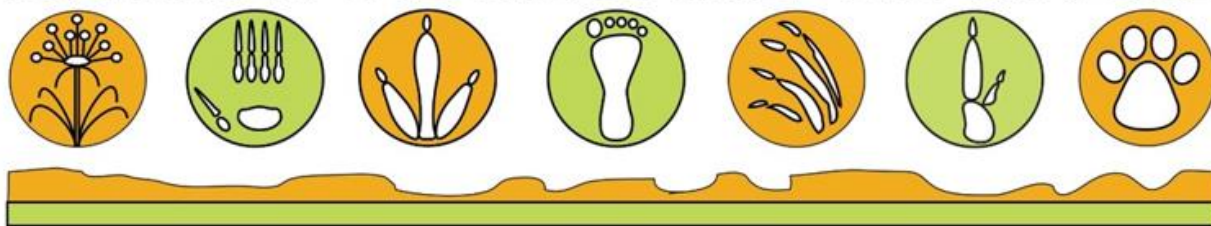


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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 25 July 2024 at 8:30 am.

Chris Kelly

Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

We strive to be a responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens to 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 policies 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.

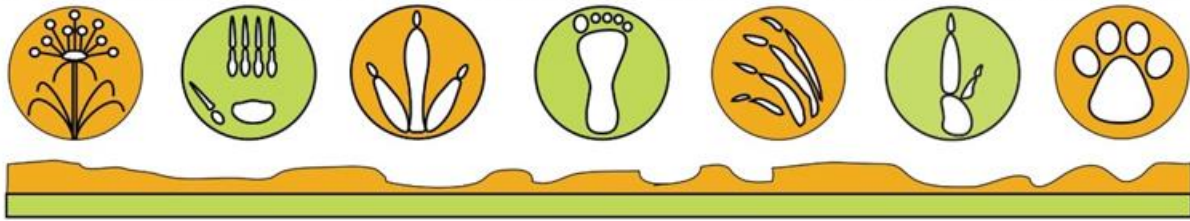
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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.

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Warumungu, Mudberra, Jingili, Wakaya, Wambaya, Waanyi, Walpiri, Warlmanpa, Alyawarr, Anmatyerre and Kaytetye Country on which Barkly Regional Council live and work, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to the ancestors and elders of these lands, past, present and emerging.

May we continue to work together to Deliver sustainable outcomes through a process Based on mutual respect and understanding.

AUDIO/VISUAL RECORDING OF MEETING

An audio/visual recording of this meeting is being made for minute-taking purposes as authorised by Council Policy Audio Recordings of Meetings. Councillors may request, via majority vote if required, that no recording is made where issues of legitimate cultural or spiritual significance are to be discussed.

1 MEETING OPENED

2 WELCOME

The Official Manager, Jeffrey McLeod, welcomed those present to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners and Custodians across Barkly Region, particularly the Elders, past, present and emerging.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER: 3.1

TITLE: Attendance and Apologies

Elected Members Present

- Official Manager - Jeffrey MacLeod

Staff Members Present

- Chris Kelly - Chief Executive Officer
- Romeo Mutsago - Chief Financial Officer
- Gillian Molloy - Director of Community Development
- Murray Davies - Director of Corporate Services
- Brody Moore - Director of Operations
- Nanda Uppalapati - representing the Infrastructure and Fleet Directorate
- Emmanuel Okumu- Manager - Governance
- Paul Kaduru - Local Authority Coordinator
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Visitors Present

- none

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- a) noted the attendance.
- b) noted that there will nil absences without notice for this meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried- unan.

Resolved OCM 24/192

*Was further noted that this would potentially be Gillian's last Council meeting.
The Official Manager noted the Council's appreciation to Gillian for her contributions and service to the Barkly Regional Council and its wider community.*

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence

ITEM NUMBER: 4.1

TITLE: Leave of Absence

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to table, for Council's record, requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for this Ordinary Council meeting.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- a) received and noted any requests for future leaves of absence received for this Council meeting; and
- b) received and noted advice in relation to any Executive Staff going on leave and staff acting in their absence.

Further noting that none had been received.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried- unan.

Resolved OCM 24/193

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER: 5.1

TITLE: Council Code of Conduct

RESOLUTION:

That Council noted the Council Code of Conduct, in keeping with Section 47.0.1 of the Local Government Act.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried- unan.

Resolved OCM 24/194

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of Minutes

ITEM NUMBER: 6.1

TITLE: Ordinary Council Meeting - 28 June 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Ordinary Council meeting to be approved by Council in accordance with s101 and s102 of the Local Government Act 2019.

RESOLUTION:

Council confirmed the previous unconfirmed Minutes of the OCM held on 28 June 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.



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Notes:

The Official Manager provided comments and/or requested further information with respect to the Minutes:

1. notes that the Council is recruiting for the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet and requested an update on how that was progressing.

The CEO advised the Council that the recruitment process is progressing with the Panel to interview applicants the next day

2. queried item 8.1, with respect to the unsigned Audit and Risk Committee's minutes. The CFO advised the minutes are provided as information to the Council and will be signed by the chair of the ARC once confirmed at its next meeting.

3. Requested an update on the letter to NT Police (9.1) advocating for a new Police facility at Elliott. This was noted by the appropriate staff and w

will be actioned.

4. From item 10.2 in the June agenda the Final Investigation Report was to be received into Council. The Summary is noted in the Minutes, but not the full report.

This needs to be updated and the Report incorporated to the Minutes and posted as part of the minutes - action item.

5. The OM requested an update with respect to the Personal Use of Vehicles policy. The CEO advised that is presently on hold, whilst the use and allocation of vehicles is reviewed.

The main policy has been distributed to staff and posted on the website.

6. With respect to 11.7, noting that the policy has been updated, but this will require a regular report to Council with respect to its application. Noted to be provided to future meetings.

7. With respect to 11.8, the Regional Plan. Requested whether Clarissa Bergen's query had been responded to. CFO responded that it has been.

On the incorrect spelling of Council's email address, has been corrected.

A draft announcement to be posted on Facebook has been prepared (inviting Ratepayers to arrange individual meetings with the Finance Directorate).

Corporate is in the process of publishing the Rates Declaration in the NT Times.

8. Peter Holt, former Official Manager needs to approve the June minutes. As he is overseas, he has provided confirmation of the minutes by email and will sign the minutes on his return.

(Email to be appended to these minutes).

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried- unan.

Resolved OCM 24/195

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

Notification of General and Non-Council Business Items

ITEM NUMBER: 7.1

TITLE: Notification of General Business Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to allow Elected Members the opportunity to table items they wish to be debated by Council.

RESOLUTION:

The Chairperson invited Elected Members to raise matters of concern that they wished to have discussed later in the meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried- unan.

Resolved OCM 24/196

Notes:

The Official Manager noted a number of items for General Business:

1. The OM will be seeking an update from Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics with respect to the Purkiss Reserve redevelopment project.

A Tennant Creek Local Authority meeting is scheduled soon, and the Council will need to be able to provide an appropriate update to the LA.

It was commented that the Project lead, Adam is in regular contact with the Council.

2. The Official Manager also noted that he would like to review the Regional Plan in General Business.

ITEM NUMBER: 7.2

TITLE: Acceptance of Agenda

RESOLUTION:

That the papers as circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: {J MacLeod}

Seconded: {J MacLeod}

{carried-unan}

Resolved OCM 24/197

8 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER: 8.1

TITLE: Conflict of Interest

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and

b) that members did not declare any Conflicts of Interest.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried- unan.

Resolved OCM 24/198

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY

Local Authority

ITEM NUMBER: 9.1

TITLE: Wutunugurra (Epenarra) and Alpurrurulam Local Authority Minutes and Actions

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

1. Received and noted the Minutes of the Wutunugurra Local Authority Committee meeting minutes.
2. Noted and approves the recommendations contained with the minutes of the Ordinary Local Authority Meetings held in Wutunugurra
3. Noted and approved the following new actions established by the Wutunugurra Local Authority: \$20,000 commitment for the purchase of replacement childrens play equipment to be located in the Wutunugurra park.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried-unan.

Resolved OCM 24/199

Notes:

1. It is noted that the recommendations from Alpurrurulam LA were missing from the resolution. These will need to be brought and update at the next Council meeting.
2. Council is receiving copies of the LA minutes, except that these will need to be approved at the next LA meetings. The resolution is recorded as Notes and Receives in light of this.
3. It was further noted that a number of the LA projects are referred to later in the meeting as part of the Infrastructure and Fleet Directorate's report.

10 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Standing Items Report

ITEM NUMBER: 10.1

TITLE: Correspondence Report

RESOLUTION:

That Council noted the Correspondence Report, recording correspondence sent by BRC.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried- unan.

Resolved OCM 24/200

Standing Items Report

ITEM NUMBER: 10.2

TITLE: Action Register

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- a) reviewed the Actions Register
- b) noted progress with the actions in the register; and
- c) approved the removal of complete actions.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried—unan.

Resolved OCM 24/201

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Report ACTION- UPDATED [**10.2.1** - 6 pages]

Notes:

1. The CEO advised that the Executive Leadership Team extensively reviewed the Action Register during the week. The ELT will keep it regularly updated.
2. Identified at a previous meeting that the Action Items need to be numbered, rather than just referring to the meeting (this would assist to avoid duplication, and items would then be grouped).

by Directorates).

3. Updates this meeting:

- with respect to the first matter, Operations is seeking funding to purchase an excavator; agreed to close that item

- Audit & Risk Committee, not Finance Risk c'tee. The Finance Committee would be a regular Council committee, meeting in between the Council's meetings.

the Official Manager queried whether the Internal Audit had commenced. The CFO advised that would occur in the second half of the Financial year.

It was also mentioned by the CFO that this would usually be assigned to a Financial Controller.

4. Presenting the Workforce management graphs in a different format, e.g. in Pie graphs. Reported that we are reporting from Tech One. Once on Elmo this would be feasible or an alternative would be in Pivot tables; will seek to rectify by the next meeting.

5. The Official Manager identified Under-hours expressed in the FT equivalent report. The OM suggested including in the report the available (& therefore, worked) hours. It was identified by the Corporate Services Director that the report is actually highlighting under attendance.

6. Project plan for a new Animal welfare facility - Director Community Service reported that a grant application had been submitted to address scoping this.

7. By-laws: review in hand.

8. List from Elliott. A separate list for LA tasks may be appropriate; to be reviewed.

9. ANZ Bank: the previous A/CEO becoming Official Manager required a new email address for the bank; this process was rather convoluted.

10. Risk and Audit committee listed a second time.

11. Addressing ratepayer issued was previously addressed in Confirmation of Minutes. The Rates Declaration is being advertised in the NT Times.

Amendments to the Fees section was completed.

11 OFFICIAL MANAGER AND CEO'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER: 11.1

TITLE: Official Manager's Report

RESOLUTION:

That Council received and noted the Official Manager's Report for the month of July 2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: {J MacLeod}

carried - unan.

Resolved OCM 24/202

Notes:

The Official Manager welcomed BRC's new CEO Chris Kelly and looks forward to working closely with Chris over the coming months to build a strong, resilient and service orientated organisation. The new Council Organisational Structure continues to be refined and will facilitate Council's renewed focus on delivering local and highly valued services.

In response to the investigators report into BRC, officers have created a "Barkly Regional Council investigation action summary report" (copy attached). The report will be regularly reviewed by Council to ensure all the investigator's recommendations are actioned and BRC is compliant with the NT LG Act, LG General Regulations and Ministerial Guidelines.

Meetings and activities attended: • Australian Local Government General Assembly This was fantastic opportunity to have face to face meetings with Federal Government Ministers, Asst Ministers, NT Senators and MP's, along with senior Departmental staff. There was a very strong call from all NT Local Government Councils to increase Federal Assistance Grants to close the gap on infrastructure, roads and disaster resilience compared to the rest of the country.

• The Official Manager attended the Local Authority meetings at Wutungurra (10th) and Ali Curung (17th) Great to get out into our communities and engage with LA and community members. It was wonderful to hear about their ideas for developing and improving the communities. He thanks them for the opportunity, and he noted that he looks forward to working with them and the staff to deliver their vision. Being able to see firsthand the wonderful work being done by our hard-working and dedicated staff. I look forward to attending upcoming LA meetings.

In closing the Official Manager acknowledged Peter Holt for his outstanding service BRC as the former Official Manager. Peter undertook this role at an extremely turbulent time. His experience and cool nature helped to stabilise the situation and commence the process of rectification. BRC wishes Pete all the best for the future.

Official Manager and CEO's Report

ITEM NUMBER: 11.2

TITLE: CEO's Report

RESOLUTION:

That Council received and noted the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of July 2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried – unan.

Resolved OCM 24/203

Notes and summary:

The below provides an overview of areas for BRC to note and provide complete transparency of the strategic direction of the organisation.

Meetings listed in the table below involve discussions that influence or may affect the operations of BRC or relationships with external agencies. The list is not a complete list of every meeting attended by the CEO and excludes Council, LA and Committee meetings.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Director of Community Services, Gillian Molloy, has resigned from her position. Gillian's last working day at BRC is the 16th August 2024. CEO has notified all staff on the 17th July and is concurrently working with the Human Resource team to identify a suitable recruitment agency to engage in order to find suitable replacement. Advertising should commence no later than the week commencing 22nd July and will run for approximately 3-4 weeks prior to interviews being conducted.

Similarly, the advertisement for the Director of Infrastructure and Fleet will close on the 22nd July with interview commencing soon after.

FINANCIAL AND STRATEGIC IMPACTS

As an operational matter, the CEO will be reviewing the organisational structure with the intent to reduce costs where possible. This will be a three-phase approach – 1) identifying current positions and vacancies against tied and untied funding, 2) engage the ELT to formulate areas for improvement and collaboration, and 3) consult staff who will be provided the ability to provide feedback.

The below table aligns specifically with the Regional Plan goals 2.6 and 4.1.

CONSULTATION

Date	Location	Reason for meeting	Person(s) met with	Outcome
2.7.2024	Parliament House	Discuss matters concerning Barkly region such as emergency management, airports, education hubs and roads.	Senator The Hon Anthony Chisolm	Commitment to visit the region again in September and review items discussed.
4.7.2024	Parliament House	Round table discussion involving multiple councils from the NT. Areas of interest where funding	Senator The Hon Malarndirri McCarthy Senator The Hon Murray Watt	Minister Linda Burney committed to investigate these funding constraints.

		and how NT councils who have a high percentage of Indigenous employees are not offered the same funding opportunities as ACCOs.	The Hon Linda Burney MP The Hon Kristy McBain MP The Hon Catherine King MP Ms Marion Scrymgour MP	
9.7.2024	Tennant Creek Police station	Discuss Barkly issues and police attendance at Alpururulam.	Mark Grieve - Police Superintendent	Further understanding of the complexities surrounding permanent police presence at Alpururulam.
9.7.2024	Online	Elliott Town Camps Transformation Plan	Danyelle Jarvis Executive Director Remote Housing Territory Families, Housing and Communities	Discuss subdivision requirements. Subsequent meeting has been established for the week beginning the 22 nd July to discuss in more detail.
10.7.2024	Tennant Creek	Barkly Economic Growth and Workforce Development	Local leaders from various agencies	Literacy for Life and Bachelor Institute provided presentations on skills and employment support throughout the region. Bachelor Institute to investigate a governance course focused on boards / councils.
10.7.2024	Tennant Creek	Local Emergency Coordination	Local leaders from various agencies	A review of the local gas plant operations and their capacity to shut down

				operations to reduce risk to constituents. Discussion and focus on bush fire preparation.
11.7.2024	Online	<u>Barkly Regional Coordination Committee</u>	Local leaders from various agencies	Focus and discussion on providing further support throughout the show weekend. BRC to keep youth center open over the weekend.
12.7.2024	Online	<u>CouncilBIZ</u>	Andrew Pincott, LGANT CEO, and CEO's or the delegates from across the NT.	Confirmation that CouncilBiz will settle all liabilities by the 30 th Sept. Cost to BRC
13.7.2024	Tennant Creek	<u>CEO Introductions</u>	Hon Chansey Paech Ms Marion Scrymgour MP Ms Lizzie Hogan Mr Steven Edgington	Building relationships with prominent local candidates for the Territory elections. Potential funding for fleet to be explored.
17.7.2024	Tennant Creek	<u>CEO introductions</u>	Soana Vaihu Executive Director Regional Services Territory Families, Housing and Communities	Building relationships with local leaders.
17.7.2024	Tennant Creek	<u>CEO introductions</u>	Lachlan Wilkins Regional Executive Director - Barkly Territory Regional Growth	Building relationships with local leaders.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

12 OFFICERS' REPORTS

Officers' Reports

12.1 Finance Directorate Report

RESOLUTION:

That Council received and noted the Finance Directorate Report for the month of July 2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried – unan.

Resolved OCM 24/204

Notes:

1. Noted that it would be appropriate Directors to follow up over 60 days Debtors and information to be provided to them to do so.
2. A recent Council Biz meeting identified that it will be ceasing operations by end of this year. Our commitment to CBiz is a substantial section of the Budget.
3. Directors need to be managing their individual Directorate Budgets - this will be addressed as part of the budget rework.
4. Our asset register was reviewed, audited and updated last year by Marsh. That is considered appropriate for a three-year term. Our insurance renewal was determined by that audit.
5. Requested that graphs showing percentiles also include the actual dollar figure.
6. page 102, the 2023 cash figure was inflated by the receipt of funding for 2024 received 29th June.
7. Current grant reporting is up to date and completed.
8. Cyber spots is a joint project with Juliakari.
9. Referring to p109, all sums have been received by the Council.
10. The Local Authorities need to be informed of their accurate funds position, ensuring timely service and project delivery.

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 12.2

TITLE: Community Services Report

RESOLUTION:

That Council received and noted the Community Services Report for the month of July 2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried – unan.

Resolved OCM 24/205

Notes:

1. Reported that at both Safe Houses activities and services are being provided. Recent issues with staffing have been addressed. Legacy funding was identified and is being worked through.

There is good collaboration between BRC, Barkly Arts and Caylus to ensure culturally appropriate service delivery.

2. On a high note, we collaborated in a successful program and at Ali Curung a Community night market, with good interagency collaboration.

3. with respect to staff vacancies, we engage with RN recruitment and Rainbow Gateway in filling general vacancies.

4. Currently in the Community Care team we are seeking to fill two Zone Manager roles and a vacant Administrative position.

We are currently running with seventy-five clients.

5. An appropriate review project to complete in Tennant Creek would be the impact of the centre on TC youth delinquency.

Some anecdotal information is that the centre is having a positive impact withing TC.

TCYC attendance data: participants less than five years of age: 55 females, 38 males

six to nine years: 242 females, 215 males, ten to twelve yo: 230 females, 255 males,

thirteen to nineteen yo: 222 females, 203 males

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 12.3

TITLE: Tennant Creek & Elliott Libraries report.

RESOLUTION:

That Council received and noted the Library Report for the month of July 2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried – unan.

Resolved OCM 24/205

Notes:

1. An ongoing issue is the lack of Wi-fi at the library, patrons and tourists seeking facilities elsewhere. This has been an issue for two years.

One of the cyber hotspots is to be located there; the funding of those includes the first year's usage. Future funding should be available from NT Libraries.

2. Wi-fi at Elliott is being replaced by Star Link, through the P2P from the main office.
3. Noted for Council to consider and potentially introduce pensioner and student concessions for photocopying usage fees.

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 12.4

TITLE: Corporate: Amendment to the Common Seal policy

Reference <Enter Ref here>

Author Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services)

Withdrawn.

Notes:

1. this matter in its current form is not required.
2. proposed to check the LG Act and if the current policy is inaccurate, then bring the policy back to the Council
3. Council notes the absence of the Common Seal Register report, which is to be presented to the next meeting.

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 12.5

TITLE: Corporate: Proposal to hold a full Council election 2nd November 2024

RESOLUTION:

That Council

- 1: received and noted the report with respect to the proposed Council election.
- 2: approved engaging the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC), based upon the submitted quotation to conduct an election for all BRC Council positions, including the Mayoral position.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried – unan.

Resolved OCM 24/206

Notes:

1. Prior to the Minister's announcement, it was presumed that a full election of the Council could occur. The Minister has since confirmed that as to occur on 2nd November.
 2. Council consulted Northern Territory Electoral Commission which has broadly quoted \$241,813.28 as their fee to run the election.
 3. In a subsequent meeting, it was agreed that BRC would identify potential cost savings through providing some services itself.
 4. The appropriate dates for various stages of the process were identified by NTEC.
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ITEM NUMBER: 12.6**TITLE:** Corporate Services Directorate report**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Corporate Services Directorate is pleased to provide the following report of its recent workflow, significant events and matters for the interest and update of the Council.

RESOLUTION:

That Council noted and received the Corporate Services Directorate report.

RESOLVED**Moved: J MacLeod****Seconded: J MacLeod****carried-unan.***Resolved OMC-24/207***Notes:**

1. Since 1st July, Corporate has assumed and now includes Governance, Local Authorities and Work Health and Safety functions within Corporate Services Directorate, reflecting the new Organisational structure.
2. Noting that Emmanuel is on leave for four weeks, the Director will assume primary responsibility for Governance, but share tasks around as appropriate.
3. February to June, a substantial task within Corporate was the management and delivery of the Regional plan, liaising and collaborating across the directorates to deliver such.
4. For around six weeks or so, Local Laws was reporting to Corporate. That has since been allocated to Operations directorate. This is the new, proposed name for Municipal services.
5. Appropriate timeframes have been identified to exodus away from Council Biz.
6. within the past two months there have been substantial and critical software migrations: Intune and Share Point both occurring in May/June.

7. ELMO is progressing and soon we will consider other appropriate packages offered by ELMO, potentially addressing other software requirements.
8. Recruiting and training are progressing, concentrating on Critical positions recruitment. Promoting working for Council will be addressed through LA meetings.
9. Suggested to conduct a staff satisfaction survey; our staff advocating the benefits of working at Council.
10. We have a massive casual pool; proposed to review and offer permanency. Rostering is critical and managers need to address such where appropriate.
11. A group to target is school leavers returning to community, with the skills and knowledge that Council requires.
12. the Workforce report actually identifies the lack of productivity, that there is a high truancy rate across our workforce, not delivering the FT equivalent benchmark.
13. Figures represent a regular review of our workforce and appropriate culling of non-attenders.
14. The critical staff movement report reflects movement in May. June transitions will be listed next month.
15. BRC is still processing payroll in Tech One; we are probably still around two pay runs out from having ELMO live. Tech One requires significant manual input and calculating.
16. ELMO is also capable of handling payments to Elected Members should they so choose to be paid that way.
17. The current major project is the updating of the Website. Contract has been awarded and scoping is ongoing. Ongoing IT projects are in hand.
18. Corporate is recruiting for a replacement Records Officer to ensure that critical risk is minimised.
19. Social media is being addressed, with a Public Relations officer to be recruited.
20. Comment from the OM to avoid terminology in reports - provide explanations or use a different description.
21. WHS has come across to Corporate. The Director will work closely with the Manager in addressing workplace risk, mitigating that and advancing the WHS plan, as identified in the Regional plan.
WHS reporting is crucial, whether it be in Dash Pivot or Elmo, channelling through to the Manager and the Director.
22. The Enterprise Bargaining Agreement is due for review and renewal by 1st October. It is proposed to roll over the current one with minor amendments.

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 12.7

TITLE: Project Teams Report - Infrastructure and Fleet Directorate.

RESOLUTION:

That Council received and noted the Infrastructure and Fleet Directorate Report for the month of July 2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried – unan.

Resolved OCM 24/208

Notes:**Listing reports:**

1. Alekerange potholes -- completed June
2. Alekerange Women's shelter and laundry anticipated delivery date, September 2024
3. Wutunugurra Men's shed refurbishment - anticipated delivery date, November 2024
4. Wutunugurra Women's centre refurbishment - anticipated delivery date, November 2024
5. Wutunugurra playground - anticipated delivery date, September 2024
6. survey of Cemeteries - anticipated completion date, September 2024
7. Alpururulam potholes -anticipated completion date, August 2024
8. Alpururulam basketball court -currently being scoped
9. TC Wi-Fi project - anticipated delivery date, September 2024
10. TC WM Weighbridge - anticipated completion date, September 2024
11. Sealing laneways - anticipated delivery date, November 2024
12. Karguru streetlighting - anticipated completion date, October 2024
13. Elliott yarning circle - Completed, June 2024.
14. Koorunga Street streetlighting - anticipated delivery date, November 2024
15. Awaiting tender process, September 2024, Excavator purchase

Noted that there is the potential for another cost blowout for the basketball court similar to the ACYC. This needs to be reviewed, fully scoped and discussed again with the funders. Currently, it is grossly underfunded. Council does not have the financial capacity to finish an underfunded project.

BRC also needs a policy around tendering. Previously there were tender boxes and an electronic equivalent would be appropriate. A tender committee needs to be formed; this could comprise the Directors of Corporate Services, and Infrastructure and Fleet and the Managing Accountant.

Very appropriate to conduct a street lighting audit across all of the Barkly region; damaged lights would be significant.

Officers' Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 12.8

TITLE: Municipal Services Directorate Report

RESOLUTION:

That Council received and noted the Municipal Services Directorate report.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried – unan.

Resolved OCM 24/209

Notes:

1. Infrastructure/Fleet and Operations directorates are collaborating in identifying the issues at the TC Waste management facility.
2. Parks and roads within Tennant Creek are quite tidy - TC municipal team working well.
3. Roads in the Utopia Homelands have been addressed.
4. The community is being engaged with through Facebook on how the TC dog park should progress
5. regularly posting Goodnews stories on FB
6. Developing a flexible workforce, to move across various worksites, addressing shortages in specific locations
7. Critical roles within Operations are currently in the recruitment process
8. Animal companion officers is a new role being scoped and then recruited for
9. a new Memorandum of Understanding has been developed with the Barkly Vet service
10. Sims metal has committed to operating a metal recycling operation for the duration of this year; derelict vehicles will be crushed and then transported

13 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7.1

ITEM NUMBER 13.1**TITLE:** General Business**RESOLUTION:**

The Council discussed the General Council Business raised at Item 7.1 being:

1. Purkiss Reserve
2. TC Streetscaping project
3. The Annual Report

As there was no Non-council Business raised at Item 7.1 none were discussed.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

Carried – unan.

Resolved OCM 24/210

Notes:

OM note: this section needs mapping, with a page for Council general business and another non-Council general business.

A number of committee meetings would be occurring soon. BRC needs updates on their matters:

1. Purkiss Reserve and DIPL. When will this be finished and handed over. What is still remaining. The front fence needs reinstating, the gates operational.
2. TC streetscaping project.

These are major projects and Council requires regular updates on the progress of such.

3. Council officers need to commence preparing the Annual report, due by 15th November. This would need to be presented to the October meeting.

14 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Closure to the Public for Discussion of Confidential Items

ITEM NUMBER: 14.1

TITLE: Closure to the Public for Discussion of Confidential Items

Reference

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and clauses 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential matters.

RESOLUTION:

That Council approved the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items were to be discussed. The meeting was closed in accordance with clause 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matters to be discussed include information that, if publicly disclosed, would be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

Carried – unan.

Resolved OCM 24/211

15 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Confidential Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 15.1

TITLE: BRC ats Harvey Development

Reference

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

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.

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.

Confidential Reports

ITEM NUMBER: 15.2

TITLE: Action Register

Reference

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

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.

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.

16 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION:

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 re-opened to the public.

That Council discloses the following motions from the Confidential section of this meeting into the open section:

None.

RESOLVED

Moved: J MacLeod

Seconded: J MacLeod

carried-unan.

Resolved OCM 24/212

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 29TH August 2024

The date of the next Barkly Regional Council meeting is Thursday, 29th August 2024, proposed to commence at 8:30AM.

18 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 1:35PM.

This page and the preceding twenty-three pages are the minutes of the meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 July 2024 and are unconfirmed.

Official Manager