

# **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 March 2021 at 8.30am.

Steven Moore Chief Executive Officer Meeting commenced at 8.35am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

# 1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

# 1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Kris Civitarese
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Ray Aylett
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Ricky Holmes
- Cr. Sid Vashist
- Cr. Jane Evans
- 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. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Jennifer Mahoney
- Cr. Lucy Jackson

# 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

# 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
  - $\circ$  Nundahraga Entertainment Sound sub-contractor
  - Christmas Tree Committee President
  - $_{\odot}$  Tourism Central Australia Board Member
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - $\circ$  Purrutu Aboriginal Corporation Board Member
  - Patta Aboriginal Corporation Board Member
  - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation Member

- Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
- o 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
  - o 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
  - o 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. <u>CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</u>

# 2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

# MOTION

# That Council

a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 February 2021 as a true and accurate record.

# RESOLVED

Moved: Cr.Sid Vashist

#### Seconded:Cr. Kris Civitarese

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Resolved OC 44/21

# 3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

# 3.1 ACTION ITEMS

# MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action Items
- b) Remove the completed items: 7, 8 and 10

# RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded:Cr. Karan Hayward

Resolved OC 45/21

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Mark to be council's representative on the Elliott Alcohol Management Plan. UPDATE ACTION ITEM: Investigate grants for activities for children at Elliott. Look at IAS funding.

UPDATE ACTION ITEM: Write to the minister to inform them that Rainbow Gateway is not performing their duties as CDP provider adequately. Talk to Cr Hayward.

# 4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

# 4.1 CENSUS INFORMATION PRESENTATION

# MOTION

That Council a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded:Cr. Kris Civitarese

Resolved OC 46/21

CARRIED UNAN.

Census will be on the 10 August 2021.

There are full-time and part-time staff working for the census within the Barkly. Key thing is that the Barkly numbers are skewed, and this will be a key thing to address in the upcoming census.

There will be a separate form where there are multiple families living in one house, in order to afford people privacy.

The data that will come out of census will help in the future planning of the Barkly. April 2021- public launch of the census website.

RISE, Julalikari, Anyinginyi have been approached to see whether they are people who would interested in being recruited to conduct the census in the region.

There will also be a homelessness team as part of the census.

The census is compulsory, and there is need to talk more broadly about how it helps to highlight and improve services needed.

Cr. Hal Ruger suggested that there is need for the presentations to made to the Local Authorities.

Council asked to help in the distribution of information around the region.

# 4.2 RISE PRESENTATION

# MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

# Seconded:Cr. Ricky Holmes

Resolved OC 47/21

Carol from RISE presented to Council

Rise has been around for 21 months, and then impacted for 12 months by both the bush fires and Covid-19.

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750 people were initially registered, this has gone up to 1275. Carol stated that this is a reflection for the engagement that RISE is doing not only in larger centres but in the homelands as well.

They have managed to place a total of 366 people into (part-time or full-time) employment in the region.

Over \$200000 of wage subsidies were paid to employers, and this money was able to help during the pandemic.

RISE got involved in LA meetings and it was a good way to get to introduce themselves to the community, and has worked well.

There is also a board that will have independent parties to give feedback to RISE and help in the improvement of service provision.

Working with CDU and Batchelor Institute for Cert II in construction (including white cards). They are also offering a ceramics course.

They are providing different types of training including 4 wheel drive training and first aid courses. Training is focus this year.

One male supervisor recruitment in Ali Curung, so engagement had been up and down there. Only 5 ladies working there at the moment.

Elliott is working really well with different activities currently running, including women from the safe house.

Epennara has a new team and going well. With 10 people turning up to training on a regular basis.

TC doing very well with 20 men currently in training.

Cr Hayes raised that there are people who are employed by RISE but are not working but are present in community. Carol stated RISE has been restricted: they were given compliance instructions to work very carefully to comply with Covid-19 measures.

Cr Ruger raised the possibility of a partnership with RISE, including a partnership with recycling activities.

# 4.3 MEET AND GREET: INDONESIAN CONSULATE

# MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED Moved: Cr.Sid Vashist

# Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

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Resolved OC 48/21

Cr. Ruger asked about the collaboration of BRC with a sister council in Indonesia. This is the possibility with smaller cities that are closest to the NT.

Cr. General: They hope to be able to collaborate to create events in the community in future.

Cr. Vashist brought up the potential of collaboration for business owners in the Barkly, and also renewable energy through the sun cable investment in the Barkly.

# 5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

Cr Kris Civitarese left the meeting, the time being 10:00 AM

Cr Jane Evans left the meeting, the time being 10:02 AM

# MOTION

# That Council

a) Break for morning tea at 1005am.

# RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes Seconded:Cr. Karan Hayward Resolved OC 49/21

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# MOTION

That Council

a) Resume the meeting at 1027am.

# RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

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# 6. MAYOR'S REPORT

#### 6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

#### MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the mayor's report for March 2021.
- b) Mayor to write to Minister Paech about the issues raised about the Community Living Areas

c) Donate the free use of the Civic Hall to Deb Cain

#### RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Noel

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded:Cr. Ray Aylett

Resolved OC 51/21

Cr Ruger suggested for the Mayor to do a report in the next meeting regarding neighbourhood watch matters.

ACTION ITEM: CEO to talk to neighbourhood watch regarding what council can do ACTION ITEM: Invite Julalikari night patrol to come to the meeting to discuss what council can do.

# 7. <u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS</u>

# 7.1 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

# MOTION

That Council:

- a) Ratify the execution of the following document under the Council's Common Seal:
- 1. Project Schedule of Capital Works Grant Agreement to build an Ablution and Laundry block in the community of Ampilatwatja, between National Indigenous Australian Agency and BRC till 01 December 2021.

# RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded:Cr. Hal Ruger

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Resolved OC 52/21

# 7.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

# MOTION

That Councila) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded:Cr.Sid Vashist

Resolved OC 53/21

Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 10:59 AM Cr Hal Ruger returned to the meeting, the time being 11:02 AM

# 8. <u>CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS</u>

# 8.1 GRANTS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2021

# MOTION

That Council

(a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the eight months ended 28 February 2021.

# RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

# Seconded:Cr. Karan Hayward

Resolved OC 54/21

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# 8.2 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021

# MOTION

That Council

(a) Receive and note the Expenditure Summary for the month ended 28 February 2021.

# RESOLVED

# Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

# Seconded:Cr. Ricky Holmes

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Resolved OC 55/21

# 8.3 FINANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2021

# MOTION

# That Council

a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the eight months ended 28 February 2021.

# RESOLVED Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer Seconded:Cr.Sid Vashist

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Resolved OC 56/21

Cr. Ruger raised the issue of underspend in some of the allocated funding. This was attributed to the lack of staff in the positions that the funding was allocated for.

Cr Ruger also pointed out that it would be good to show the big ticket items broken down to see what the general repairs maintenance money (\$250k) was spent on.

#### 8.4 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

#### MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

#### Seconded:Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Resolved OC 57/21

# 8.5 POLICY APPROVAL

#### MOTION

# That Council

a) Receive and note the report

- b) Adopt the Reasonable expenses and non-monetary benefits policy
- c) Adopt the Travel and accommodation (elected members) policy
- d) Adopt the Social media policy.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

#### Seconded:Cr. Noel Hayes

Resolved OC 58/21

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# 9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

#### 9.1 JARRA JARRA ACCESS - REMOVE THIS FROM LIST OF ROADS SERVICED BY BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

# MOTION

#### That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the proposal for removal of Jarra Jarra Access from the list of roads serviced by Barkly Regional Council under Financial Assistance Grant from NT government.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded:Cr. Ricky Holmes

Resolved OC 59/21

ACTION ITEM: Write to LGANT and notify them of Council decision, and let them know why council has made this decision.

Cr Jane Evans returned to the meeting, the time being 11:53 AM

# 9.2 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021

#### MOTION

That Council

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

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 60/21

# 10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

# **10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FEBRUARY REPORT**

# MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the Community Development February Report.

RESOLVED Moved: Cr.Sid Vashist

Seconded:Cr. Jane Evans

Resolved OC 61/21

MOTION

That council:

a) Break for morning lunch at 1228am.

RESOLVED Moved: Cr.Sid Vashist Seconded:Cr. Hal Ruger Resolved OC 62/21

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# MOTION

That council a) Resume the council meeting at 1304.

#### RESOLVED Moved: **Cr.Sid Vashist**

Seconded:Cr. Karan Hayward

Resolved OC 63/21

# 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 March;
- c) Receive and note the Wutunugurra Local Authority Minutes for March;
- d) Receive and note the Alpurrurulam Local Authority Minutes for March;
- e) Receive and note the Elliott Local Authority Minutes for March;
- f) Receive and note the Tennant Creek Local Authority Minutes for March;
- g) Look into the possibility of having solar panels installed on council owned assets on community;
- h) Endorse the allocation of \$8,220.00 of Elliott Local Authority funds for the purchase and installation of a marquee based upon the quotation provided by Extreme Marguees being the preferred guotation received;
- i) Decline the request to draft a letter to be sent to the Department of Local government in regards to a change to the funding guidelines to allow the Elliott local authority to expend funding on projects that council doesn't control.
- j) Accept the recommendation from the TCLA to write a letter to the minister regarding loss of jobs in PATS and other services.
- h) Approve the allocation \$1000 of Local Authority funds to be donated to the ANZAC day event in Elliott.

#### RESOLVED

Cr. Ray Aylett Moved:

Seconded:Cr. Noel Hayes

Resolved OC 64/21

Move Kris Civitarese and Sid Vashist to "absent with apologies" in the TCLA . ACTION ITEM: TCLA only 2 elected members are meant to be at the meetings.

#### 12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **12.1 COMMITEE REPORTS**

#### MOTION

# That Council

a) Receive and note the report

b) Receive and note the minutes from the Purkiss Reserve Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2021.

c) Note the suggestion to change name of the committee to include "sporting and recreational facilities" and instruct the CEO to investigate the options for Councils

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# consideration

**d)** Decline the recommendation for council to purchase and install coaches' boxes for the Purkiss Reserve Oval separate from the Purkiss reserve upgrade

# RESOLVED Moved: Cr.Sid Vashist

# Seconded:Cr. Karan Hayward

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Resolved OC 65/21

Purkiss Reserve committee terms of reference were tabled and discussed at the meeting.

These will be included in the April meeting agenda.

# 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.Sid Vashist

Seconded:Cr. Ray Aylett

Resolved OC 66/21

# 16. GENERAL BUSINESS

# 16.1 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

# MOTION

# That Council

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Provide feedback by the April Council meeting on the revised five year strategic plan.

# RESOLVED

Moved: Cr.Sid Vashist

Seconded:Cr. Jane Evans

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Resolved OC 67/21

# **16.2 PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR**

# MOTION

#### That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Provide feedback on the attached priorities prior to the April Council meeting 2021.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes

Seconded:Cr. Ray Aylett

Resolved OC 68/21

# Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 01:34 PM

# 16.3 COMMITEE NOMINATIONS

# MOTION

That Council a) Receive and note the report b) Does not nominate a senior council officer (non-elected) to the Northern Territory Planning Commission. c) No nominees- Nominate an Aboriginal elected member to the LGANT Reconciliation Plan working group d) Nominate Cr. Hayward to the Women's Safety Taskforce

# RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

#### Seconded:Cr.Sid Vashist

Resolved OC 69/21

# 17. CORRESPONDENCE

# 17.1 CORRESPONDENCE

# MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and Note the Correspondence.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr.Sid Vashist

#### Seconded:Cr. Noel Hayes

Resolved OC 70/21

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 01:40 PM

# 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

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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:-

That council: a) Move into confidential at 1354.

# MOTION (Vashist/Hayward)

# 20. <u>RESUMPTION OF MEETING</u>

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council move back into open session at 1536

#### MOTION (Evans/Holmes)

# 18.3 TENDER EVALUATION SHEET - BRC 001-21 AMPILATWATJA SPORTS AND REC CENTRE UPGRADE

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) Award the contract of Ampilatwatja Sports and Rec Centre Upgrade to Harvey Developments (NT) Pty Ltd, 41 Maloney St., Tennant Creek 0860 for the value of \$811,529.62 (incl. GST)
- c) Move the item into ordinary council

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr.Sid Vashist

Seconded:Cr. Karan Hayward

Resolved OCCS 71/21

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# 18.4 TENDER EVALUATION SHEET - BRC 002-21 WUTUNUGURRA BMX TRACK

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

# MOTION

# That Council

- a) Receive and Note the report
- Award the contract of Design and construction of BMX Track in Wutungurra to Bennally Pty Ltd, Kurundi Station, Kurundi Road via Tennant Creek NT 0861 for the value of \$97,328.00 (incl. GST)

c) Move the item into ordinary council

For: Crs Aylett, Evans, Hayes, Hayward, Holmes, Plummer, Ruger and McLaughlin

Against: Cr Vashist

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Resolved OCCS 72/21

Cr Vashist noted that he has an issue with the scoring process of the regarding the expertise section of the evaluation.

Cr. Ruger agreed with the submission by Cr Vashist regarding the scoring process.

# 18.5 TENDER EVALUATION SHEET - BRC 004-21 ARLPARRA SPORTS AND REC CENTRE UPGRADE

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) Award the contract of Arlparra Sports and Rec Centre Upgrade to Complete Constructions Pty Ltd, 22 Wilkinson Street, Alice Springs NT 0870 for the value of \$150,630.48 (incl. GST)
- c) Move the item into ordinary council

# RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded:Cr. Karan Hayward

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Resolved OCCS 73/21

# 18.6 TENDER EVALUATION SHEET - BRC 003-21 ARLPURRURULAM BASKETBALL COURT

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
- Award the contract of Design and construction of Basketball Court in Alpurrurulam to NT Sports and Playground Surfacing Pty Ltd, 420 Virginia Raod, Virginia NT 0834 for the value of \$256,999.60 (incl. GST)
- c) Move the item into ordinary council

# RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded:Cr. Noel Hayes

Resolved OCCS 74/21

# 18.9 MOU WITH SDA PROPERTIES PTY LTD

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) Approve the MoU with SDA Properties Pty Ltd
- c) Move the item into ordinary subject to changes below

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Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded:Cr. Jane Evans

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Resolved OCCS 75/21

Clause 1.3- Change "commercial property" instead of NTG government departments, to make it more generic.

Clause 2.1: remove the wording "including quiet enjoyment"

SDA properties to show their public liability insurance to BRC.

# 21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1541pm.

This page and the proceeding 15 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 25 March 2021 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin Council Mayor Steve Moore Chief Executive Officer