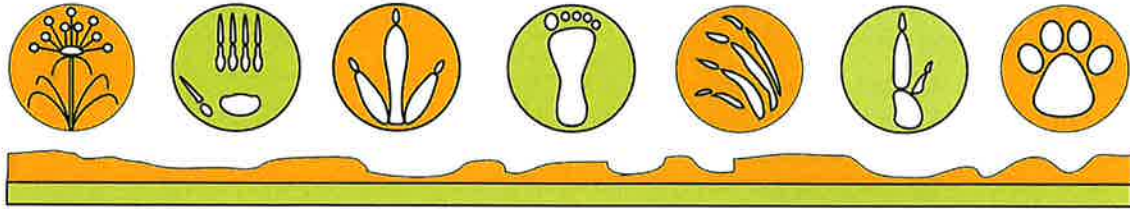


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## 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, 14 DECEMBER 2017**

The Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 14 December 2017 at 8:30am.

**Steve Moore**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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Meeting commenced at 1:43 pm with Mayor Steve Edgington as Chair.

**1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

1.1 Elected Members Present

Mayor Steve Edgington  
Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes  
Cr. Sid Vashist  
Cr. Jack Clubb  
Cr. Ronald Plummer  
Cr. Kris Civitarese  
Cr. Ray Aylett  
Cr. Ricky Holmes  
Cr. Jane Evans  
Cr. Hal Ruger  
Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

1.2 Staff Members Present

Steve Moore – CEO  
Elai Semisi – Director of Infrastructure  
Stephen Dawkins – Director of Communities  
Mark Parsons – Director of Operations  
Gary Pemberton – Finance Manager  
Neil Jones – Human Resources Manager  
Ashoor Khan – Governance  
Jill Kleiner – Department of Housing and Community Development (Attended for a short period only)

1.3 Apologies

Cr. Jack Clubb

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Cr. Jennifer Mahoney

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
- 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 – Vice President
  - Development Consent Authority – Barkly Region Member/Delegate
  - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory – Tennant Creek Committee Member
  - T & J Contractors – Senior Manager
- 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 - Secretary/Public Officer

- Barkly Electorate Officer /Member for Barkly
- 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
  - Tennant Creek Memorial Club - President
  - Tennant Creek Children’s Christmas Tree – President
  - Territory Generation - Employee
- Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - Barkly Regional Arts - Member
  - Tennant Creek Playgroup - Member
  - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member
  - Nundahraga Entertainment – Sound sub-contractor
- Cr. Lucy Jackson – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - Housing Reference Group – Member
  - Mirnirri Store - Chairperson
- Cr. Ronald Plummer – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - Purrutu Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
  - Patta Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
  - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation - Member
- Cr. Ricky Holmes - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - Ampilatwatja Health Clinic – Senior Health Worker
- Cr. Jane Evans - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - BP Elliott

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

Introduction - The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting, and acknowledged the traditional owners. He also had a look at the section relating to casual vacancies.

#### 1.4 ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES

##### MOTION

##### That Council

- a) Notes that Cr. Mahoney has been absent without apology for two consecutive meetings
- b) Instruct the CEO to speak personally with Cr. Mahoney to seek reasons for absence
- c) Instruct CEO to discuss outcome of conversation with NTG compliance section to determine consequences under the Act.
- d) In any case make contact with the Electoral Commission to report the absence under the Act

**Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett**

**Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 197/17*

**ACTION:** CEO to contact NTG compliance and update at the next meeting. Mayor highlighted the need to find out reasons first.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

#### MOTION

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 November 2017 at Tennant Creek as a true and accurate record, with the following amendment:
  - 17.1A. Should read "Approve \$500 donation to Tennant Creek Women's Cricket as sponsorship for the 2018 Imparja Cup"

**Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist**

**Seconded: Cr. Kris Civitarese**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 198/17*

**3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**3.1 ACTIONS FROM ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2017**

**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the Action List from Council's meeting held on 23 November 2017.
- b) Note all completed actions since the last meeting be removed.
- c) Add action item that CEO is to write to CEO of Department of Education to advise of Lease Ownership status of that Block lot 55 and enquire about playgroup

**Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger**

**Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 199/17*

**3.2 REPORT ON COUNCILLOR PAYMENTS (TIMING & TAXATION)**

**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Instruct the CEO to seek further independent policy advice in respect to the implications of the Income Tax Assessment Act on Councillor allowances.
- b) Further, that Councillors are encouraged to seek their own independent individual financial advice based upon their own personal circumstances.

**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese**

**Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 200/17*

Cr. Hal Ruger noted during the discussion that classifying councillors as employees may require clarification due to provisions in the NT Local Government Act. The Mayor noted that some elected members may have to reconsider their time commitments if the changes were to be made.

**4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING**

*Nil*

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

Nil

6. **PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

7. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT**

**7.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Note the written report from Mayor Steven Edgington
- b) Instruct the CEO to develop a policy with a position statement on domestic violence, develop a domestic violence action plan, signs for remote communities and Purkiss Reserve, and develop an implementation plan for the policy that may require training/education to ensure it is embedded throughout the organisation and include use of 'No More' logos
- c) Instruct the CEO to update the 'Purchasing and Procurement Policy' to ensure it addresses the concerns raised during the 'Business Forum' and that it is capable of withstanding public, government, ministerial and ICAC scrutiny.
- d) Occupy community centre at Epenarra, vacate current office and convert back to visiting staff accommodation and council start negotiating with other service providers about leasing that space at Epenarra

**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese**

**Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 201/17*

There were suggestions that Councillors go to schools to deliver programs about domestic violence. The Mayor noted that Council needs to show some leadership on this front. The CEO highlighted the fact that this message will need to be delivered to all staff. Cr. Ruger had a question about the costs of the move at Epenarra and the CEO advised that this would be minimal.

Cr. Hayes left the meeting at 2:15 PM and returned to the meeting at 2:16 PM.

8. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**8.1 CEO - DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**MOTION**

That Council receive and note the attached declaration.

**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese**

**Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 202/17*

## **8.2 CEO UPDATE DECEMBER 2017**

### **MOTION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Instruct CEO to write to the NT Government Department of Tourism and Sports and PMC to seek explanation for absence of funding for Epenarra community.

**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese**

**Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 203/17*

CEO to distribute contact numbers over Christmas

The Mayor asked about HR slides and whether the 'Recruiting and Retaining staff in remote areas' presentation by the HR manager has been implemented.

## **8.3 AUSTRALIA DAY 2018 GENERAL**

### **MOTION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report on Australia Day 2018

**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese**

**Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 204/17*

Councillors noted that events had been organised during the day and highlighted the need to embrace Warramungu culture.

## **8.4 2017-2018 CAPITAL PROGRAM**

### **MOTION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

**Moved: Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes**

**Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC205/17*

The CEO noted that all information around LA's are being fed to property and facilities coordinator for incorporation into asset management plan. There was a

question about the costs associated with upgrading the Civic Hall and CEO noted that this will be included in the plan if upgrades are not carried out this year.

ACTION: The right fees need to be put up at the dump (Rubbish tip)

## **9. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

The Mayor asked Councillors whether anyone wished to report any declarations of interest with respect to this item. Cr. Civitaresse declared an interest for work completed through the homelands programme. Whilst these are public figures, any discussion on this topic will require him to leave the meeting.

Cr. Ruger left the meeting at 2:25 PM

### **9.1 GRANTS RECEIVED TO 30 NOVEMBER 2017**

#### **MOTION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Note the attached grants received for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 November 2017.
- b) Instruct the CEO to provide a further update for the financial position of each grant at the January meeting

**Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson**

**Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 206/17*

### **9.2 FINANCE REPORT - 30 NOVEMBER 2017**

#### **MOTION**

That Council receive and note the Finance Report for the five months ended 30 November 2017.

**Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer**

**Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 207/17*

There was a power outage during this part of the meeting.

### **9.3 CORPORATE CREDIT CARD POLICY**

#### **MOTION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Endorse and approve the attached Corporate Credit Card policy

**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese**

**Seconded: Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 208/17*

CEO noted that most purchases are for either fuel, accommodation or the payment of online regulatory transactions. CEO also pointed out that there are only a very small number of credit cards issued to staff and they are reconciled regularly.

Gary Pemberton left the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Cr. Holmes left the meeting at 2:31 PM.

Cr. Ruger and Gary Pemberton returned to the meeting at 2:33 PM.

## **10. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

### **10.1 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT FOR NOV-DEC 2017**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

##### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report of activities within the Infrastructure Directorate.
- b) Instruct the CEO to determine prior to 31 December 2017 whether or not the streetlights at Elliott and Tennant Creek town camps are part of the handover agreement with Power and Water.

**ACTION:** Councillors wish to know, after the hand over what rates are being charged for streetlights.

There was also some discussions about the cleaning and usage of public toilets in Elliott.

Cr. Holmes returned at 2:30 PM.

## **11. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

### **11.1 NDIS BRIEFING FOR COUNCIL**

#### **MOTION**

##### **That Council**

- a) Receive the report and note its contents

**Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist**

**Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 209/17*



The Deputy Mayor suggested having a report to the LAs about the NDIS because it's a Shire operated program. The report should set out what is delivered in those communities and how it is being done. It should be standardised across the LAs.

#### 11.1A REPORTS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

##### MOTION

##### That Council

- a) Instruct the CEO to include a standing item at LA meetings/agendas to deliver a report on ALL council services being delivered in that LA area

**Moved: Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes**

**Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 210/17*

#### 11.2 YOUTH SERVICES-SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM IN TENNANT CREEK

##### MOTION

##### That Council

- a) Note the report and its contents
- b) Instruct CEO to review performance reports for the YouthLinx programs, identify any gaps and write to CEO, Territory Families to seek further funding so we can address these gaps
- c) CEO to find out how many YOREOS are working in the region, where they are, how many hours they work, what they are doing and who they report to.
- d) CEO to discuss issues relating to Night Patrol in Tennant Creek and Elliott with JCAC CEO to ensure there is a consistent night patrol service being delivered across the region
- e) CEO to invite Night Patrol Manager from Council and Night Patrol Coordinators from JCAC to the next meeting

**Moved: Cr. Jane Evans**

**Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 211/17*

Cr. Hayes raised night patrol hours in Ali Currung as an issue. Cr. Evans and Cr. Aylett also raised night patrol issues in Elliott. The Mayor noted that service delivery appears to be inconsistent and the issue about the hours worked needs to be resolved. The CEO will discuss this with the Night Patrol Manager.

Gary Pemberton left the meeting at 2:50 PM.

Cr. McLaughlin left the meeting at 2:57 PM for a doctor's appointment.

## 12. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Supplementary Paper was dealt with after Correspondence.

**13. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Nil*

**14. NOTICES OF MOTION**

*Nil*

**15. RESCISSION MOTIONS**

*Nil*

**16. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**16.1 LETTER OF SUPPORT - ANIMAL MANAGEMENT GRANT - BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND**

**MOTION**

That Council authorise the Mayor to sign the attached letter of support for the purposes of the Building Better Regions Fund grant application.

**Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett**

**Seconded: Cr. Kris Civitarese**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 212/17*

There was a discussion amongst Councilors about the VET practice. The Mayor noted that it may be worth having Katie Walker (Animal & Environment Health Manager) at the next meeting.

Note: Due to heavy rain it became difficult to hear some of the discussions that were occurring.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE**

**17.1 CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the attached correspondence
- b) Retrospectively approve the sponsorship of the TC Primary School graduation day and provide the Civic Hall free of charge. Council to be acknowledged as a major sponsor.

**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese**

**Seconded: Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 213/17*

The CEO noted that this item has already occurred and not paid for.

The Mayor went through LGANT nominations and results. The Mayor, Cr. McLaughlin, Cr. Plummer were appointed to committee positions.

## S.1 SUMMARY OF RECENT LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

### MOTION

#### That Council

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Approve the Tennant Creek LA funding allocations as follows:
  - i) \$2,000 for plants for existing public spaces
  - ii) \$30,000 towards animal management activities in Tennant Creek
- c) Cancel the \$30,000 allocation towards the Tennant Creek BMX track
- d) Will not offer 'Brown's Old Time Carnival' the use of council properties during Desert Harmony festival.
- e) Instruct the CEO to include all projects from the Ali Currung, Tennant Creek, Wutunugurra, and Ampilatwaja LA meetings on the draft five year community plan

**Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger**

**Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 214/17*

Cr. Ruger left the meeting at 3:17 PM

## MEETING ADJOURNMENT – AFTERNOON TEA

### MOTION

That Council adjourn the Ordinary Council Meeting for twenty minutes – time being 3:20 PM.

**Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer**

**Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 215/17*

Note: That Councillors proceeded to the confidential section of the meeting immediately following afternoon tea.

## 19. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

Cr. McLaughlin and Cr. Ruger returned to the meeting.

## 19.1A MOVE BACK INTO ORDINARY OPEN COUNCIL MEETING

### MOTION

That Council move back into Ordinary open session – time being 5:43 PM

**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese**

**Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 216/17

**19.1B MOVE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS BACK INTO ORDINARY OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION**

That Council move and adopt the following items from the confidential session back into the ordinary open meeting:

- a) Item 18.1(b)  
**That Council**  
Confirm the Confidential Meeting Minutes held on 23 November 2017 at Tennant Creek as a true and accurate record.
- b) Item 18.4(b) and (c)  
**That Council**
- Authorise the CEO to enter into a three year contract for Telstra Services
  - Instruct the CEO to review and develop Council's ICT use Policy, if there is one, to ensure there are sufficient controls around issue of devices and usage

**Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist**

**Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 217/17

**18. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting was terminated at 5:45 PM by the Mayor.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Council Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 14 December 2017 AND CONFIRMED Thursday, 25 January 2018.

  
Steven Edgington  
Mayor

  
Gary Pemberton  
Acting Chief Executive Officer