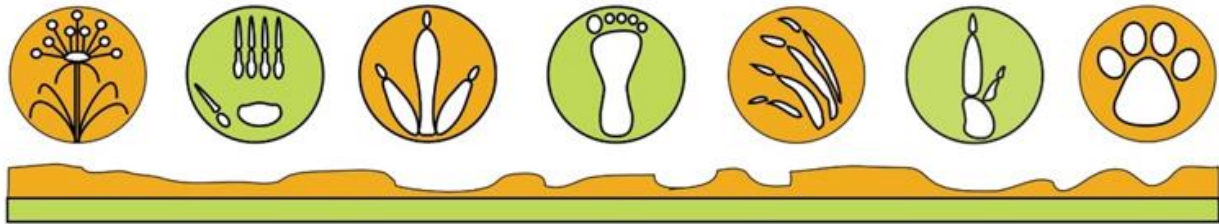


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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 7 December 2023 at 8:00 am.

Ian Bodill

Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

We strive to be a responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens to 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 policies 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.

1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

Meeting Started: 8:09am with Peter Holt - Official Manager as Chair

1.1 Staff Members Present

- Ian Bodill - Chief Executive Officer
- Emmanuel Okumu - Governance Manager
- Ryan Francis - Project Manager
- Gillian Molloy - Director of Community Development (Joined at 9.00)
- Brody Moore - Director Operations and remote Communities
- Romeo Mutsago - Chief Financial Officer

1.2 Visitors Present

NIL

1.3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Troy Koch - Apology

1.4 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes OCM 27092023 and SCM 10102023

The confirmation of the previous meetings minutes was deferred due to the absence of attendees from the prior Council meeting. Attention was directed towards addressing pertinent matters raised during the meeting, emphasising the need to ensure resolution of outstanding issues from the previous minutes.

Note that minutes have been received and remain as business arising.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/172

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

4 ADDRESSING THE MEETING

NIL

5 OFFICIAL MANAGER REPORT

6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.1 Reviewed Policies

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes, resolves to endorse the following policies and terms of reference for use by BRC.

MOTION

That Council notes, resolves to endorse the following policies and terms of reference for use by BRC.

- a) BRC Common Seal Policy
- b) BRC Advisory Committee Term of Reference
- c) Asset Management Policy (2015-Reviewed)
- d) Youth Supervision Policy
- e) Mandatory Reporting Policy
- f) TCYC Committee Terms of reference
- g) Designated Smoking Area Policy (OC 273/19- Reviewed)
- h) ICT Report

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/173

Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.2 The Common Seal

Reference

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1) Notes that one document was witnessed by staff as the Council had been suspended and before the start of the Official Manager.

- 2) Ratifies the execution of the following documents under the Council's Common Seal:
 - a. Barkly Regional Deal- Barkly Local Community Project Fund. Purchase of skid steer and excavator (BRDLCPF – 2023/24 - CC02).
 - b. Barkly Regional Deal – Barkly Local Community Project Fund. Community Strategic Planning for four named communities (Burudu, Corella Creek, Likkaparta & Blue Bush). BRDLCPF – 2023/24 - NBAC01
 - c. Variation of crown lease, Lot 2161. Extension of lease, 09 November 2024.

MOTION

Council notes that the document relating to the Skid Steer (2A) was witnessed by staff as Council had been suspended; Ratifies the execution of following documents under the Councils common seal Barkly Local Community Project Fund. Purchase of skid steer and excavator (BRDLCPF – 2023/24 - CC02). Barkly Regional Deal – Barkly Local Community Project Fund. Community Strategic Planning for four named communities (Burudu, Corella Creek, Likkaparta & Blue Bush). BRDLCPF – 2023/24 - NBAC01 and the variation of the Crown lease.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/174

Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.3 Advisory Committees

Reference

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1) Establishes Advisory Committees. Namely, (a) Tennant Creek Advisory Committee (b) Remote Communities Advisory Committee and (c) Youth Centres Advisory Committee.
- 2) Receives and resolves to approve the BRC Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference

MOTION

Council will have an informal discussion between the Official Manager, CEO and nominated staff in a Special Meeting to discuss a plan for this going forward. This matter is to be suspended pending further discussion.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/175

Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.4 Action Register

Reference

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- A) Receives and notes actions arising from the previous minutes.
- B) Makes necessary directions to have the overdue pending items to be attended to.

MOTION

Council receives and notes the actions from the previous minutes and makes necessary directions. To be included in the Directors weekly meeting and future meetings and to ensure that we are delivering on the actions of Council.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/176

Official Manager Peter Holt expressed his gratitude to all Directors for their submitted reports for this Council Meeting. He emphasized improved public access to Council information for transparency.

Directors briefed on staffing concerns for informed budget review. Highlighted the importance of prioritized task lists for the upcoming 6 months, focusing on key priorities. Discussion and focus needs to be centered around identifying main objectives.

Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.5 Risk and Audit Committee Members

Reference

Author Emmanuel Okumu (Governance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Resolves to call for expression of interest for an additional two risk and audit committee members.
- b) Determines the duration of those two members to be appointed.

MOTION

Council resolves to call for expressions of interest for 2 x risk and audit committee members and determines the duration of those two members to be appointed.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/177

Chief Executive Officers Reports

6.6 CEO Report December 7th 2023

Reference

Author Ian Bodill - Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and receives the information provided in the CEO's report

MOTION

Council notes and receives the information provided in the CEO's report

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/178

- CEO KPI's for evaluation in 6 months.
- Tennant Creek Landfill
 - EPA report recently completed. The Environmental Management plan is currently being reviewed with the landfill team to ensure the day-to-day operations align with the plan.
- Relocation of Operations Directorate – 48 Peko Road offices.
- The Director of Communities will now be managing the Animal Management responsibilities.
 - Draft animal management plan has been circulated effective 08.12.2023.
 - Reforming the animal management working group within the next 6 months to align with the animal management plan.
- Christmas closure 22.12.2023 – 02.01.2024
- Plant Purchase - 2 x Bobcats for Community
- Lake Mary Ann Dam
 - GHD Engineer onsite week starting 13.12.2023 to undertake an inspection of the dam.
 - Assess the damage and receive maintenance/repairs report.

7 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

7.1 Financial Directorate Report - YTD 31 October 2023

Reference

Author Romeo Mutsago – Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation that Council receives and notes the Finance Report for YTD 31.10.2023.

MOTION

Council receives and notes the Finance Report for YTD 31.10.2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/179

- All FY2023 finance acquittals have been audited and signed off and are being lodged with the respective funding agencies.
- ATO LODGEMENTS
 - As at 31 October, 2023 all statutory obligations are up to date.
- As at 31 October 2023, the finance directorate is staffed to enable normal independent checks of work to enhance internal controls within finance and BRC broadly.
- YTD October 2023 Financial Statements
 - Results indicate a healthy financial position as at 31 October 2023
- Barkly Regional Council is solvent and able to meet its contractual obligations.
- Finance recommends to council that an additional concession be applied to affected rate payers to further reduce FY2022-23 rates which increased on account of higher UCV's. The effect of the additional concession to adjust FY2023 rates to reflect an increase that would reflect CPI increase on FY2022 regardless of increase in UCVs for affect properties.
- Local Authorities
 - Barkly Regional Council Area managers are working with Local Authorities to ensure all committed funds are allocated and there is transparency of available funds.

8 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Corporate Services Directorate Reports

8.1 Corporate Services

Reference

Author Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services summation report.

MOTION

Council receives and notes the Corporate Services report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/180

Corporate Services Directorate Reports

8.2 ICT Report - October and November 2023

Reference

Author Grant Hanson (ICT Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the ICT report – October and November 2023.

MOTION

Council receives and notes ICT report – October and November 2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/181

Corporate Services Directorate Reports

8.3 Barkly Regional Deal Local Community Projects Fund For Common Seal

Reference

Author Susan Wright (Grants Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the agreements and applies the common seal.

MOTION

Council accepts and applies the common seal to Barkly Regional Deal Local Community Projects fund

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/182

SUMMARY

Under the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, Council is required to keep a register of Common Seal. There are 3 approved community projects requiring seals.

Arlpwe Artists Aboriginal Corporation, ABN 53 051 816 864

Purchase of New Toyota Coaster 22-seater bus for sporting, cultural and community events
\$132,147.27 plus gst \$13,214.73

Owairtilla Aboriginal Corporation, ABN 70 468 800 756

Purchase of a skid steer loader and excavator to be used for Community purposes – to maintain community infrastructure as per contractual obligations
\$87,877.00 plus gst \$ 8787.70

North Australian Rural Management Pty Ltd (NARMCO), ABN 62 103 522 498

Community Strategic Planning for four named communities (Burudu, Corella Creek, Likkaparta & Blue Bush)

\$96,488.00 plus gst \$ 9680.80

Corporate Services Directorate Reports

8.4 WARM funding project allocation

Author Susan Wright (Grants Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the report and recommendation for the WARM funding 2022/23

MOTION

Council accepts the report 8.4 and 8.6. Barkly Regional Council is requesting approval from the relevant department to spend the grant this year.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/183

Barkly Regional Council acknowledges receipt of the grant funds. Barkly Regional Council have underspent the grant funds and are seeking an extension to spend the funds in the current financial year.

Corporate Services Directorate Reports

8.5 Barkly Regional Council Community Benefit Fund

Reference

Author Susan Wright (Grants Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the report to re-instate the BRC Community Benefit Fund and re-instate the fund.

MOTION

Council accepts the report to reinstate the Barkly Regional Council Community benefit fund and updates the guidelines to 2023/2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/184

Barkly Regional Council operated a Community Grants program aimed at supporting community-based projects, events and organisations that contribute to community outcomes which are consistent with the Council's own goals. Grants were considered and allocated based on identified community need, Council priorities and the anticipated benefit to the community. Program funding was subject to the availability of funds at the time the Council adopted its budget.

The program provided financial assistance to:

- Support projects, activities or events of benefit to the Barkly Region;
- Initiate or develop services and resources to address the needs of particular community groups;
- Encourage public participation in community and cultural activities and build a greater sense of community and connectedness;
- Enrich the diversity of recreational, cultural, social and environmental opportunity to the residents of the Barkly Region.

Corporate Services Directorate Reports

8.6 WARM Reporting 2022 2023

Reference

Author Susan Wright (Grants Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the report for the expenditure of the WARM 2022 23 funding.

MOTION

Council accepts the report 8.4 and 8.6. Barkly Regional Council is requesting approval from the relevant department to spend the grant this year.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/185

Corporate Services Directorate Reports

8.7 HR report

Reference

Author Emily Wells, HR Manager & Murray Davies, Director, Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the November Recruitment and Workforce Profile reports.

MOTION

Council receives the November recruitment and workforce profile reports.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/186

Corporate Services Directorate Reports

8.8 Summer swimming

Reference

Author Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives, notes and implements this report:

- Accepts & executes, including application of the Common Seal, to the NTG grant agreement
- Manage and implement the spirit and conditions of the agreement
- Execute and affix the Common Seal to the grant agreement.

MOTION

Council receives, notes and implements this report; accepts and executes including applying the common seal to the NTG grant agreement. It manages and implements the spirit of the agreement – The Tennant Creek swimming pool will be open to the public 10:00am – 7:00pm except Christmas day; and Barkly Regional Council will execute and affix the common seal on receipt of the NTG Grant agreement.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/187

9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Community Development Directorate Reports

9.1 Community Development November 2023

RECOMENDATION

Recommendation that Council receives and notes the Community Development November report.

MOTION

Council receives and notes the Community Development November report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/1828

10 TENNANT CREEK DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Youthlinx Program November 2023

10.1 Youth Centre/ Youthlinks Program November 2023

RECOMENDATION

Recommendation that Council receives and notes the Youth Links Report and Program November 2023.

MOTION

Council receives, notes and accepts the Youth Linx report and takes note of the Youth Linx program 2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/189

Fitness & Wellness Centre November 2023

10.2 Fitness and Wellness Centre November 2023

Reference

Author Thomas Machin (Acting Council Services Manager - Tennant Creek)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Fitness and Wellness Centre November 2023 report.

MOTION

Council receives, notes and accepts the Fitness and Wellness Centre November report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/190

Tennant Creek Directorate Reports

10.3 Director of Tennant Creek Report

Author Troy Koch (Director of Tennant Creek)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Tennant Creek Directorate Reports

MOTION

Council receives, notes and accepts the Tennant Creek Directorate report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/191

11 OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Operations Directorate Reports

11.1 Local Authority Minutes

Author Brody Moore – Director of Operations and Remote Communities

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Minutes.

MOTION

Council receives, notes and accepts the Operations Directorate Reports

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/192

CEO Ian Bodill requested that a programme of upcoming Local Authority meetings be made available.

Operations Directorate Reports

11.2 Fleet, Plant and Equipment Plan

Author Brody Moore (Director of Operations & Remote Communities)

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive and implement Fleet Management and Replacement Business Case
2. That Council approve the Plant Hire-Purchase recommendation to meet immediate need

MOTION

Council receives and notes the fleet management replacement business case to be received and resubmitted.

UNRESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/193

The proposed fleet management replacement plan aims to revitalize existing assets or those deemed uneconomical to replace within Barkly Regional Council. An exploration of all potential options for fleet replacement requires further review.

Peter Holt requested more work been done on this proposal – investigating options for a more phased approach to the procurement of these replacement vehicles, ensuring regional needs and operational coverage is explored. Include a feasibility study of continual repairs versus replacement in the proposal.

Operations Directorate Reports

11.3 Asset Disposal - Auction

Reference

Author Brody Moore (Director of Operations & Remote Communities)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts and notes the Asset Disposal Report.
That Council approves of the Asset Disposal Auction proposal.

MOTION

Council accepts and notes the Asset Disposal Report.
Council approves of the Asset Disposal Auction proposal.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/194

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and approves that the Barkly Regional Council organizational chart be updated by Corporate Services.

MOTION:

Council notes and approves the proposal to update the Barkly Regional Council organizational chart.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/195

13 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

14 DECISION TO MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION



MOTION

Council move into confidential session at 12:16pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Official Manager Peter Holt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved OM-23/196

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 listed to be discussed come within the following provisions: -

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;

information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:
cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or

prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or

prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; or

subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;

information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;

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;

subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Status 51(1)(b) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

Status 51(1)(c)(i) - *This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed,*

be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

15 NEXT MEETING AND MEETING CLOSE 12:49pm

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