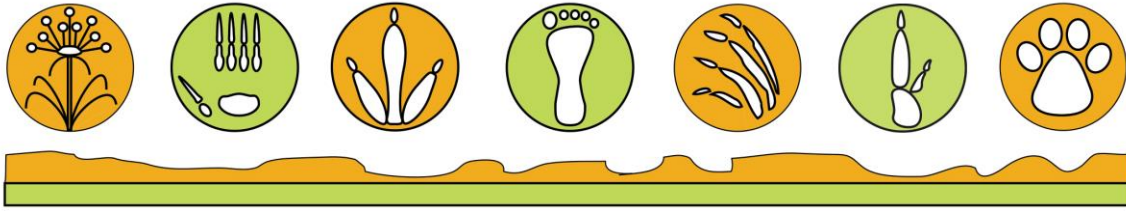


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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 May 2023 at 8:30am.

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 8.46am Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin 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. Anita Bailey
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Heather Wilson
- Cr. Elliot McAdam
- Cr. Sharen Lake
- Cr. Mark Peterson

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Russell Anderson – Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Damien Burton – Acting Director of Corporate Services
- Romeo Mutsago – Chief Financial Officer
- Darren Lovett – Special Projects Manager
- Tash Adams – Council Secretary

1.3 Visitors Present

- Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters – Dept Chief Minister

1.4 Apologies

- Councillor Greg Marlow
- Councillor Jack Clubb
- Councillor Lucy Jackson

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)

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the previous minutes from the Special Council Meeting on 12 May 2023 be edited to reflect Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest to 16.1 – Purchase of Digital Licensing due to being a member of Barkly Regional Arts.

RESOLVED

Moved: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 81/23

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 HIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note this report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 82/23

Mayor McLaughlin requested the CEO and Chief Finance Officer investigate budget implications and organisational risk assessment into providing rates concessions for Tennant Creek and community businesses to do up business fronts

7.2 RECORDING AND BROADCAST OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

MOTION (O'Donnell/Corbett)

That Council consider broadcast implementation at a later date when the Council has upgraded its digital communications

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 83/23

7.3 FINANCE DIRECTORATE REPORT YTD 30-04-2023

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Finance Report for the year-to-date 30 April 2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 84/23

ACTION ITEM: That Council hold a special information session for the new Councillors regarding the Mead Perry General Rates Strategy 2023-24.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 2022-2023 JLT PUBLIC SECTOR RISK REPORT

MOTION

That Council;

a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 85/23

8.2 GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - POLICY UPDATES

MOTION

To revisit the updated policies at a Special council Meeting on Thursday 8 June 2023 to allow new Councillors time to review.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 86/23

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

MOTION

Councillor McAdam requested an action list be created out of his election campaign issues for future council meeting consideration.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Elliot McAdam

Seconded: Councillor Sharen Lake

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 87/23

Cr McAdam wanted his campaign issues placed on future agendas for Council consideration and discussion including:

- Justitia Report
- Supporting local jobs and local businesses
- Animal Management Plan
- Community Safety Plan
- Price in our Place
- Rates communique
- Animal plan (provide free dog and cat desexing)

MOTION

Cr McAdam requested to be provided a paper detailing all contracted work expenditure effect from September 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Elliot McAdam

Seconded: Councillor Mark Petersen

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 88/23

16.1 LOW AROMATIC FUEL ACT 2013 REVIEW

MOTION

That Council consider make a submission in the second statutory review of the Low Aromatic Fuel Act 2013.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 89/23

16.2 SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS - NT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND A.B.C AMATEUR RACE CLUB

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the requests for sponsorship from NT Chamber of Commerce and ABC Amateur Race Club

MOTION

- a) Move the consideration to the Special Council Meeting on Thursday 8 June 2023 to seek clarification on Council's sponsorship budget.
- b) Approve the Cattlemen's Dinner to be held at the Civic Hall and for the Frack Free Alliance to hold a rally at Peko Park.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 90/23

16.3 REQUEST USE OF COMMON SEAL FOR NIAA NIGHT PATROL AGREEMENT

MOTION

That Council approves the request for the use of the Common Seal

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Sharen Lake

Seconded: Councillor Pamela Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 91/23

16.4 REQUEST FOR THE USE OF COMMON SEAL FOR NIAA YOUTH, SPORTS AND RECREATION AGREEMENT

MOTION

That Council approves the request for the use of the Common Seal

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Mark Petersen

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 92/23

16.5 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN 2023-2024

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Endorse the Barkly Regional 2023-2024, and
- b) Release the Plan for public consultation in accordance with the Local Government Act.

MOTION (Lake/McAdam)

- a) To advertise the Draft Regional Plan to community consultation for 21 days and to print out for remote communities to read.
- b) That the Draft Regional Plan budgetary implications be discussed at the Special General Meeting on Thursday 8 June 2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Sharen Lake

Seconded: Councillor Elliott

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 93/23

17. CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin received a letter from a resident to move out of Village Camp due to bullying. Council resolved to talk to government agencies and local Indigenous corporations to advocate for the family.

18. 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 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.

MOTION

Council move into Confidential Session

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Jack Clubb

Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 94/23

The officer from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) Local Government Unit, Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, was asked to stay in the meeting and all other Council staff except the CEO where asked to leave the room.

18.1 COUNCIL COMPLIANCE MATTERS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the compliance concerns outlined by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and provide a report of actions taken to address the tabled concerns and allegations.

Councillors were provided with a copy of the CM&C Local Government Unit's letter dated 11 May 2023 and were given time to read the letter.

11:50am Councillor McAdam declared he had a conflict of interest after having read the contents of the letter and he left the room.

18.2 TENANCY AGREEMENT RESIDENTIAL PREMISES

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (d) (c(i)) (c(iii)) (d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

MOTION

That Council;

- (a) to note the report**
- (b) approve the request**

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 95/23

12.48pm Councillor Peterson proposed the confidential session close for lunch which was supported by the members.

12.50pm Councillor McAdam returned to the room.

18.3 TENANCY - COMMERCIAL RENEWAL - ELLIOTT

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (d) (c(i)) (c(iii)) (d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; AND information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity (Commercial in confidence).

MOTION

That Council;

- a) note and receive the report
- b) approve the request

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Heather Wilson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 96/23

18.1 TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (b) (b) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; AND information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

MOTION

- a) That Council accepts the two Tennant Creek Local Authority nominations pending checks and balances if nominees are eligible and don't owe money to Council.
- b) Council delegates Cr Stokes, Cr Lake and Mayor McLaughlin to visit Mungkarta to canvas for nominations from residents to join the Tennant Creek Local Authority.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 97/23

19. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION

That Council move back into open session at 3.20pm

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 98/

MOTION

That Council is paid every four weeks rather than every first Tuesday of the month.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Pamela Corbett

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 99/23

Next Meeting Date: Special Council Meeting on Thursday 8 June 2023

20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 4pm.

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Jeffrey McLaughlin
Council Mayor

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Russell Anderson
Acting Chief Executive
Officer

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