

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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.

MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 24 June 2021 at 8.30am.

**Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer**

Meeting commenced at 8.43 am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer
Cr. Ray Aylett
Cr. Hal Ruger
Cr. Ricky Holmes
Cr. Sid Vashist
Cr. Jane Evans
Cr. Lucy Jackson

1.2 Staff Members Present

Steve Moore
Damian Carter
Santosh Niraula
David Lightower
Mark Parson
Millicent Nhepera
Vanessa Goodworth

1.3 Apologies

Cr. Kris Civitarese
Cr. Noel Hayes
Cr. Jennifer Mahoney
Cr. Jack Clubb
Cr. Karan Hayward

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

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1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff – Under Section 74(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Regional Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member
 - Nundahraga Entertainment – Sound sub-contractor
 - Christmas Tree Committee – President
 - Tourism Central Australia - Board Member
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Purrutu Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Patta Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Member
 - Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation

- Member for Barkly - Employee

CONTINUED

- Cr. Kris M. Civitarese – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - The Returned and Service League of Australia, Tennant Creek Sub-Branch – President
 - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory – Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary – Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - T & J Contractors
 - Barkly Art - Board Member
 - KNC (NT) – Managing Director
 - Senator for the Northern Territory - Employee
- Cr. Raymond E. Aylett – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Sporties Club, Tennant Creek – Member
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek High School - Member
 - Multicultural Association of Central Australia – Member
 - Australia-India Business Council – Member
 - Outback Stores – Employee
- Cr. Noel Hayes – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek – Board Member
 - Centre for Appropriate Technology, Alice Springs – Board Member
 - Housing Reference Group – Member
- Cr. Hal A. Ruger – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Territory Generation – Employee
- Cr. Jane Evans – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Puma Elliott – Store Manager
- Cr. Karan Hayward – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Chief Executive Officer
 - Mark Gillard Painting – Director
 - Alcohol Reference Group – Chairperson
 - Combined Aboriginal Corporation – Member
- Steve Moore - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Battery Hill – Director
 - Tennant Creek Pistol Club – Secretary

There were no declarations of interest made at this Ordinary Council Meeting.

8.4 FINANCIAL BUDGET FOR 2021/2022

MOTION

That Council

- a) Resolve to adopt the 2021-2022 Barkly Regional Council Budget Financial Statements in accordance with Section 128 of the Local Government Act 2008
- b) Resolve to include the 2021-2022 Barkly Regional Council Budget Financial Statements in the Regional Plan and Budget 2021-2022 in accordance with Section 131 and Section 22 of the Local Government Act 2008

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 95/21

8.5 REGIONAL PLAN

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the Regional Plan for 2021-2022

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 96/21

8.3 PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION TO GO TO TENDER FOR THE LLN EDUCATIONAL CONTRACT

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approves Council to apply for exemption from the NTG for tendering the LLN educational contract to the past local contractor with approval from the NTG.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 97/21

8.2 POLICY APPROVAL

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

- b) Approve the Credit Card policy
- c) Approve the Extra Meeting Allowance Policy
- d) Approve the Recruitment and Selection Policy
- e) Approve the Gifts and Benefits Policy (CEO)
- f) Approve the Gifts and Benefits Policy (Staff)
- g) Approve the Procurement Policy
- h) Approve the Learning and development Policy

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 98/21

MOTION

That council

- a) Move into confidential at 8.59am

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 99/21

MOTION

That council

- a) Resume the ordinary meeting at 9.16am

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 100/21

20.1 SEXUAL ASSAULT

Cr. Ruger brought about concerns about the rise in the sexual assault cases in Tennant Creek.

Suggested that Council needs to do something about this matter.

ACTION ITEM: Write a letter to the member of Barkly and the Minister regarding the rise in sexual assault matters .

MOTION

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 101/21

18.4 BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the application from the Tennant Creek Volunteer Association Committee
- c) Move into ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 102/21

The remaining two applications deferred to the next meeting.

18.7 REQUEST TO BARKLY COUNCIL FOR LAND USAGE (NT POLICE)

The report 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.

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Decline the request by NT police for use of the crown land behind Juno Centre
- c) Move the item into ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 103/21

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 May 2021 as a true and accurate record.

Deferred.

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action Items
- b) Remove the following completed items:

Deferred.

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 NEW ACT BRIEF

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the brief of the Local Government Act.

Deferred.

4.2 PRESENTATION FROM JULALIKARI

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

Deferred.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the mayor's report for June 2021.

Deferred.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

a) Ratify the execution of the following documents under the Council's Common Seal:

1. Deed of Variation to National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program from 2019 to 2023, between Department of Health and BRC;
2. Project Agreement Variation to Children and Schooling Programme for outside School Hours Care Program till 31 December 2021, between National Australian Indigenous Agency and BRC;
3. Memorandum of Understanding for the shared use of Carpark at Lot 50, 164 Patterson Street, Tennant Creek - Between SDA Properties Pty Ltd as Trustee for SD Anderson Property Trust and BRC;
4. Indigenous Land Use Agreement for Tennant Creek Waste Management Facility between, Central Land Council, Patta Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and BRC;
5. National Agents and Access Points Program (NAAP) Invitation Pack for the financial year 2021-22 between Services Australia and BRC;
6. Provision of additional Funding Agreement for administration support of the Barkly Backbone Team till 30 June 2022 between, Northern Territory Government, Department of The Chief Minister and Cabinet and BRC;
7. Regional Youth Services Program for BRC Holiday Program, to extend Town Pool hours and the recreational activities in Town Camps from 1 April 2021 to 26 April 2021 between, Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities and BRC;
8. Short Form Grant Agreement of Community Benefit Fund Major Community Organisation Grant for Tennant Creek Pool Cover till 30 June 2022 between, Northern Territory Government care of Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade and BRC; and
9. Variable Term Funding Agreement Schedule of COVID-19 Domestic Family Violence Responses Tranche 3 for the Safe Houses in Ali Curung and Elliott till 30 June 2022 from 29 June 2021 between, NTG and BRC.

Deferred.

7.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

Deferred.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report

Deferred.

8.6 GRANTS REPORT - JUNE 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the eleven months ended 31 March 2021.

Deferred.

8.7 FINANCE REPORT - MAY 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the ten months ended 31 May 2021.

Deferred.

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

1.1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

Deferred.

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - MAY 2021 REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) note and receive the Community Development May Report

Deferred.

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Receive and note the minutes from the Tennant Creek Local Authority June meeting.
- c) Note the security issue of items missing from graves at the Tennant Creek cemetery.
- d) Recommend that the LA members advise people who have had items stolen from the cemetery to report the matter to police.

Deferred.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. OPERATIONS

15.1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

Deferred.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17. CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and Note the Correspondence.

Deferred.

18. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting lost quorum at 9.20am.

This page and the proceeding 10 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 24 June 2021 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Council Mayor

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer