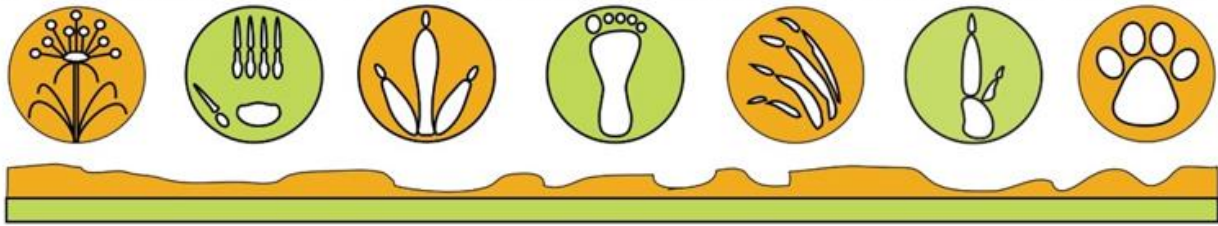


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Ampilatwatja LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ampilatwatja LA Meeting was held in the Microsoft Teams Meeting Room, on Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 1:32 pm.

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

- Anita Bailey (Chair)
- Tony Morton
- Jaiden Nelson
- Geoffrey Morton
- Elizabeth McDonald

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Ian Bodill (Chief Executive Officer, BRC)
- Peter Holt (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operations and Remote Communities)
- Gillian Molloy (Director of Community Development)
- Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager)
- Colin Baker (Area Manager)
- Ruth Morley
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator)
- Harry Abrahams
- Todd Bloomfield
- Peter Burnheim

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Ellwyn Holmes
- Amaziah Club
- Lulu Teece

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Resignations

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Chief Executive Officers Report - Ian Bodill

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

SUMMARY

- CEO emphasized that Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) is the top priority, and all staff members will receive necessary awareness and training to ensure safety.
- The CEO highlighted the importance of safety in the workplace.
- Regarding the upcoming regional plan, CEO stressed the significance of feedback for its preparation and mentioned the inclusion of relevant maps in the plan.
- CEO announced plans to upgrade the website soon, citing inefficiency and confirmed reception of quotes for the upgrade.
- Budget deliberations for the financial year 2024-2025 are underway.
- CEO mentioned the acquisition of a drone for efficient road damage recognition and community imagery, emphasizing the importance of being mindful of sacred sites while using the drone.
- The CEO underscored the importance of Local Authority meetings for community engagement and issue discussion.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Elizabeth McDonald

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/1

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 Finance Report

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Finance Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey

Seconded: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/2

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Area Managers Reports

6.1 Area Managers Report

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

- Centrelink has made several visits to Ampilatwatja over the past year, offering a range of services on-site, although local staff cannot access all services directly.
- Various welfare agencies have visited, but due to staffing issues, they have not been able to offer a regular timetable for these visits.
- Arlparra Police typically visit on Wednesday mornings to provide licensing, registration, etc., at BRC offices.
- Territory Families have made semi-regular visits without a set timetable.
- Sports/Rec faces challenges due to ongoing issues with the basketball court, hindering the provision of a proper after-school program.
- Community Safety was disrupted due to prolonged men's business but is now operational again.
- Community Care continues to support elderly individuals, although more staff are needed.
- Admin operations are stable, with Levina & Latoya assisting with day-to-day office tasks and Centrelink inquiries.
- Municipal staffing issues have been addressed by bringing indigenous workers from Tennant Creek, but equipment maintenance and replacement remain urgent due to budget constraints.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Elizabeth McDonald

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/3

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Report from the Official Manager - Peter Holt

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

- Official Manager (in place of Barkly Regional Council) appointed during council suspension for investigation into processes and procedures from January 1, 2022, to October 16, 2023.
- Investigation led by Alice Springs lawyer Ruth Morley, concludes on March 12, 2024, followed by three weeks for responses. Minister for Local Government to determine council reinstatement or dismissal based on investigation outcome.
- Barkly Regional Advisory Committee established and the suspended councillors were also included in assisting with budget planning and priorities for 2024-25 Regional Plan. First BRAC meeting held on January 30, 2024.
- Action Register developed to address concerns of LA recommendations and requests not being acted upon by BRC. Register to list requests for meetings, briefings, or funding, presented at each LA meeting for two-way exchange of information.
- BRC initiating planning for 2024-25 Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan, seeking input from LAs on pursuing own funds, priorities for BRC commitment, and funding advocacy.
- Unallocated Funds: Approximately \$800,000 of LAPF funds across the region, dating back to 2016-17, are at risk of being returned unspent. Each LA is urged to prioritize the expenditure of funds received more than two years ago unless committed to a substantial project.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey

Seconded: LA Member Tony Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/4

General Business

7.2 Washing Machines

MOTION

The Local Authority requests BRC to seek the quotes to buy and install new washing machines in the Laundry.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Tony Morton

Seconded: LA Member Jaiden Nelson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/7

General Business

7.3 Fencing around Landry/Ablution

MOTION

That the Local Authority requests BRC to seek the quotes to install the fencing around Landry/Ablution.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Elizabeth McDonald

Seconded: LA Member Jaiden Nelson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/8

General Business

7.4 Water supply for animals

MOTION

That the Local Authority requested BRC to investigate the water supply options for the animals outside the community.

SUMMARY

Local authority members reported frequent visits by horses and donkeys to the community in search of water. They have requested the council to explore potential water options for these animals.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey

Seconded: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/9

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Verbal Report from the Director of Operations and Remote Communities - Brody Moore

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the verbal report from the Director of Operations and Remote communities.

SUMMARY

- Staff induction is currently underway to ensure new employees are properly oriented to their roles and responsibilities.
- Plans are in progress to transition payroll to a fortnightly schedule within the coming months.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jaiden Nelson

Seconded: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/5

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 Verbal presentation from Power and Water Corporation - Todd Bloomfield

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the verbal presentation from the Power and Water Corporation.

SUMMARY

- Todd Bloomfield explained implementation of a new system aimed at preventing crystallised substances from forming at the taps.
- He also addressed the community's requirement for two new sewer pump stations.
- Todd shared visual maps online during the meeting to aid in his explanations.
- Peter Holt raised concerns regarding drainage issues, Todd assured that engineers would visit the community shortly to assess underground infrastructure and ensure proper fencing.
- Additionally, Bloomfield mentioned his intention to share the acquired maps with the council.
- Peter Holt expressed interest in inviting DIPL to attend the next meeting for further discussions on the community issues.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Tony Morton

Seconded: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/6

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Ampilatwatja Local Authority next meeting date is 27/03/2024.

Meeting Closed at 04:00 PM

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