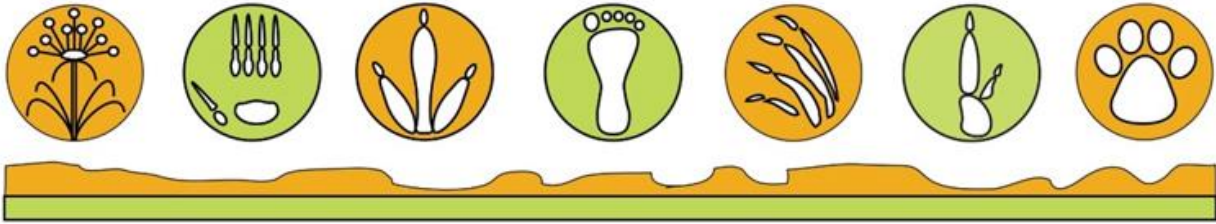


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Wutunugurra LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Wutunugurra LA Meeting was held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 11:15 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.

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Warumungu, Mudberra, Jingili, Wakaya, Wambaya, Waanyi, Walpiri, Warlmanpa, Alyawarr, Anmatyerre and Kaytetye Country on which Barkly Regional Council live and work, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to the ancestors and elders of these lands, past, present and emerging.

May we continue to work together to Deliver sustainable outcomes through a process Based on mutual respect and understanding.

COUNCIL PRAYER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust you will guide and bless this meeting of the Barkly Regional Council. We pray that you will ensure that all discussions and decisions made today are just and fair as they will affect all people within. We also pray for your guidance to ensure that all our dealings are appropriate to all those whom we represent and will reflect an equitable and honest approach to the issues to be discussed today.

Amen



1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

- Fiona Peterson (Chair)
- Nathaniel Peterson
- Kaye Beasley
- Julie Beasley
- Tracey Peterson
- Mark Peterson

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Ian Bodill (CEO, BRC)
- Jeff MacLeod (Acting CEO, BRC)
- Peter Holt (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operations and Remote Communities)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services)
- Barry Natrass (WHS Manager)
- Karen O'Sullivan (Operations Administration Officer)
- Kelly White (Area Manager, Wutunurra)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator)
- Rebecca Moore (Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet)
- Lachlan Wilkins (Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet)
- Carol Hermans (CEO, RN Employment)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Shirley Beasley
- Cedric Price
- Ezra Casson

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Lenny Beasley
- Basil Morrison

1.5 Resignations

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th November 2023 as true record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/8

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 RTV Quotes

MOTION

Local Authority members to further discuss this matter and provide a response.

SUMMARY

Jeff MacLeod, Acting CEO, suggested purchasing the RTV through the council fleet plan instead of utilizing LA funds. LA members have agreed to further discuss this matter and provide a response.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*Resolved WLA-24/9***4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS****Chief Executive Officers Reports****4.1 Chief Executive Officers Report - Ian Bodill****MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes and discusses the report from the CEO.

SUMMARY

LA members have discussed the regional plan and provided the below feedback.

Item	Details	Proposed Funding Source
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better home maintenance • Food security • More frequent/Regular communication with BRC • Review leasing/ info re lot capacity • Engage with CLC community development team • APV 	33K quote – BRC to consider
Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply road base • Seal roads • Seal airstrip (owned by station) • Access security: • Concrete culverts • Internal roads: verges, potholes, speed humps 	

Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify lot numbers with CLC • Church kitchen & toilets • Solar lights • Machinery replacement • Women & Men's centres (L25 Women's centre leased; requires upgrade) • Drainage: AM residence • L41 workshop: upgrade or replace • Office: water leaks-kitchen 	160K (comm dev fund)/BRD 27400
Aged Care :NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minibus would be useful 	(comm dev fund)
Youth, Sport, and Rec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bldg. maintenance • YSR equipment • Computers • Parks (comm is 20% children) • Playground equip't • Assist with reforming local football team 	
Animal Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vet -twice yearly • Provide feedback • Ferral animals (cattle @ night) • grids 	Annual budget item LA item
Night Patrol (collaborates with YSR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building maintenance 	

Safe Houses		
(NA)		

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Tracy Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/10

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 Finance Report

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Finance report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/11

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Area Managers Reports

6.1 Area Manager's Report - Kelly White

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Area Manager.

SUMMARY

Summary:

1. Fleet Management:

- Need for a functional tractor to manage the oval and operate the slasher.
- Requirement for an additional Ute for the Municipal team due to various issues with current vehicles.
- Seals leaking on the back-hoe rear legs.

2. BRC Services:

- Operations are running smoothly.
- Dennis Campbell, a supervisor, contributes with mechanical skills.
- Calph in YSR is effectively engaging children and staff.
- Challenges include acquiring balls and a pump for training and addressing staff training availability.
- Night patrol positions are filled, awaiting confirmation for one candidate after three months.
- Efforts made for community laundry services and successful sports carnivals.
- New bins allocated to housing houses.

3. Infrastructure:

- Ongoing maintenance issues anticipated for BRC infrastructure sites.
- Acquisition of a working Backhoe and efforts to gather other equipment.

4. Local Authority:

- Progress on sourcing materials for workshop to fence line.
- Efforts towards cemetery survey and contacting Bruce Clough for historical burial records.
- Cost evaluation for playground areas ongoing.
- Installation of new cattle grids.
- Quote received for approval of a RTV to address lack of working UTE problems.

5. Rebecca Moore from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet agreed to deliver a concise update on the Cemetery matter during the upcoming LA meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Tracy Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/12

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Report from the Official Manager - Peter Holt

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Official Manager.

SUMMARY

1. Annual Regional Plan:

- LA meetings in March and April focus on input for the Regional Plan 2024-25.
- LA members' input crucial for drafting the plan and allocating budgets.

2. CEO Recruitment:

- Ian Bodill's resignation prompts recruitment for a new CEO.
- ANSON selected as recruitment agency, with applications open until mid-April.
- Jeff McLeod, experienced CEO of MacDonnell Regional Council, to act as CEO until May 2024.

3. Australian Citizenship:

- BRC hosts Australian Citizenship ceremony, welcoming 12 new citizens.

4. Meeting with Senators:

- Council meetings with Senator Chisholm to discuss Regional Deal and infrastructure needs.
- Meetings with Senator McCarthy regarding the new Remote Jobs program, in which BRC has expressed interest.

5. Power & Water:

- Regular meetings initiated with PowerWater to improve collaboration.
- Issues discussed include streetlight replacement, emergency power, Smart Meter failures, water quality, and solar power projects.

6. Completion of Investigator's Report:

- Investigation report by Ruth Morley presented to Minister for Local Government, Hon. Chaney Paech, on time on March 12.

7. Kelly White raised concerns about the lack of face-to-face communication with councillors regarding the suspension, emphasizing the need for a more formal approach than just receiving a letter. In response, Peter Holt stated that the Regional Advisory Committee had been formed, and he had briefed its members on the situation. Jeff MacLeod acknowledged Kelly's point but noted that the suspension was initiated by the minister. Rebecca Moore suggested utilizing Aboriginal interpreter services to convey information to community members, a suggestion agreed upon by both Peter Holt and Jeff MacLeod.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/13

General Business

7.2 Men's Shelter

MOTION

That the Local Authority discusses regarding the renovation of the Men's shelter.

SUMMARY

The LA members' concerns regarding the Men's Shed have been communicated to the Alcohol Action initiative, with updates anticipated in the forthcoming meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/14

General Business

7.3 Quotes for Solar lights and Church equipment

MOTION

Kelly White to provide the quotes in the next meeting regarding the Solar lights and Church equipment.

SUMMARY

The LA members have expressed their intent to purchase new music equipment for the church and install 16 solar lights in parks and alleyways using LA funds.

Jeff MacLeod has informed that he would contact the local government department to inquire whether LA funds can be allocated for the church equipment.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/15

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Other Matters For Noting

9.1 Remuneration Tribunal - Local Authorities

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Remuneration Tribunal – determination of allowances for the members of Local Authorities.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/16

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Director of Operations and Remote Communities - Brody Moore

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from Director of Operations.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/17

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.2 Work Health Safety Manager's Report - Barry Natrass

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the WHS Manager.

SUMMARY

1. Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Objectives:

- Targets set in the BRC 2023-2024 Regional Plan for WHS objectives are on track.
- Induction sessions conducted weekly for employees, with both face-to-face and remote formats.
- Approximately a quarter of the BRC workforce trained so far, aiming to induct all staff by June 30, 2024.
- Two stages of induction: Stage 1 focuses on worker roles and responsibilities, while Stage 2 targets officers' duty to exercise due diligence.

2. Continuous Improvement:

- Kaizen method utilized for identifying opportunities for streamlining work and reducing waste.
- Adoption of Lean/Agile/Kaizen principles widespread across businesses worldwide.

3. Risk-Based Thinking:

- Framework for addressing uncertainty and opportunities in work processes.
- Components include identification, analysis, evaluation, and treatment of risks and opportunities.
- Foundation for ISO45001 International Standard and WHS Management System in the 2024-2025 BRC Regional Plan objectives.

4. Implementation Tools:

- Reactivation of Safetyhub Training suite and approval for deployment of Sitemate Dashpivot software package.
- Dashpivot Systems Cloud provides integrated management system for built world companies.
- WHS Manager expected to provide live presentation to T/Ck Local Authority meeting on recent developments and plan for 2024-2025.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Tracy Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/18

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 Presentation from RN Employment CEO - Carol Hermans

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from the CEO of RN employment.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kaye Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Nathaniel Peterson

SUMMARY

1. Current CDP:

- No announcements yet on the replacement of CDP.
- RNES focuses on placing clients into employment, with 1016 people employed since June 2019.
- Projects are available for volunteers, but engagement is low.
- Mutual obligations for clients include attending appointments, seeking employment, accepting suitable jobs, and complying with Centrelink requirements.

2. Job Trial:

- Second round of CDP Trials ongoing until Oct 2024.
- RNES trials flexible working partnerships with employers, aiming to transition clients to full-time positions over six months.
- Seven people expected to transition from trial jobs to full-time employment with partner employers.

3. Partnerships:

- RNES partners with various organizations in the Barkly region.
- Seeking approval for a training hub in Tennant Creek from NIAA.

4. 200 Jobs Trial:

- Trial available for employers to create new roles with minimum wages covered by the government until Oct 2024.
- Process involves contacting NIAA, discussing with CDP provider, applying for approval, and working with RNES to fill positions.

5. TWES Update:

- TWES program assists Barkly inmates in preparing for release by linking them with providers, attending men's project groups, learning new skills, and building confidence.
- Eight men currently engaged in the program, working at the Tennant Creek Men's Shed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-24/19

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Wutunugurra LA next meeting date is 14/05/2024.

Meeting Closed at 02:13 PM

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