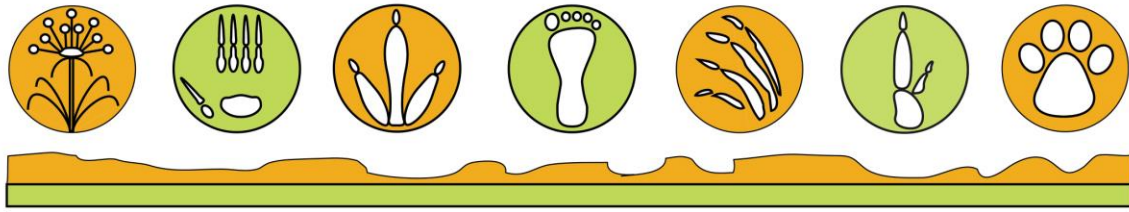


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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, 24 November 2022 at 1.43pm.

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.

Meeting commenced at 1.43 pm with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin - Mayor
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell – Deputy Mayor
- Cr. Dianne Stokes
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Anita Bailey
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Heather Wilson

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Emma Bradbury – Chief Executive Officer
- Troy Koch – Director of Operations
- Gillian Molloy – Acting Director of Community Development
- Rag Upadhyaya – Director Infrastructure
- Romeo Mutsago – Chief Financial Officer
- Karen Legge – Corporate & Community Planner
- Richard Bianco – Manager Information Services

1.3 Visitors Present

- Jo McPhee – Executive Officer, Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team

1.4 Apologies

- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Pam Corbett

1.5 Absent Without Apologies

- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Derek Walker

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

Mayor McLaughlin noted his interest in the Tennant Creek Christmas Tree Committee and Christmas Carols event.

1.7 Review of disclosure of interests – Councillors and Staff (to be done at each council meeting)

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF SPECIAL ORDINARY MEETING - 15 NOVEMBER 2022

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Confirm the Minutes of the Special Ordinary Meeting held on 15 November 2022 as a true and accurate record;
- b) Receive again and note the 2021-2022 Annual Report and audited General Purpose Financial Statements.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 216/22

Deputy Mayor O'Donnell noted the contribution of staff to the collation and publication of the Annual Report, and noted that Council lodged the Annual Report to the Minister and met the statutory deadline.

Action: Councillor Marlow requested that the Auditor's Management Letter be provided to the Council.

2.2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (27 OCTOBER 2022)

MOTION

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 October 2022 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 217/22

2.3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

MOTION

That Council carry forward the adoption of the previous Confidential Minutes to the December Council Meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 218/22

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 COUNCIL COMMITTEES - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

MOTION

That Council move this item into Confidential session for further discussion.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 219/22

3.2 TENNANT CREEK POOL: SUNDAY FAMILY FUN DAYS

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Tennant Creek Pool: Sunday Family Fun Days report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 220/22

Action: The updated Actions List will be considered at the December Council Meeting.

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 GOVERNANCE & RESPONSIBILITIES IN AGED CARE SERVICE PROVISION

Council received a presentation from Culturally Directed Care Solutions (CDCS) regarding its governance responsibilities related to Council's delivery of Aged Care services in the Barkly.

The Councillors and Executive Team received information about their obligations under the legislation, and were alerted to changes that have arisen from recent aged care inquiries.

4.2 TRIAL OF REDUCED HOURS AT BP SERVICE STATION

Council received a presentation from Chris Bettles from Tennant Creek BP service station to advise of a proposed trial to reduce opening hours. BP is proposing to close between 10pm and 6am overnight in a bid to address staff safety issues and difficulties in recruiting sufficient numbers of staff to cover the 24hour roster.

Mr Bettles is consulting broadly across the community to understand what the possible impacts of the reduced hours may be, and identify if there are other solutions to the issues that need to be addressed. If the trial proceeds, it will likely commence in January 2023.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

5.1 **IMPACT OF VALUER GENERAL'S REVALUATION ON INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL RATES FOR 2022-23**

Council acknowledged the members of the public who addressed Council during the morning's councillor workshop to express their continued dissatisfaction with the amount of the 2022-2023 rates for industrial and commercial land categories.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) invite the Valuer General and a rating specialist to present to Council as soon as possible
- b) notes the discrepancy between the published rate for penalty interest of 15% and the applied rate of 18%, and confirm the published rate as the correct penalty amount
- c) undertake a full review of Council's rating strategy prior to the calculation of the 2023-2024 rates
- d) explores options to minimise the adverse impacts of rate increases on affected ratepayers.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 221/22

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 **ACTING MAYOR'S REPORT: NOVEMBER 2022**

MOTION

That Council receives and notes the report from Acting Mayor, Councillor Russell O'Donnell, for the month of November 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 222/22

The Mayor thanked Councillor Stokes and Councillor O'Donnell for filling in during his time of leave.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the operating arrangements for the 2022/2023 Christmas/New Year period.
- b) Schedule the December 2022 Council meeting for 15 December to consider Business Arising and the report of the Business Process Review.
- c) Schedule the January 2023 Council Meeting for Tuesday 31st January.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 223/22

Councillor Marlow noted the effects of COVID over the last Christmas period and commended staff for their efforts under such circumstances. The meeting agreed that the staff had done Council proud.

7.2 VANDALISM AT LAKE MARY ANN

MOTION

That Council receive and note the report informing Council of actions taken in response to vandalism at Lake Mary Ann.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 224/22

Mayor McLaughlin noted that he had conveyed to Music NT his disgust at the vandalism inflicted by a touring band, and that the offenders had been banned from performing in the NT.

Councillor O'Donnell acknowledged fellow councillors and staff for their assistance with notifying the incident, liaising with police and preparing victim impact statements.

7.3 COUNCILLOR EXTRA MEETING ALLOWANCE

MOTION

That Council receive and note the report on Councillor meeting allowances.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 225/22

Action: Council requested that a review of the committees identified in this report, including confirming which are intended to be paid committees and to confirm Councillor nominations to these committees.

7.4 OPERATIONS REPORT

MOTION

That Council Receive and note the Operations Report for the month of October.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 226/22

7.5 AMENDMENT TO COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

MOTION

That Council amend the Code of Conduct Policy — Members/Councillors to include the following clause:

~~“Use of Council Motor Vehicle and other assets — Drivers must have zero alcohol and illicit drug levels when using a council motor vehicles and other assets.”~~

Amend the resolution:

That Council request further information about the application of the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct be provided to a future meeting of Council.

RESOLVED

Moved: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 227/22

Councillor Plummer noted that it will be important to have all Councillors present for this discussion. This highlighted the need for all Councillors to endeavour to be at all meetings.

7.6 CEO'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of November 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 228/22

7.7 UPDATE FROM THE BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL

MOTION

That Council receive and note a report from the Barkly Regional Deal.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 229/22

Jo McPhee, Executive Officer, Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team noted a current focus on building staff numbers and capacity and prioritising governance practice. A Project Manager has been employed to ensure document control and improve communication with the BRD Board, the community and Council. The BRD commits to providing regular updates to Council meetings.

7.8 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022

MOTION

That Council receive and note the finance statements for the month of October 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 230/22

Action: Councillor Marlow requested that previous year comparisons be included in monthly financial reports.

Council acknowledged the work of Acting Finance Manager, Anupam (Frank) Singh, and noted Council's appreciation of his great work during his time at Council.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 ICT REPORT - OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2022

MOTION

That Council receive and note the report the ICT Report - October & November 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Heather Wilson

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 231/22

Council noted the recent promotion of Grant Hanson to the role of ICT Coordinator, and acknowledged the value of growing our own staff and developing our leaders.

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INTRODUCING INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTOR - REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Infrastructure Directorate report for November 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 232/22

Clr Plummer left the meeting at 2.23pm

Clr Plummer returned to the meeting at 2.24pm

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - OCTOBER 2022 REPORT

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Community Development Directorate Report for the period October – November 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 233/22

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Local Authority Report for the month of November;
- b) Receive and note the Ali Curung Local Authority November meeting minutes;
- c) Receive and note the Alpurrulam Local Authority November meeting minutes;
- d) Receive and note the Elliot Local Authority November meeting minutes.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 234/22

Action: Mayor McLaughlin asked that Council consider how it might support the Local Authorities to promote attendance and achieve a quorum.

The CEO noted that Council is also seeking to streamline the process of bringing LA matters to Council for appropriate attention and resolution.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. OPERATIONS

See Item 7.4

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS

MOTION

That Council

a) receive and note the following information:

- Public notice is given that the Christmas Tree Committee event will be held in the Civic Hall, with set up on 9th December and event on 10th December
- A request from the Combined Churches for a Christmas Carols event to be held in Purkiss Reserve (or the Civic Hall depending on weather) on 11th December has been received.

b) Approve the use of the requested venues for these community events.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 235/22

17. CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION

That Council receive and note the report of outwards correspondence.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Anita Bailey

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 236/22

18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

19. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 2.33 pm.

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Jeffrey McLaughlin

Council Mayor

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Emma Bradbury

Chief Executive Officer

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