

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Special Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Friday, 12 May 2023 at 1:00pm.

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.

Meeting commenced at (Fill in time) am / pm (delete appropriate) with (Fill in Name) as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell (Acting Mayor)
- Cr. Dianne Seri Stokes
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Heather Wilson
- Cr. Pam Corbett

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Russell Anderson – Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Romeo Mutsago – Chief Financial Officer
- Tash Adams – Media & Communications Officer

1.3 Visitors Present

Nil

1.4 Apologies

Nil

- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Anita Bailey

1.5 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

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

1.7 Review of disclosure of interests – Councillors and Staff (to be done at each council meeting)

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest in item 16.1 Purchase and digital licensing of local artworks, as a member of Barkly Regional Arts and left the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

Nil

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nil

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 FINANCE DIRECTORATE REPORT - 12TH MAY 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - CEO RECRUITMENT

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Finance Report for the 12 May 2023 Special Council Meeting and contract Scout Talent to recruit to the Chief Executive position.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 63/23

Actions:

That Council adopt Scout Talent for the recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer. All packages to be included subject to local recruitment advertising in Territory newspapers.

7.2 FINANCE DIRECTORATE REPORT 12 MAY 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – MIGRATION FROM TECH ONE

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Finance Report for the 12 May 2023 Special Council Meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 64/23

Actions:

Council noted and accepted the migration from Tech One to Xero, moving to Councilwise for rates and Approvalmax for purchase orders.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

Nil

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Nil

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. OPERATIONS

Nil

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 PURCHASE AND DIGITAL LICENSING OF LOCAL ARTWORKS FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL REGIONAL PLAN

MOTION

That Council chooses works of arts created by local Barkly artists to be used as graphics in the design of the 2023 Regional Plan.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 65/23

Actions:

Council approved to licence two local artworks to be published in the 2023 Regional Plan.

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest as a member of Barkly Regional Arts and left the meeting.

16.2 ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATION

MOTION

That Council make a resolution to appoint nominations to the Ali Curung Local Authority and Wutungurra Local Authority.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 66/23

Actions: Council accepted the nominations to the Ali Curung and Wutungurra Local Authorities.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

18.1 BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL 2023-2024 RATING STRATEGY REVIEW

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (c(i)) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains

information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

MOTION

That Council receives and adopts the recommendations of the Barkly General Rates Strategy 2023-24

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 67/23

Actions: Council adopts the recommendations of the Barkly General Rates Strategy 2023-24.

18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

19. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

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

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

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Dianne Stokes

Seconded:Councillor Heather Wilson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 68/23

20. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION

That Council move back into open session at 2.32pm

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Dianne Stokes

Seconded:Councillor Heather Wilson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 69/23

Next Meeting Date: <<Thursday 25 May 2023>>

21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 2.35 pm.

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Jeffrey McLaughlin

Council Mayor

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Russell Anderson

Acting Chief Executive
Officer

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