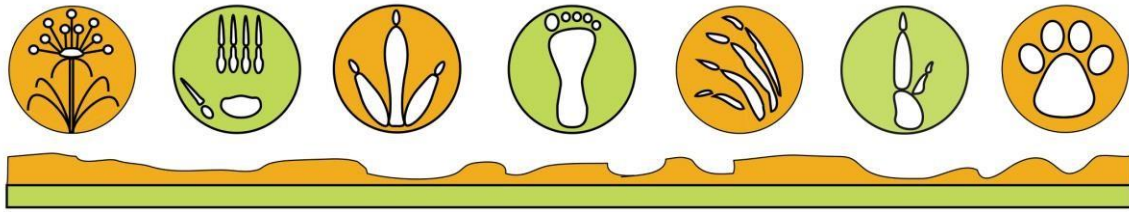


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Special Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 8 June 2023 at 12:00noon.

Russell Anderson

Acting 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 12.23pm with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell
- Cr. Dianne Seri Stokes
- Cr. Sharen Lake
- Cr. Elliot McAdam
- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Anita Bailey
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Heather Wilson
- Cr. Lucy Jackson

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Russell Anderson – Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Romeo Mutsago – Chief Financial Officer
- Tash Adams – Council Secretary
- Jo McPhee – Executive Officer Barkly Backbone Team

1.3 Visitors Present

Nil

1.4 Apologies

- Cr. Dianne Stokes □ Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Mark Peterson

1.5 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

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

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

Councillor Greg Marlow declared a conflict of interest as a former director of the NT Chamber of Commerce Board in regards to 16.2: Sponsorship Request.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

Nil

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Nil

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 FINANCE DIRECTORATE REPORT 8 JUNE 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – UPDATE TO COUNCILLORS ON ACTIONS TAKEN TO REMEDY THE FY2022-23 RATES ERROR.

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Finance Report for the 8 June 2023 Special Council Meeting and;

- a) That Council produce a communique to be distributed to local authorities and the general public advising what occurred in the 2022-2023 rates period and what has been done to remedy the error.**
- b) Council draft the communique to be presented to Council at the 29 June Ordinary Council Meeting, including rate rise comparisons to other local government areas in the Territory.**

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Elliot McAdam

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 77/23

7.2 FINANCE DIRECTORATE REPORT 8 JUNE 2023 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF NEW ORGANISATION STRUCTURE - UPDATED

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Finance Report for the 8 June 2023 Special Council Meeting and release a communique for the Draft Regional Plan 2023-2023 Consultation Period in the Tennant & District Times.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 78/23

7.3 CERTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT RECORDS

MOTION

That Council acknowledges the certification of the Assessment Record for ratable property in the Barkly Regional Council provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Sharen Lake

Resolved OC 79/23

CARRIED UNAN.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - POLICY UPDATES

MOTION

That Council;

1. Council accepts report
2. Approve via resolution

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Elliot McAdam

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 80/23

MOTION

That Council seek expert advice and an independent review to all aspects of the procurement policy to ensure it is compliant and best practice and report back to Council.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Elliot McAdam

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 81/23

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

Nil

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Nil

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. OPERATIONS

Nil

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

**16.1 REQUEST FOR THE USE OF COMMON SEAL FOR DEED OF VARIATION IN
RELATION TO AGED CARE SERVICES, INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE
(IEI) PROGRAM**

MOTION

That Council approves the request for the use of the Common Seal

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Heather Wilson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 82/23

**16.2 SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS - NT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND A.B.C
AMATEUR RACE CLUB**

MOTION

That Council considers the requests for sponsorship from NT Chamber of Commerce and ABC Amateur Race Club.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Elliot McAdam

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 83/23

Cr. Marlow declared a conflict of interest with the NT Chamber of Commerce and left the meeting at 1.28pm. He returned at 1.38pm after Council resolved to sponsor the NT Chamber of Commerce Corporate Golf Day as a Lunch Sponsor.

MOTION

That Council considers the requests for sponsorship from ABC Amateur Race

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Elliot McAdam

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 84/23

Council resolved to sponsor the Amateur Race Club with \$500.

MOTION

That Council considers the request for sponsorship from the Tennant Creek High School

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Sharen Lake

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 85/23

Council resolved to donate a 12-month Fitness & Wellness Centre membership for the High School to raffle, plus sponsor the High School Form for the amount of \$1,000.

16.3 REQUEST FOR THE USE OF COMMON SEAL FOR NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLEXIBLE AGED CARE PROGRAM (NATSIFAC) AGREEMENT

MOTION

That Council approves the request for the use of the Common Seal

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Jack Clubb

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 86/23

Cr Lake requested Council to take on note to ask why the 2024-25 funding was lower than the 2023-24 funding.

Councillor Lennie Barton joined the meeting at 1.30pm.

MOTION

That Council pause the meeting at 1.38pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Resolved OC 87/23

CARRIED UNAN.

MOTION

That Council resume the meeting at 1.53pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Resolved OC 88/23

CARRIED UNAN.

16.4 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPROVAL TO USE THE COMMON SEAL

MOTION

That Council approves the use of the Barkly Regional Council Common Seal to execute four Barkly Regional Deal Community Projects Fund Grant Agreements referenced: BRDLCPF-2022/23 – TJ01; BRDLCPF-2022/23 - TJ02; BRDLCPF-2022/23 – TJ03 and BRDLCPF- 2022/23 – TJ04.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 89/23

ACTION: For Councillors to receive and give out information to the public regarding the Community Projects Fund.

16.5 SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE

MOTION

That Council close the Tennant Creek Swimming Pool until the 1 August 2023

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 90/23

Council resolved to close the Swimming Pool immediately until further notice until works needed are identified and repairs and maintenance are completed.

ACTION: For Council to monitor the progress of the maintenance schedule to ensure the pool opens in a timely manner.

MOTION

For Council to move into confidential session at 2.15pm.

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 lists come within the following provisions:-

- (a) 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;
- (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:
 - (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or
 - (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
 - (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; or
- (d) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;
- (e) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;
- (f) 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;
- (g) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

Resolved OC 91/23

CARRIED UNAN.

MOTION

For Council to move out of confidential session at 3.05pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

Resolved OC 92/23

CARRIED UNAN.

Cr McAdam wanted it noted that he asked four questions:

- How much is allocated to the Youth Centre for this Financial Year
- What are all the associated costs for the Youth Centre for 22-23
- Has any entity been contracted for the holiday period and at what cost and who is the entity?
- Is it Council's intent to go to open tender for the management of the Youth Centre?

CEO Russell Anderson said the Youth Centre was funded for \$100,000 for the current financial year and had applied for further funding of \$500,000 per year for the next four years. He also confirmed the YMCA had been contracted to run a

program for the upcoming school holiday program, with support from Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation. The CEO said a Youth Centre Advisory Committee would be formed and it would have the say if a manager/project manager would be appointed to manage the facility. CEO assured Mr McAdam there were no plans to release a tender to manage the Tennant Creek Youth Centre.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

19. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3.24pm.

This page and the proceeding 8 pages are the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday, 8 June 2023 and are confirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Council Mayor

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Russell Anderson
Acting Chief Executive
Officer

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