

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 Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 25 February 2021 at 8.30am.

**Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer**

Meeting commenced at 8.42am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Ray Aylett
- Cr. Ricky Holmes
- Cr. Sid Vashist
- Cr. Lucy Jackson
- Cr. Karan Hayward

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Steve Moore
- Damian Carter
- Mark Parsons
- Santosh Niraula
- Sharen Lake
- Vanessa Goodworth
- Millicent Nhepera

1.3 Apologies

- Cr. Kris Civitarese
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Jennifer Mahoney
- Cr. Jane Evans
- Cr. Jack Clubb

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
 - Music Northern Territory – Board Member
 - Tourism Central Australia- 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
- 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.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 January 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 34/21

2.2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Special meeting held on 11 February 2021 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 35/21

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION LIST

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and Note the Action List; and
- b) Endorse the removal of all completed items- 6, 7, 8, 9

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 36/21

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Mayor's Report for February 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 37/21

5. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 38/21

Economic growth strategy work to commence next week
Visitor park moving on the operations and design stage now, so this is progressing well.
Four community projects funded by council were approved by the governance table to commence.
BRD will be spending time in smaller communities/homelands to make sure that people are made aware of current opportunities.
The BRD now has 2 new members.
Futures Forum also progressing well on the 24th and continuing on the 25th of February.

4.2 ICA MINING- PEKO REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Peko Rehabilitation projects is a low-risk project, and a pro-active NT government supporting project.

15-17 jobs will be created by this project and ICA mining are seeking to source these locally where they can.

The production is expected to last about 6 years, with a magnetite production target of 380k tonnes per annum.

The project will operate in accordance with company's environmental policy.

There will also be a dust management plan in place to minimise effect of dust to the community. A dust suppression system will be set up.

The project is in the final stages of approval.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Break for morning tea at 1027am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 39/21

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Resume the meeting at 1045am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 40/21

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Ratify the execution of the following documents under the Council's Common Seal:
 - 1. Funding Agreement variation: To improve social outcomes through Sporting communities till 31 March 2022, between Australian Sports Commission and BRC;
 - 2. Lease Agreement of Lot 54 Tennant Creek for Leasing the Regional Deal Office building from 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2023 (3 years), between Caramel Cream PTY LTD and BRC; and

3. Deed of variation to Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement for Health Work Force and Rural Access from FY 2020 to FY2022 between Department of Health and BRC.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 41/21

7.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 42/21

Victims of Crime have done reports on the council houses in relation to the amount of break-ins that have been taking place.

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 10:58 AM

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

MOTION

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the Expenditure Summary for the month ended 31 January 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 43/21

8.2 FINANCE REPORT - JANUARY 2021

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the seven months ended 31 January 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 44/21

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 11:09 AM

8.3 GRANTS REPORT - JANUARY 2021

MOTION

That Council

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

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 45/21

8.4 CORPORATE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 46/21

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report of activities within the Infrastructure Directorate

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 47/21

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - JANUARY 2021 REPORT

MOTION

- a) That Council receive and note the Community Development January 2021 Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 48/21

Cr. Vashist noted an employment grant/subsidy by NIAA that may be of interest to the community development manager.

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Receive and note the Ali Curung Local Authority Minutes for February;
- c) Receive and note the Alpurrurulam Local Authority Minutes for February;
- d) Endorse the allocation of \$9455.88 of Ali Curung Local Authority funds for the purchase and installation of a shade sail over the waterpark based upon the quotation provided by Harvey Development being the preferred quotation received;
- e) Endorse the allocation of \$6765.00 of Ali Curung Local Authority funds for the purchase and installation of meter boxes based upon the quotation provided by Tsvaris Mobile Mechanical Repairs being the preferred quotation received.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Ray Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 49/21

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. OPERATIONS

15.1 OPERATIONS DIRECTORS REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 50/21

15.2 ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- A) Receive and Note the Alpururulam Local Authority Recommendation
- B) Approve the request to move to bi-monthly Local Authority meetings on a trial for four months with the first meeting in March.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 51/21

MOTION

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That council

- a) Break for lunch at 1230.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 52/21

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Resume the meeting at 1300

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 53/21

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 REQUEST FOR DUMP FEE WAIVER

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Accept the Tennant Creek RSL's request for a dump fees waiver.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 54/21

16.2 LGANT CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Nominate Cr Sid Vashist for the Local Government Training and Learning Strategy Committee
- c) Nominate Deputy Mayor Plummer individual for the Place Names Committee

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 55/21

Deputy Mayor Plummer would like to stay on until the outcome of the election is known.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and Note the Correspondence.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 56/21

18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

19. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION:

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 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

MOTION

That council:

- a) Move into confidential at 1313.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 57/21

20. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Move back into open session at 13.52

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 58/21

16.3 BATTERY HILL

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Instruct the CEO to draft a letter to the Minister seeking a crown lease over Battery Hill.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 59/21

This request is made subject to the following conditions:

1. Successfully obtaining a Building Better Regions fund grant which is to be submitted by Council once the application is complete.
2. NT Government funding is committed to the repairs and maintenance on the asset and according to accepted R&M cost schedules taking into account the capital value of the assets, to remove any doubt; Council will not be responsible for any maintenance costs;
3. Barkly Regional Council is seeking an initial 10x10 year lease agreement;
4. Barkly Regional Council's interest in the site is for the purpose of providing a Visitor Information Centre and ancillary visitor and community facilities; and
5. Barkly Regional Council will negotiate for a third party to manage the site on a day to day basis through some form of MoU or management agreement and subject to NT Government funding, to an agreed formula, the ongoing management costs of the facility.

8.5 BUDGET REVIEW ONE 2020-2021: PROGRESS REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the report; and
- (b) Approve the addition of emergent and emergency items to the Capital Expenditure Budget for the 2020-2021, in particular:
 - Resurface Basketball Courts: Purkiss Reserve \$50,500.00

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 60/21

Cr Lucy Jackson left the meeting, the time being 02:12 PM

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Move into confidential at 1414

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 61/21

18.4 PURKISS RESERVE

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Ratify the decision by Patta Councillors to approve the selection of Harvey Developments to complete the fencing work at Purkiss Reserve for \$199,000.
- c) Move into ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 62/21

18.5 PURKISS RESERVE BASKETBALL COURT FLOOR REPLACEMENT

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

MOTION

That Council

- 1. Receive and note the report
- 2. Approve the variation to the capital budget to include the resurfacing of the TC basketball courts within the overall budget for the year.
- 3. Approve the estimate cost of \$55,550.00 for the resurfacing of the two basketball courts
- 4. Move this item to ordinary council

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 63/21

18.6 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Disband the Environment and Sustainability Sub-Committee;
- b) Make a standing agenda item on each Local Authority for Environment and Sustainability; and
- c) Move into Ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Ray Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 64/21

Create a standing agenda item on all Local Authorities to improve community engagement on environmental issues.

18.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

MOTION

That Council

Tennant Creek- 2 members required.

- a) Approve the appointment of Michael Burton to the Tennant Creek Local Authority
- b) Approve the appointment of Lachlan Dunemann to the Tennant Creek Local Authority
- c) Decline the appointment of Felicity Scott to the Tennant Creek Local Authority

Wutunugurra- 1 member required.

- e) Consider the appointment of Ada Beasley to the Wutunugurra Local Authority
- f) Move into ordinary.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 65/21

21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1420 pm.

This page and the proceeding 14 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 25 February 2021 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Council Mayor

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer