

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, 28 July 2022 at 8:30am.

Emma Bradbury

Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8:43 am with Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

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

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Emma Bradbury – Chief Executive Officer
- Troy Koch – Director of Operations
- Anupam Singh – Acting Finance Manager

1.3 Visitors Present

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1.4 Apologies

- Deputy Mayor Dianne Seri Stokes
- Cr. Lennie Barton

1.5 Absent Without Apologies

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1.6 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.

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 30th June 2022

10.1 correction of sever to severe

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Anita Bailey

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Action and Resolution Tracker
- b) Direct area managers for each community to perform an audit of abandoned vehicles in communities and surrounding areas/
- c) Move the items into Complete as per the Action and Resolution Tracker;
- d) Conduct an abandoned car audit in Tennant Creek and communities as well as surround areas;
- e) Investigate the illegal dumping of cars in river ways and other areas and what council can do to stop this;
- f) Write a letter to John Gaynor to request an update on water quality in communities;
- g) Write a letter to Minister Lawler and Minister Uibo in regards to the ongoing power issues and outages at Ali Curung as well as the water issues;
- h) Investigate waste management in communities in regards to what is done with car batteries as well as other legacy waste.

7.1 – change from complete to ongoing as Sarah has not attended the council meeting to update.

Council is looking for a report on initiatives to clean up cars and options and opportunities that deliver programs that utilises these abandoned vehicles

Report to council on capacity to audit abandoned vehicles in communities by area managers and if we can recover and utilise the abandoned cars

9.2 remove of tyres from go kart track – letter for community grants still not done

5.1 Northern interest contract amendments still ongoing

Completed items – more information requested as currently all it says is Completed the councillors would like extra information when an item is complete

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jack Jack Clubb

Seconded: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 137/22

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 DILP PRESENTATION ON ACTIVITIES UPDATES TO COUNCIL

MOTION

That Council receives and notes the presentation from the Department of Planning Infrastructure and Logistics (DIPL).

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 138/22

MOTION

- a) Council request the CEO write a letter to DIPL to do an audit of the parking spots in town, GP clinic and government building asking should they be updated to angle parking

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 139/22

Cr Noel Hayes left the meeting, the time being 10:29 AM

Cr Anita Bailey left the meeting, the time being 10:28 AM

Cr Anita Bailey returned to the meeting, the time being 10:30 AM

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 10:38 AM

Cr Derek Walker returned to the meeting, the time being 10:31 AM

Cr Noel Hayes returned to the meeting, the time being 11:25 AM

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the report from Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin for the month of July;
- b) Write to AFL Barkly about concerns over incident involving a umpire and a councillor delivering a welcome to country at the event.

Tourism – Sign that says only Alice Springs & Darwin. Katherine and Tennant Creek aren't listen 3 years after requested.

Does council have a policy in regards to cross cultural training and information sharing

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Heather Wilson

Seconded: Councillor Pamela Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 140/22

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 PASSING OF SANTOSH NIARULA, DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE

MOTION

That Council

- a) Note the passing of En. Santosh Niarula, Director of Infrastructure and express condolences to Mrs Niarula and family; and
- b) Approve a service to dedicate the installation of a plaque at the Cemetery Chapel to the memory of Mr Niarula.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

Seconded:Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 141/22

7.2 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council

receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of July 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded:Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 142/22

7.2.1 MORNING TEA –

MOTION

Council Breaks for morning Tea

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer

Seconded:Cr. Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 143/22

7.2.2 RETURN TO MEETING –

MOTION

Council returns to the meeting

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded:Councillor Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 144/22

7.3 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

MOTION

That Council

- a) confirm the following elected members as members of the Audit and Risk committee
 - a. Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes
 - b. Cr Russell O'Donnell

- c. Cr Noel Hayes
- d. Cr Greg Marlow
- e. Cr Ronald Plummer
- b) Receive and note the BRC Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference
- c) Bring a list of all committees and which councillors are on them to the next meeting.

Hal withdraws

Pam withdraws

Councillors asked is it 6 years as independent chair, or does being appoint as a member also include this time

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Pamela Corbett

Seconded:Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 145/22

7.4 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REPORT

MOTION

That Council: receive and note the monthly financial statements report June 2022.
Breakdown of other income – variant to the finance report

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer

Seconded:Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 146/22

Quotes on portable toilets for Tennant Creek

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 GRANTS REPORT

MOTION

Disregard item B

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb

Seconded:Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 147/22

8.2 PURKISS RESERVE USER GROUP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOTION

That Council

- i) Develop a draft Terms of Reference for the Purkiss Reserve User Group Advisory Committee, having regard to the knowledge and history of the previous Purkiss Reserve Committee and future needs for management of the reserve
- ii) present Terms of reference to council for feedback and adopt an agreed upon Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 148/22

Cr Derek Walker/Anita left the meeting, the time being 01:16 PM

Cr Derek Walker/Anita returned to the meeting, the time being 01:19 PM

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT

MOTION

That Council Receive and note the Infrastructure Directorate Report for the month of July 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Pamela Corbett

Seconded: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 149/22

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT JUNE 2022

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Community Development Report for June 2022

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 150/22

Hal has tabled a complaint letter to council to be discussed in confidential.

CEO has advised councillors that they are obliged to follow councils adopted complaints process and may put themselves at being in breach of councils code of conduct if not followed.

10.1.1 BREAK FOR LUNCH -

MOTION

Council breaks for lunch

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 151/22

10.1.2 RETURN TO MEETING - Councillor Noel Hayes

MOTION

Return to meeting

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 152/22

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Local Authority Report for the month of July;

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 153/22

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

15. OPERATIONS

15.1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the *Operations Director's* report for July 2022

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 154/22

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17. CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 BANNING OF FIREWORKS ON TERRITORY DAY.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) receive and note the correspondence from Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- b) express concern for the welfare of animal in regards to irresponsible use of fire works encourage responsible use of fireworks and enforcement of limitations and of innovative initiatives such as buy backs;
- c) Would like to know how many letters have been sent to vacant lots with overgrown vegetation.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 155/22

17.1.1 CLOSE OF ORDINARY MEETING -

MOTION

Council close the ordinary council meeting

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Pamela Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 156/22

17.1.2 MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL

MOTION

Council moves into confidential session

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Cr. Noel Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 157/22

18. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

19. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 5:26 pm.

This page and the proceeding 8 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 28 July 2022 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Council Mayor

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer