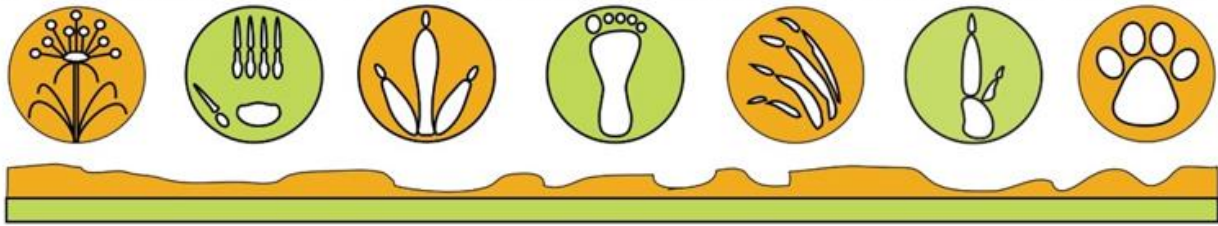


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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 Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 10:00 am.

Romeo Mutsago

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.

1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Meeting commenced at 10am with Acting Mayor Cr Greg Marlow as Chair

Elected Members Present

- Acting Mayor Greg Marlow
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell
- Cr. Dianne Seri Stokes
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Elliott McAdam
- Cr. Sharen Lake
- Cr. Mark Peterson
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At 10: 35 am following councillors joined the meeting.

- Cr. Anita Bailey
- Cr. Lucy Jackson

1.2 Staff Members Present

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- Romeo Mutsago - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Emmanuel Okumu - Governance Manager
- Nagaraju Kharra - ICT Specialist

1.3 Visitors Present

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- Rebecca Moore
- John Fitz
- Ronald Murphy
- Anna Malgorzewicz - Dept Chief Minister & Cabinet Local Government Unit
- Hugh King - Dept Chief Minister & Cabinet Local Government Unit

1.4 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

1.5 Absent Without Apologies

- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Heather Wilson

1.5 Disclosure of Interest

Acting Mayor Greg Marlow, Cr Elliot McAdam and Cr Sharen Lake declared a conflict of interest with Item 2.1 - ARC payment.

1.6 Review of Disclosure of Interest

Acting Mayor Greg Marlow, Councillor Elliot McAdam and Sharen Lake declared an interest in item 2.1 and managed this by moving out of the meeting at 10: 33am.

2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

2.1 ARC PAYMENT

MOTION

That Council reviews Audit & Risk Committee sitting allowances and;

a) Considers the statutory guideline classified under section 10(1) (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006.

b) The Audit & Risk Committee sitting allowance be adjusted to include:

- the Chair \$959 per meeting.
- the committee member \$719.
- flat travel time allowance for independent members to attend the meeting in Tennant Creek for \$800.
- Councillors on the Committee are paid the standard extra meeting allowance.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-23/1

To manage the declared conflict of interest, Cr Elliott McAdam, Acting Mayor Greg Marlow and Cr Sharen Lake all moved out of the meeting at 10:48 am.

Chief Executive Officers Reports

2.2 Purkiss Committee

MOTION

That Council:

- a) considers the nomination forms received and appoints Wayne Green, Jason Dunemann and Telvan Clegg to the Purkiss Committee.
- b) considers email interest received and appoints Ray Wallis and Stewart Willey to the Purkiss Committee.
- c) appoints Cr Sharen Lake and Cr Greg Marlow to the Purkiss Committee.
- d) directs the CEO to communicate with Ray Wallis and Stewart Willey and ask them to submit late nomination forms.
- e) directs the first Purkiss committee meeting be held on Friday 13th October 2023 at 11:59 am
- f) directs the CEO to communicate to the appointed members and inform them of their appointment and the meeting on the 13 October.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Elliott McAdam

Seconded: Cr Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-23/2

Cr Elliott McAdam returned to the meeting at 11:01 am, Acting Mayor Greg Marlow returned to the meeting at 11:02am and Cr Sharen Lake returned to the meeting at 11:02am.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the petition from (Rebecca Moore, John Fitz and Ronald Murphy), a group that was ushered in and introduced to the Council by Cr Elliot McAdam.
- b) Directs the Deputy CEO Romeo Mutsago to write to the petitioners and inform them that the Council received their petition and Council will table it for discussion in Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 26th October 2023.
- c) Discusses part of the petition at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 October 2023.
- d) Seeks legal advice regarding the content of the petition since the matter raised is already under police investigation.

RESOLVED

Moved: Acting Mayor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Mark Peterson

CARRIED

Resolved SCM-23/3

MOTION

That Council:

- a) allows the Acting Mayor to inform the community that the Council is aware of the current community concern raised in the petition and that the matter is under police investigation.
- b) informs Councillors to refrain from commenting on this matter and let the police conduct the investigation independently.
- c) asks the Acting Mayor to inform the public that Council operations, administration and Council services to the communities are running well and unaffected by the current situation surrounding the Mayor.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr Lennie Barton

CARRIED

Resolved SCM-23/4

Cr Elliott opposed the motion, citing he disagrees with refraining from commenting. He wants information about the Mayor's alleged conduct widely published in all media outlets and community made aware of Council's position.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) allows Cr McAdam to take photos of the petitioners presenting their petition to Council at the meeting
- b) notes Cr McAdam's comment that he will share those pictures with the petitioners.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Elliott McAdam

Seconded: Cr Anita Bailey

CARRIED

Resolved SCM-23/5

Acting Mayor Greg Marlow and Cr Russell O'Donnell voted No.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Directs the Acting CEO to report to the Council on when the swimming pool will open to the community.
- b) Directs the Acting CEO to bring to the next Council meeting a detailed report on what happened to the money allocated in 2022 for lighting and roads.
- c) That at the next Council meeting, the Acting CEO will bring to the Council a comprehensive report on Ali Curung Youth Centre, what happened and where a further 3.1 million will come from.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Sharen Lake

Seconded: Cr Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-23/6

3 NEXT MEETING AND MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11.25am.

The Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at 8.30am on Thursday 26 October 2023.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 October 2023 and are unconfirmed.