

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

THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2019

The Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 27 June 2019 at 8:30 am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8:38am with Mayor Steven Edgington as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Mayor Steve Edgington
Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese
Cr. Noel Hayes
Cr. Ronald Plummer
Cr. Hal Ruger
Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin
Cr. Ricky Holmes
Cr. Sid Vashist
Cr. Lucy Jackson (via videoconference)
Cr. Jennifer Mahoney (via phone)

1.2 Staff Members Present

Steve Moore – Chief Executive Officer
Mark Parsons – Director of Operations
Gary Pemberton – Finance Manager
Neil Jones – Human Resources Manager
Vanessa Vukovic - Executive Assistant to the CEO
Andrew Scoffern – Governance and Quality Officer

1.3 Apologies

Cr. Jane Evans
Elai Semisi – Director of Infrastructure

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Cr. Jack Clubb
Cr. Ray Aylett

MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Does not give permission for Councillors Clubb and Aylett to be Absent Without Apology.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 147/19

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff

- Mayor Steve Edgington – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Institute of Managers and Leaders - Associate Fellow
 - Australian Institute of Company Directors - Member
 - Law Society Northern Territory - Associate Member
 - Tennant Creek Regional Consumer Advisory Group
 - AFLNT Barkly Advisory Committee - Member
 - Tennant Creek Economic Development Committee – Member
 - Rotary – Member
 - Bizspeak Pty Ltd– Director
 - Battery Hill – Member
 - Alcohol Reference Group - Committee Member
 - Regional Development Australia - Chair
- Cr. Kris M. Civitarese – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek and District Show Society – Vice President
 - The Returned and Service League of Australia, Tennant Creek Sub-Branch – President
 - Development Consent Authority – Barkly Region Member/Delegate
 - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory – Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary – Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - T & J Contractors – Senior Manager
 - Barkly Art - Board Member
 - KNC (NT) – Managing Director
- Cr. Raymond E. Aylett – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Sporties Club, Tennant Creek – Member
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association - Member
 - Barkly Electorate Officer /Member for Barkly
 - Battery Hill – Member
 - Barkly Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek High School - Member
 - Tennant Creek Primary School – Member
 - Christmas Tree Committee - Member
 - Multicultural Association of Central Australia – Member
 - Australia-India Business Council - Member
- 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. Jeffrey McLaughlin – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Regional Arts - Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member
 - Nundahraga Entertainment – Sound sub-contractor
 - Christmas Tree Committee – Member
 - First Persons Disability Network

- Tennant Creek Primary School – Teacher
- Tennant Creek High School - Teacher
- Cr. Ronald Plummer – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Pururutu Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Patta Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Member
 - Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
- Cr. Jane Evans - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Puma Elliott
- Steve Moore - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Battery Hill – Director
 - Tennant Creek Pistol Club – Committee Member

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Confirm the Minutes from Council Meeting held 30 May 2019 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 148/19

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION LIST

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action List; and
- b) Remove completed items 1, 7, 11, 16-17, 21, 23-25 and 27-30 from the Action List.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 149/19

Item 5: Cr Ruger to send a list of all dark spots in Tennant Creek to the CEO
Council noted that Perry Drive (the Tennant Creek High School road) was especially dark.

Copy of light audit for Tennant Creek and the Communities

Item 8: No arrows on Elliott roads and no yellow lines, white have been completed

Item 10: Find the initial agreement with Brian Coleman

Item 23: To be included in July Council Agenda

Item F: CEO to circulate invitation for the tip visit

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Break for Morning Tea at 10:45am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 150/19

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Resume Ordinary Session at 11:12am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 151/19

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 HYDRAULIC FRACTURING INQUIRY IMPLEMENTATION TASKFORCE PRESENTATION

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the presentation by the Hydraulic Fracturing Inquiry Implementation Taskforce.

Deferred to next meeting

4.2 DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the address from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development;
- b) Instruct the CEO to prepare a proposed written response to circulate to Council members; and
- c) Request Mayor to write to the Minister requesting further time to consider a response.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 152/19

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 09:52 AM

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 09:59 AM

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Mayor's verbal update; and
- b) Request the CEO to liaise with Councillor McLaughlin to review Draft Environment and Sustainability Terms of Reference for the July Council Meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 153/19

Expressions of Interest for the Environment and Sustainability Committee to be circulated to gauge interest in the Committee.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Break for lunch at 12:55pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 154/19

Cr Lucy Jackson left the meeting, the time being 01:34 PM

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Resume Ordinary Council Session at 1:36pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded:Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 155/19

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Endorse the recommendation made by the Cultural Competency Committee to approve the Reconciliation Action Plan;
- b) Request the CEO present the Induction Plan at the next Council Meeting;
- c) Circulate Reconciliation Action Plan to Aboriginal Corporations, Central Land Council, Northern Land Council, Cultural Advisory Group and Patta for input and feedback; and
- d) Ensure the RAP is included in all Local Authority Agendas.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded:Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 156/19

7.2 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded:Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 157/19

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 01:58 PM

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

7.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the CEO update.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded:Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 158/19

7.4 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT JUNE 2019

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Human Resources Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 159/19

New proposed date for EBA voting is from 21 July with the access period to be the week prior.

S.1 WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Workforce Management Plan Presentation; and
- b) Feedback and approval to be deferred to the 25 July Council Meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 160/19

Ensure all numbers and percentages in the Plan are correct.

HR to develop a Retention Policy as an attempt to ensure the best quality people remain employed at the Barkly Regional Council

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT - MAY 2019

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the eleven months ended 31 May 2019.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 161/19

Clarify the \$54k spent on Lot 24 at Ali Curung

8.1 GRANTS REPORT - MAY 2019

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the eleven months to 31 May 2019; and
- b) Instruct the CEO not to receive any AAI funding unless it relates to a project developed or recommended by the Local Authority.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 162/19

Cr Ricky Holmes left the meeting, the time being 02:32 PM

Cr Ricky Holmes returned to the meeting, the time being 02:35 PM

8.2 POLICY REVIEW - CP11: ELECTED MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Approved Council Policy **CP11: Elected Member Allowances Policy** as amended to establish Council's policy in relation to payment of allowances in compliance with the Minister's Guidelines; and
- b) Approve the rates of allowances payable to Elected Members for the 2019-2020 financial year as determined by Approved Council Policy **CP11: Elected Member Allowances Policy**.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 163/19

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Break for Afternoon Tea at 2:55pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 164/19

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Resume Ordinary Session at 3:21pm

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded:Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 165/19

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2019

MOTION

That Council:

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

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded:Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 166/19

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT FOR JUNE 2019

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report for Community Services for June 2019.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded:Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 167/19

Update on the Facebook page about the heating of the Tennant Creek Swimming Pool

Mayor to write to Chief Minister regarding inadequate funding and funding shortfalls for Sport and Rec

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

11.1 JUNE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the minutes of the Alpururulam Local Authority;
- b) Receive and note the minutes of the Tennant Creek Local Authority;
- c) Receive and note the minutes of the Ampilatwatja Local Authority; and

d) Receive and note the minutes of the Wutunugurra Local Authority.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 168/19

Tennant Creek LA Minutes to reflect accurate attendance

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Defer the approval for a 12-month membership of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council;
- b) Follow up on any previous motions made by Council; and
- c) Request the CEO to enquire about the Mobile Muster program.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 169/19

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 04:03 PM

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin returned to the meeting, the time being 04:08 PM

15.2 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Director of Operations Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 170/19

15.3 CHANGE TO CORPORATE STRUCTURE

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Approve the change to the corporate structure to include the employment of one executive manager and up to three officers for the Regional Deal Backbone team. Employment to be subject to funding and for the maximum term of three years.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 171/19

15.4 MORIARTY FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

MOTION

That the Authority:

- a) Receive and note the presentation from the Moriarty Foundation to the Tennant Creek Local Authority.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 172/19

S.2 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and endorse the Draft Regional Plan for public consultation.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 173/19

Trucks over 4.5 tonne \$132 per cubic metre or by prior commercial arrangement to be included on page 61 of Regional Plan

Ensure consistency regarding name of Deputy Mayor throughout document

Enquire about who maintains control over the removal of car bodies at Wycliffe Well

Shade sail at showgrounds to be included in the Tennant Creek Local Projects page as it occurred in this financial year

Discuss the issue of staff behaviour on traditional and/or sacred land at the next Cultural Competency Committee Agenda

Organise a meeting 24 July at 2pm to discuss the Regional Plan and Workforce Management Plan

Cr Kris Civitarese left the meeting, the time being 12:05 PM

Cr Kris Civitarese returned to the meeting, the time being 12:14 PM

16. CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR JUNE 2019

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the correspondence for the month of June 2019.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 174/19

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Approve the sponsorship of the Ancient Rome: The Empire proposal for 12 weeks free rent of the Civic Hall from 2 April 2022 until 26 June 2022 conditional upon Council being recognised as a major sponsor

For: Crs Civitarese, Edgington, Hayes, Holmes, Ruger and Vashist

Against: Crs Mahoney, McLaughlin and Plummer

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

Resolved OC 175/19

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Approve the \$2000 Premium sponsorship of the Barkly Rodeo.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 176/19

17. MOTIONS MOVED OUT OF CONFIDENTIAL

17.4 ARLPARRA 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:

- a) Appoint Allarica Palmer, Shirley Kunoth and Clayton Daniels to the Arlparra Local Authority; and
- b) Move this recommendation out of Confidential into Ordinary.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 139/19

17.7 DEBT WRITE-OFF

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) resolve to write-off debts outstanding for library fines totaling \$682.90, as certified by the Chief Executive Officer, as all reasonable efforts have been made to recover the debts and recovery of such debts is not reasonably possible;
- b) Record these debts in a Register of Uncollected Debts so that Council may take action in the future to recover the debts written-off; and
- c) Moves this resolution from Confidential to Ordinary, ensuring debtors are only referenced by way of Debtor Number.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 142/19

28.9 APPOINTMENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR: 2019-2022

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

MOTION

That Council:

- (a) Appoint Lowrys as the External Auditor of Council for the financial years ending 30 June 2019 to 30 June 2022 inclusive at the rates specified in the "Quotation for Audit Services" provided; and
b) Move this resolution from Confidential to Ordinary business.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 144/19

RECOMMENDATION

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Donate up to \$2000.00 to cover the cost of cleaning toilets at the Show Grounds, invoice to be directly paid by council. Should commercial cleaners not be able to do the cleaning, Council staff will do the job; and
b) Move this Motion out of Confidential.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 177/19

18. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

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 65(2) of the *Local Government Act NT (2008)*.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 178/19

19. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 4:49 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 14 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Council Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 27 June 2019 AND CONFIRMED Thursday, 25 July 2019.

Steven Edgington
Council Mayor

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Confirmed