



MINUTES

TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY

Held Monday 13 October 2014

Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road.

1. MEETING OPENING: 5:03pm

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

2.1 MEMBERS PRESENT

President Barb Shaw	Ex Officio
Cr. Hal Ruger	Ex Officio
Cr. Joyce Taylor	Ex Officio
Jenni Kennedy	Chairperson
Mitchell Healy	Deputy Chairperson
Len Holbrok	Local Authority Member
Tony Civitarese	Local Authority Member
Steve Edgington	Local Authority Member
Eleanor Diflo	Local Authority Member
Jason Newman	Local Authority Member

2.2 ALSO PRESENT

Edwina Marks	Barkly Regional Council Chief Executive Officer
Barb Dalloway	Barkly Regional Council Governance Officer
Courtney Barber	Barkly Regional Council Executive Assistant to the CEO

2.3 APOLOGIES

Cr. Pat Braun	Ex Officio
Cr. Narelle Bremner	Ex Officio
Cr. Tony Boulter	Ex Officio
Trish Caterer	Local Authority Member
Henry Szczypiorski	Barkly Regional Council Executive Director Operations

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

3.1 That the minutes of the Tennant Creek Local Authority held on 8 September 2014 be accepted with relevant amendments to item 4.2

Moved: Len Holbrok
Second: Mitch Healy

CARRIED

4. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

4.1 That the Continuing Action List from 8 September 2014 be accepted

Moved: Mitch Healy
Seconded: Joyce Taylor

CARRIED



5. ITEMS FOR DECISION

5.1 **Community Project Funding; Tennant Creek Playgrounds**

CEO Edwina Marks advised that Director Operations had obtained two (2) quotes, however both exceeded the allocated budget being in excess of \$50,000. Len Holbrok provided members with quotes from a South Australian company; these were also above the allocated budget.

Jason Newman advised the meeting that his fence at the Eldorado Motor Inn cost approximately just under \$140 per metre installed.

ACTION: Jason Newman to forward fencing information through to Edwina Marks.

5.2 **Process for setting spending priorities for Local Authority Community Fund**

The Authority discussed the option of having a Working Group of about 2-4 members to meet before the next meeting and report back on potential priorities. Concerns were raised that all members need involvement in priority setting and it was agreed that time be set aside at the next Local Authority Meeting for a planning workshop.

CEO; Edwina Marks provided an outline of the expenditure guidelines and reminded the Authority of the goals in the Barkly Regional Council 2014/15 Regional Plan.

ACTION: All members to supply to the CEO a list of their priorities in the format generated by the CEO which will be sent to members.

RESOLVED

That the Chief Executive Officer facilitate a planning workshop as part of the next Local Authority Meeting on 26 November 2014.

Moved: Joyce Taylor

Seconded: Len Holbrok

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE OR REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL

6.1 **CEO report on Council services and correspondence**

CEO; Edwina Marks presented correspondence received by Paul Cattermole; General Manager of Northern Territory Major Events Company regarding the Borella Ride. It was noted that the opportunity exists for volunteers for the Borella Ride. Interested members requested to contact the Barkly Regional Council Office for more information.

CEO; Edwina Marks advised that Council had approved an External Complaints Policy which is on the Council Website. Local Authority members raised concerns that the general community were unaware of the process for making a complaint to Barkly Regional Council about its services. CEO; Edwina Marks advised members that they are responsible for the feedback to the community and all members have an active role getting the feedback.

RESOLVED

That the Chief Executive Officer broadly advertise the Barkly Regional Councils procedures on receiving external complaints and feedback.

Moved: Mitch Healy

Seconded: Jenni Kennedy

CARRIED



6.2 CEO report on complaints received concerning service delivery

CEO; Edwina Marks noted that two (2) complaints were received.

1. Referring to the opening times of the Tennant Creek Landfill. The matter has been resolved and procedures in place to ensure that the Landfill opening and closing times are adhered to.
2. Trevor Sanders, previous Local Board Member and General Manager of Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation raised concern about the lack of public toilets and seating near Food Barn. It was suggested this could become a part of the new Local Authority agenda in the future.

6.3 Budget

CEO or representative to provide an update to the next Local Authority meeting on both the Local Authority Community Project and the Budget for the Tennant Creek Area.

7. ITEMS WHICH THE AUTHORITY IS REQUIRED TO CONSIDER ON A PERIODIC BASIS

The Authority will be presented with the 2013/14 Annual Report at its next meeting on 26 November 2014.

8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS.

8.1 Green Army Plan, refer to Attachments

The Environment Minister launched the Green Army Plan. For the previous Local Board, beautification of Tennant Creek was a priority. This Local Authority may wish to consider being a partner with Green Army volunteers.

8.2 Roundabout issues

CEO; Edwina Marks gave an update on the current status of the five (5) roundabouts; three removed and remaining 2 are to be modified to meet regulations and provide better access for larger vehicles. Modification work to be completed by end of November 2014.

The process undertaken by Council to decide on roundabout removal included public meetings and survey. The budget for removal/ remediation was \$138,000 for 2014/15 \$100,000 for the remediation, footpaths \$40,000 and \$8,000 per roundabout.

8.3 Footpaths – Eastside Subdivision

Discussion occurred regarding the vacant blocks adjacent to the new subdivision. Government Policy now encourages developers to build housing on subdivided land.

ACTION: Steve Edgington and Edwina Marks to follow up with Department of Infrastructure.

8.4 Footbridge – rear of Tennant Creek High School

The removal of this bridge, on the grounds of ongoing social problems, remains a priority of the Local Authority and after 2 years of advocacy, the issues remain unresolved.

RESOLVED

That Barkly Regional Council write to the Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment on behalf of the Local Authority detailing the impact on public safety of the footbridge remaining and request its removal as a matter of urgency.

Moved: Mitch Healy

Seconded: Barb Shaw

CARRIED



9. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Tennant Creek Mascot

Leigh Swift presented a concept plan of having a mascot for the Barkly Region. The Authority indicated its support for the mascot concept and requested further details from Mr. Swift regarding costing and potential copyright issues.

Action: Mr Swift to forward to the CEO in time for consideration at the next Local Authority meeting, 26 November 2014.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 International Women's Day (IWD)

President Barb Shaw has gathered a small group of women together to commence planning for IWD 2015. Additional items from the President included mention of the Stronger Future Guidelines and that Mr. Luke Bowen to be opening an office in Tennant Creek.

10.2 Cr. Hal Ruger reminded members that the Australia Day Citizen of the Year nominations are now open and encouraged members to promote the award broadly across the community.

11. ITEMS TABLED

11.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting – 18 September 2014

12. CLOSE OF MEETING 6:33pm

Next meeting 26 November 2014

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

- a) That the Chief Executive Officer broadly advertise the Barkly Regional Councils procedures on receiving external complaints and feedback.
- b) That Barkly Regional Council write to the Chief Minister on behalf of the Local Authority detailing the impact on public safety of the footbridge remaining and request the its removal as a matter of urgency.