

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, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 25 November 2021 at 8:30am.

Steven Moore

Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8.36am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Dianne Seri Stokes
- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Derek Walker
- Cr. Anita Bailey
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Steve Moore
- Sid Vashist
- Santosh Niraula
- Sharen Lake
- Troy Koch
- James Saunders
- Vanessa Goodworth
- Millicent Nhepera

1.3 Apologies

- Heather Wilson

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

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

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

- Cr. Hayes noted a conflict of interest with Anyinginyi

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 October 2021 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 206/21

To add deputy mayor's correct title.

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action Items
- b) Remove the following completed items: 7

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 207/21

The CEO noted that the Councillors have been asked to be advocates for the vaccine due to low vaccine rate in the Barkly- which the councillors present agreed to.

CEO to contact health department with that feedback.

ACTION ITEM: Mayor to write a letter to minister outlining the frustrations around obtaining land for the Tennant Creek landfill.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 208/21

Cr.s pointed out concerns about how to report people who have been in Covid hotspots and are in the community.
The CEO stated that these should all be referred to the Hospital or Anyinginyi, or as per the NTG requirements.

5. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.2 ELLIOTT MCADAM PRESENTATION

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 209/21

Animal care group representatives presented to Council regarding animal management in Tennant Creek
They suggested that they would like a sanctuary for animals and birds, so that they can be protected until they are released to breed again.
Mr McAdam raised that the animal management issue is not politicised, but wants the community to work together to get good outcomes for everyone. He raised the following matters:

1. Develop a new animal management by bringing in experts to do so and the BRC to ratify that in a formal motion.
2. Animals roaming in town, and the need to sit down and collaborate on how to solve this issue.
3. Resumption of animal care for people residing in town camps, and asked council to ratify that in the form of a motion.
4. Funding: 2011-2012 there was a levy charged to ratepayers for animal management in the region- and \$61000 was raised- the group posed a question regarding what happened to this money
Council took these questions on notice, to respond to Mr McAdam in due course.

4.1 AUSTRALIA DAY UPDATE

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the verbal Australia Day Update from Kym Lenoble.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 210/21

Cr.s asked to provide assistance with spreading awareness of Australia day awards, so that we can get more nominations for each category.
Forms for the awards can be downloaded from the Council website.

All other preparations for Australia Day are going well.

MOTION

That Council

a) Break for morning tea at 1007.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 211/21

MOTION

That council

a) Resume the meeting at 1032

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 212/21

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

MOTION

That Council:

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

1. Residential Tenancy Agreement of Lot 82 Foster Street Ali Curung, between BRC and Catholic Care till 08 October 2023;
2. Regional Youth Service Grant Program for the Youthlinx 2021-2022 School Holiday Program, between Territory Families Housing and Communities and BRC from 21 September 2021 to 31 July 2022;
3. Deed of Variation in relation to Aged Care Services Activity Work Plan, between Department of Health and BRC till 30 June 2022; and
4. Section 19 ALRA Lease Agreement for the Elliott Waste Management Facility,

between Gurungu Aboriginal Land Trust, Northern Land Council and BRC for 20 Years.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 213/21

Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 10:33 AM

Cr Hal Ruger returned to the meeting, the time being 10:38 AM

7.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION NON VOTER INFORMATION

MOTION

That Council

- a) **Receive and note the report**
- b) **Agree to issue fines to those who failed to vote in the 2021 LG Election.**

For: Crs Bailey, Barton, Corbett, Corbett, Hayes, Marlow, McLaughlin, Plummer, Ruger, Stokes and Walker
Against: Crs Clubb and O'Donnell

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED.

Resolved OC 214/21

Cr.s had a discussion regarding whether the \$25 fine, if issued, would send the intended message, that people should vote) of getting people to vote.

ACTION ITEM: Write a letter to Chancy Paech regarding why the fine was reduced down to \$25, and what to do to increase voter turnout in the region.

7.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

MOTION

That Council

- a) **Receive and note the report**

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 215/21

7.4 ANNUAL REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) **Receive and note the report**

b) Approve the 2020-2021 Annual Report incorporating the financial statements

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 216/21

The acknowledgement at the beginning of the annual report to have Warramungu come first, then leave all the rest of the language groups as they are.
Correct Community Services to Community Development.
Council noted is appreciative of the hard work that has been put in by staff in the development of the Annual Report.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 GRANTS

MOTION

That Council

a) receive and note the Grants Report for the period to 30 October 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Pam Corbett

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 217/21

8.3 FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 218/21

8.2 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 219/21

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 220/21

Youth Centre construction is still proceeding. Currently work is being completed inside the building, including electrical, plumbing and hydraulics. Cr.s pointed out that surveying has to be completed before the design of the building so that matters that may come up are already provided for and will not cause further delay.

ACTION ITEM: Write a letter to the responsible minister on the lack of progress on Purkiss Reserve.

MOTION

That Council

- a) Break for lunch at 1201pm

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 221/21

MOTION

That Council

- a) Resume the meeting at 1239pm

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 222/21

Cr Noel Hayes left the meeting, the time being 12:39 PM

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 12:39 PM

Cr Noel Hayes returned to the meeting, the time being 12:57 PM

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OCTOBER REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note this report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 223/21

Councillors made suggestions that there should be a requirement to hire local staff for projects in communities.

Mayor raised an issue with sports weekends being done over two weekends.

Cr Noel Hayes left the meeting, the time being 01:02 PM

Cr Noel Hayes returned to the meeting, the time being 01:08 PM

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Receive and note the minutes from the Ali Curung Local Authority November Meeting;
- c) Approve the allocation of \$8719 of local authority funds for the purchase of a tyre changer and wheel balancing machine.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 224/21

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. OPERATIONS

15.1 OCTOBER DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 225/21

Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 01:16 PM

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

1.1 LGANT CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Do not select a nominee for the NT Heritage Council

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 226/21

17. CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the correspondence attached.
- b) Donate \$2000 for the Tennant Creek High School Barkly Regional Council Award.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 227/21

18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

19. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 1324

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 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 228/21

20. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move back into open session at 2.49pm time>>

General Business

- Cr O'Donnell noted that the back lanes of the Telstra pit collapsed. CEO to report to Telstra.
- Brown St pits also need to be checked
- Staff to go around and identify hazards especially on properties with long grass which is a fire risk

18.3 DONATION REQUEST

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

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

b) Approve the request for donation of \$250 Pikka Pikkakari playgroup and \$250 to Elders Yarn Up Group Christmas party.

c) Move to ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 229/21

18.6 AUTHORISATION OF PUBLIC OFFICER FOR ATO

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.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Approves the appointment of the following people as a public officer representatives for Barkly Regional Council for the purposes of the Australian Taxation Office, Australian Business Register and Relationship Authorisation Manager access:
- Steve Moore – Chief Executive Officer
 - Sid Vashist – Director
 - Sharen Lake - Director
 - James Sanders – Manager
 - Sonya Kenny – Manager
- b) Move item into ordinary.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 230/21

18.7 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (d) (d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;

Elliott

- i) Accept the appointment of Bob Bagnall to the Elliott Local Authority
- ii) Accept the appointment of Christopher Neade to the Elliott Local Authority
- iii) Accept the appointment of Jason Mullan to the Elliott Local Authority
- iv) Accept the appointment of Kevin Gaskin to the Elliott Local Authority
- v) Accept the appointment of Jody Nish to the Elliott Local Authority
- vi) Accept the appointment of Kevin Neade to the Elliott Local Authority
- vii) Move Elliott nominations to ordinary,

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 231/21

21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 2.58pm.

This page and the proceeding 12 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 25 November 2021 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Council Mayor

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

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