Action Group (BRAAG) recommendations to BRC to tackle growing homelessness crisis

MOTION

That Council receives and notes BRAAG's recommendations to Council and;

- a) Council to look into holding community events which supports vulnerable community members and food security, including homelessness
- b) A subcommittee to be formed with members of the community and chaired by Cr Lake

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Sharen Lake

Seconded: Cr Mark Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/34

Note: Two points are being addressed by Local Authorities and the Streetscape Upgrade project. Council has nominated Cr Sharen Lake and Director of Community Development to be the representatives.

The meeting paused for a break at 2.55pm.

18 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 Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Heather Wilson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/35

The meeting moved into confidential session at 2.42pm.

18.1 Tennant Creek Local Authority nominations

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Status 51(1)(b) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(b) 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 personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

18.2 Audit and Risk Committee

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Status 51(1)(c)(ii) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(ii) 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

18.3 Animal Management

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Status 51(1)(c)(i) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

18.4 The Voice

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) 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 that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.



MOTION

Council reopen the meeting at 2.42pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr Heather Wilson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/44

20 NEXT MEETING AND MEETING CLOSE

The next Ordinary Council Meeting of Barkly Regional Council will be held on 27 July 2023

The meeting closed at 3.53pm.

This page and the preceding 12 pages are the minutes of the meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 June 2023 and are confirmed..