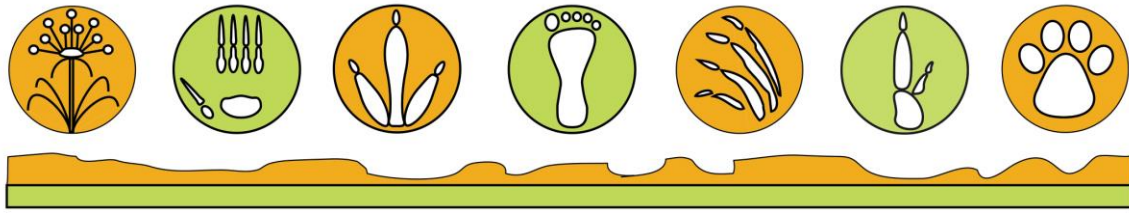


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## 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, 26 May 2022 at 8:30am.

**Emma Bradbury**  
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.

The meeting commenced at 8:40 AM with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

## **1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

### **1.1 Elected Members Present**

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Jack Club – via phone
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Derek Walker
- Cr. Anita Bailey
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Pam Corbett – via phone
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell
- Cr. Heather Wilson

### **1.2 Staff Members Present**

- Emma Bradbury – Chief Executive Officer
- Sid Vashist – Director of Corporate Services
- Santosh Niraula – Director of Infrastructure
- Troy Koch – Director of Operations
- Sharen Lake – Director of Community Development
- James Sanders – Acting Finance Manager
- Makhaim Brandon – Operations Admin Officer
- Renjith Kollakkombill – Records and Compliance Officer

### **1.3 Visitors Present**

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### **1.4 Apologies**

Deputy Mayor Dianne Seri Stokes – temporarily resigned pending outcome of Federal Election.

### **1.5 Absent Without Apologies**

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

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin – Tennant Creek Primary School Council membership

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### MOTION

**That Council:** confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**Seconded:** Cr Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 82/22*

Council agreed to consider the Agenda items of Confidential Meeting

### 2.2 MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL

#### MOTION

**That Council:** move into confidential session.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 83/22*

Council agreed to consider the Agenda item 18.11 of Confidential Supplementary Meeting

### 18.11 BUDGET SUMMARY 2022-23 REGIONAL PLAN - SUPPLEMENTARY

*The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (b) (d) (e) (b) (d) (e) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential; AND information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; AND 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.*

#### MOTION

#### **That Council:**

- a) receive and note the draft budget summary (financial plan) 2022-2023 & the long term financial plan presented by Sid Vashist – Director of Corporate Services;
- b) approve the proposed draft budget summary & long term financial plan to be presented to the Local Authority meetings and for the purpose of approving a Draft Regional Plan for public consultation between 31 May 2022 and 21 June 2022, with the intention of adopting a Regional Plan on 30 June 2022; and
- c) move into Ordinary.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Jack Club

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OCCS 84/22*

**Discussions**

Public relations to inform ratepayers of the return vs increase.

Past rate freeze

Asset renewal

Capital expenses

Council agreed to consider the Agenda item 16.3 of Ordinary Meeting

**16.3 CHANGES TO CONDITIONAL RATES - MOTION OC 79/22**

**MOTION**

**That Council:**

- a) receive and note the report on the changes to conditional rates;
- b) accept the changes to relevant interest rates for BRC;
- c) instruct the CEO to implement the changes to 'Rates Exemption and Concession Policy (CP38)'.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Anita Bailey

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 85/22*

Cr. Ronald Plummer left the meeting at 11:50 AM

**3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**3.1 ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION**

**That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Action and Resolution Tracker; and
- b) Move the items into 'Complete' as per the Action and Resolution Tracker.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Hal Ruger

**Seconded:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 86/22*

#### 4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

Carry forward to June

##### 4.1 DIPL PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL

**Recommendation:**

**That Council:** receive and note the apology from Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

Council agreed to consider the Agenda item 8.3 of Ordinary Meeting

##### 8.3 ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES 2022-2023

**MOTION**

**That Council:**

- a) sets the Elected Member's Allowances for the 2022/2023 financial year as per Maximum Council Members Allowances authorized by the Minister's Guidelines; and
- b) instructs the CEO to amend policy "Elected Member Allowances Policy (CP55)" and "Extra Meeting Allowance Policy (CP11)" as appropriate.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Hal Ruger

**Seconded:** Cr Pam Corbett

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 87/22*

Council agreed to consider the Agenda item 18.10 of Confidential Meeting

##### 18.10 DRAFT OPERATING PLAN (REGIONAL PLAN) 2022-2023

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**MOTION**

**That Council:**

- a) Endorse the Barkly Regional Council Draft Operating Plan (Regional Plan) 2022-2023;
- b) Release the Plan for public consultation in accordance with the Local Government Act; and
- c) Move into Ordinary

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Lennie Barton

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OCCS 88/22*

Detail as short term, medium-term and long term plans  
Leadership and governance – Culturally appropriate Training and induction to be prioritised  
Land title issues of all communities in providing services  
Leases and under leases of communities

Goal 6 - Maintain board partnership with stakeholders  
Back at:11:39  
Update the operation plan to improve beautification and upgrading of Chambers'

**5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

*Nil*

**6. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

**MOTION**

**That Council:** receives and notes the report from Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin for April.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Russell O'Donnell**

**Seconded:Cr Noel Hayes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 89/22*

**Discussions**

Road/Traffic signs about the trucks keeping on right lane while travelling through town/  
during turning

Write a letter about the damage to trees due to electoral signage

Internal Show Committee for Council's stall

**6.2 DONATION APPLICATION**

Council agreed to consider an application for donation presented by the Mayor for the Golf Club.

**MOTION**

**That council:**

- a) note the correspondence by Golf Club requesting for contribution to buy trophies.
- b) approve a donation of \$500.00 through the Remote Sports Program.
- c) write a letter to Golf Club approving a donation of \$500.00 through the Remote Sports Program.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Anita Bailey**

**Seconded:Cr Lennie Barton**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 90/22*

**MAYOR JEFFREY MCLAUGHLIN DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AS THE PRESIDENT/ MEMBER OF TENNANT CREEK CANOE CLUB.**

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin declared a Conflict of interest as the President/ member of Tennant Creek Canoe Club.

Cr Greg Marlow returned to the meeting, the time being 12.35 PM  
Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 12:49 PM  
Cr Derek Walker returned to the meeting, the time being 12:52 PM

**LUNCH BREAK**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**That Council:** break for lunch

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Derek Walker

**Seconded:**Cr Hal Ruger

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 91/22*

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 1:45 PM

**RESUME FROM LUNCH BREAK**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**THAT COUNCIL:** resume from lunch break

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Hal Ruger

**Seconded:**Cr Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 92/22*

**7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**7.1 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**MOTION**

**That Council:** receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for April.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:**Cr Greg Marlow

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 93/22*

## 7.2 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

### MOTION

#### That Council:

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

1. Occupational License No 4083 for Bike Path construction for the Lots 2148, 1573 and 2168 at Tennant Creek, between the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics and BRC for 5 years.

### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr Pam Corbett

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 94/22*

## 7.3 PEOPLE & CULTURE - MAY 2022 REPORT

### MOTION

**That Council:** receive and note the People & Culture Monthly Report for April presented by Emma Bradbury – Chief Executive Officer

### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Lennie Barton

Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 95/22*

Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 02:08 PM

Cr Hal Ruger returned to the meeting, the time being 02:10 PM

## 8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### 8.1 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

### MOTION

**That Council:** receives and notes the Corporate Services Report presented by Sid Vashist – Director of Corporate Services

### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr Anita Bailey

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 96/22*



## 8.2 GRANTS

### MOTION

**That council:** receive and note the Grants Report for the period to April 30, 2022, presented by Sid Vashist – Director of Corporate Services

### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Greg Marlow

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 97/22*

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 02:22 PM  
Meanwhile, the meeting was chaired by Cr Lennie Barton

Council agreed to consider the Agenda item 9.1 of Ordinary Meeting

## 9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### 9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT

### MOTION

**That Council:** receive and note the Infrastructure Directorate Report for May 2022 presented by Santosh Niraula – Director of Infrastructure.

### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Cr Greg Marlow

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 98/22*

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin returned to the meeting, the time being 02:27 PM

### 9.2 ILLEGAL DUMPING OF TYRES IN GO-KART CLUB, TENNANT CREEK

### MOTION

#### **That Council:**

- a) receive and note the request for Council to remove tyres from Go-Kart track Tennant Creek.
- b) decline the request and provide a quote to the property owner for the removal and disposal of tyres.
- c) encourage the club for apply for community grants.

### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Greg Marlow

**Against:** Cr Hall Ruger

*Resolved OC 99/22*

**Discussions:**

Council discussed this issue in detail and declined the request on the basis that the cost of removal and disposal of tyres are significant and is not the responsibility of Council. This cost cannot be approved by the Council as the approval of this request would create a precedent that Council cannot make.

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 2:55 PM

Cr Ronald Plummer joined the meeting, the time being 2:59 PM

Cr Noel Hayes left the meeting, the time being 02:57 PM

Cr Noel Hayes returned to the meeting, the time being 02:58 PM

**10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE****10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APRIL REPORT****MOTION**

**That Council:** receive and Note this report presented by Sharen Lake – Director of Community Development

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Cr Heather Wilson

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 100/22*

Cr Anita Bailey left the meeting, the time being 03:05 PM

**BREAK FOR TEA****PROCEDURAL MOTION****RESOLVED**

**That Council:** break for tea.

**Moved:** Cr Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Cr Heather Wilson

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 101/22*

**RESUME MEETING FROM TEA BREAK****PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**That Council:** resume the meeting from the tea break.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Greg Marlow

**Seconded:** Cr Jack Club

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 102/22*

Cr Lennie Barton left the meeting, the time being 03:29 PM  
Cr Noel Hayes left the meeting, the time being 03:30 PM  
Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 03:30 PM  
Cr Pam Corbett returned to the meeting, the time being 03:31 PM

Council agreed to consider the Agenda item 8.4 of Ordinary Meeting

#### **8.4 BUDGET REVIEW \_ FINANCE REPORT APRIL 2022**

##### **MOTION**

##### **That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the finance report for April 2022 presented by James Sanders – James Sanders – Acting Finance Manager; and
- b) Approve the budget review (Act vs Budget) from period 1 to period 10 for FY 21/22.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Greg Marlow**

**Seconded: Cr Anita Bailey**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 103/22*

Cr Noel Hayes returned to the meeting, the time being 03:41 PM  
Cr Lennie Barton returned to the meeting, the time being 03:42 PM  
Cr Anita Bailey returned to the meeting, the time being 03:42 PM  
Council agreed to consider the Agenda item 11.4 of Ordinary Supplementary Meeting

#### **11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

#### **11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES – SUPPLEMENTARY**

##### **MOTION**

##### **That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the local authority minutes report;
- b) Receive and note the minutes of the Tennant Creek Minutes from the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022;
- c) Receive and note the minutes of the Tennant Creek Minutes from the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022;
- d) Approve the allocation of \$20,000.00 of Tennant Creek Local Authority funding towards Animal Management services;
- e) Receive and note the minutes of the Alpururulam Minutes from the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022;
- f) Receive and note the minutes of the Alpururulam Minutes from the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022;
- g) Approve the allocation for purchase of \$18,260.00 of a grandstand, \$750.00 for powder protective coating and \$1,540.00 for freight for a total of \$22,451.00 towards a grandstand from Felton Industries from Alpururulam local authority funding;
- h) Approve the allocation of \$1,000.00 of Alpururulam Local Authority funding towards the Forgotten Warrior story;
- i) Approve the allocation of \$8,595.00 of Alpururulam Local Authority funding towards Animal Management services
- j) Receive and note the minutes of the Ali Curung Minutes from the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022;
- k) Approve the allocation of \$4,804.00 of Ali Curung Local Authority funding towards

the installation of an electrical connection to the 20ft container with the works being completed by Mike Nash Electrical;

- l) Approve the allocation of \$8,593.00 of Ali Curung Local Authority funding towards the purchase of whipper snippers and mowers for Ali Curung and Murry Downs from No Worries Gardening; and
- m) Approve the allocation of \$15,000.0 of Ali Curung Local Authority funding towards Animal Management Services.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Russell O'Donnell**

**Seconded: Cr Greg Marlow**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 104/22*

The footpath will be fixed as addressed

Cr Heather Wilson left the meeting, the time being 03:49 PM

Cr Heather Wilson returned to the meeting, the time being 03:53 PM

Cr Heather Wilson left the meeting, the time being 04:05 PM

**11.2 ELLIOTT LIBRARY**

**MOTION**

**That Council:**

- a) receive and note the report on the Elliott Library; and
- b) seek applicants for the Elliott Library until the position is filled.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Noel Hayes**

**Seconded: Cr Lennie Barton**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 105/22*

**11.3 ELLIOTT ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

**MOTION**

**That Council:** close item on the purchase of a card machine for Elliott as the card machine is no longer required to be purchased by the Local Authority.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Anita Bailey**

**Seconded: Cr Lennie Barton**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 106/22*

**11.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Local Authority Report for April; and
- b) Receive and note the minutes from the Ali Curung Local Authority May Meeting.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Greg Marlow**

**Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 107/22*

Cr Heather Wilson returned to the meeting, the time being 04:15 PM

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**12.1 LGANT MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**That Council:** receive and note the Minutes of the LGANT Annual General Meeting 2022.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Greg Marlow**

**Seconded: Cr Noel Hayes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 108/22*

**12.2 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 19 TO 22 JUNE**

**MOTION**

**That Council:** nominate the following councilors to attend the annual NGA in Canberra along with the CEO and Mayor:

1. Cr. Pam Corbett;
2. Cr. Anita Bailey; and
3. Cr. Lennie Barton.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Noel Hayes**

**Seconded: Cr Russell O'Donnell**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 109/22*

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

**13.1 CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION**

**That Council:** receive and note the correspondence for April.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Hal Ruger**

**Seconded:Cr Anita Bailey**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 110/22*

Council agreed to consider the Agenda item 18.2 of Confidential Meeting

**MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**That Council:** move into confidential session.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Anita Bailey**

**Seconded:Cr Hal Ruger**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 111/22*

**18.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS OF AMPILATWATJA**

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**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Appoint the nominated local authority members:
  - Terry Morton
  - Rhonda Holmes
  - Steven Morton
  - Marylou Bailey
  - Kenneth Woodman
  - Daylene Woodman
- c) Move into ordinary

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Hal Ruger**

**Seconded:Cr Anita Bailey**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OCCS 112/22*

#### **18.4 NOTIFICATION OF MATERIAL RISK**

*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 on the notification of Material Risk to the Council.
- b) Approve the immediate creation of and recruitment to a position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
- c) Note the plan to restructure the organization in line with the Barkly Regional Council Operating Plan (Regional Plan) 2022-2023
- d) Call a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee.
- e) Move this item to Ordinary

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr Hal Ruger**

**Seconded: Cr Russell O'Donnell**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OCCS 113/22*

Cr Hal Ruger requested a full proposal for the restructure to be tabled at the next Council meeting if possible

#### **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 lists 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.

#### **4. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 6 pm.

This page and the proceeding 15 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 26 May 2022 and are unconfirmed .

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Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Council Mayor

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Emma Bradbury  
Chief Executive Officer

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