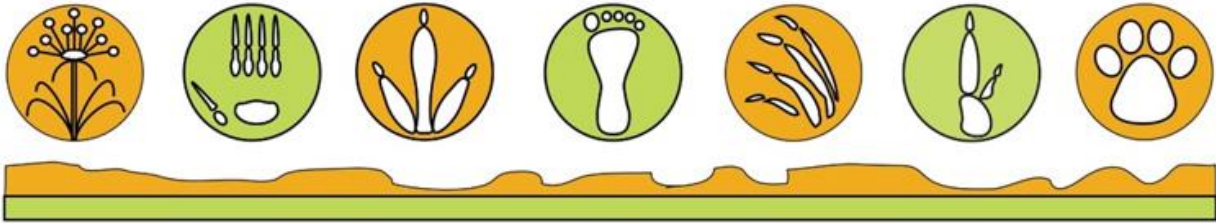


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Alpurrurulam LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Alpurrurulam LA Meeting was held in the Council office on Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 1:20 pm.

Jeff MacLeod

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.

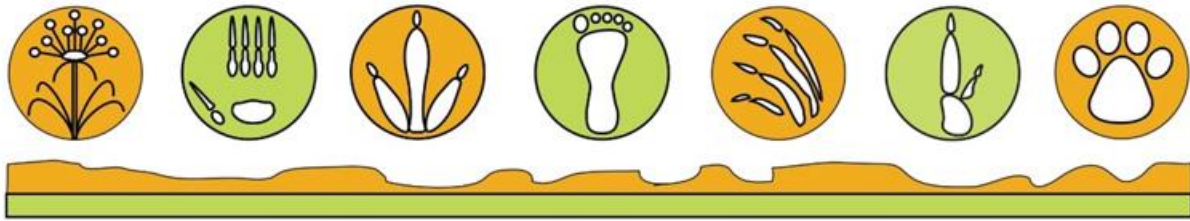
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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

- Laney Tracker
- Pam Corbett
- Benjamin Olschewsky
- Charlie Larkins
- Valerie Campbell
- Ashley Toby
- Jennifer Mahoney

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Heather Smith (BRC Area Manager)
- Brody Moore (BRC Director)
- Robbie Larkins
- Peter Holt (BRC Official Manager)
- Jeff MacLeod (CEO BRC)
- Karen O’Sullivan (Minute Taker)
- Justin Fuller

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Nil

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Nil

1.5 Resignations

- Nil

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

- Nil

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

- Nil

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 29 February 2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Laney Tracker

Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/21

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Actions from previous Minutes

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the actions from the previous minutes.

SUMMARY

- Renovations for community centre back room of \$15000 approved by LA Authority and passed by Council.
- DIPL written correspondence forwarded requested upgrade of airstrip at Alpururulam. Confirmation received from DIPL that Appurrurulam request for upgrade received and acknowledged. Request for work has been added to the list for similar works at other airstrips and DIPL will advise in due course when work will be carried out.
- BBQ trailer has arrived in Community and request for item to be removed as item completed.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/22

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Acting Chief Executive Officers Report - Jeff MacLeod

SUMMARY

Information provided during the community consultation phase is currently being compiled to be included in the 24/25 Budget must be submitted to Council and then once approved 21 days for consultation. Upon conclusion of the consultation Council final document will then be presented to Council for approval

Negotiate with Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to retain our Local Authority Funds which the process is if not spent within 2 years then are normally returned. Extension granted to hold until the 30/06/2024 with action on previously unspent unallocated funds to be decided upon to ensure unspent funds are required to be returned.

Further discussion to be encouraged in the meeting regarding the unspent \$94,000.00 so that funds can be committed to show the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet funds are allocated to projects and therefore not required to be returned.

Ben questioned when the funds must be committed be and utilised within 2 years, 2023/2024 funds have not been received for the value of \$67k due to previous years (2021/2022 & 2022/2023) not having been spent. Encouragement to commit for the previous years to assist with adding to current year to allow for major project should the LA Authority have a suitable project.

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 Finance Report

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the finance report for April 2024.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Pam Corbet

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/24

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

6.1 Report from the Official Manager - Peter Holt

SUMMARY

- The Barkly Regional Plan is a priority for Council in the 2024/2025 Financial Year. Community consultations are ongoing to incorporate requests such as speed bumps and road signs.
- Jeff MacLeod will continue as acting Chief Executive Officer of Barkly Regional Council until June 2024.
- A new CEO has been recruited pending acceptance of the employment offer.
- Discussions are underway regarding current Elected Members and the investigation process in Tennant Creek. Feedback from these discussions has been shared with the Minister pending a final decision.
- Power and Water meetings with BRC are ongoing, with issues from Alpururulam being raised in monthly LA meetings and addressed directly with Power and Water.
- Juno Farm proposes expanding its program to offer additional skills opportunities to young individuals in the Region.
- There are community calls for a review of the Barkly Regional Deal, with requests for an independent assessment of its effectiveness. There have been concerns raised about the decision-making process.
- Ben has requested a presentation on how the Regional Deal can benefit the Alpururulam community, as there is a perceived disconnect between the Deal and its relevance to Alpururulam. The Backbone Team is expected to attend to discuss available community funds.

General Business

6.2 Disaster Management

MOTION

That the Local Authority discusses regarding the Disaster management.

SUMMARY

Ben referred to existing grant application for disaster management strategies.

Heather to provide an update on the funding suggested such on going maintenance to come out of possible grants rather than Council operating budget. Heather suggested more robust discussion around the specific needs for the community.

Heather located grant details and will provide to Council for grant writer Susan Wright for further details. Peter Holt requested information be supplied to Council so that assistance in relation to available grants can be sought through Susan Wright.

Drainage works have been carried out and perhaps their might be other improvements to the Community utilised from Grant funding rather than operational budgets. Focus was to put issues on the table to encourage discussion in the Community through the LA for Alpururulam.

Fire situation needs to be on the top of the list due to excessive fuel loading from vegetation. Time is of the essence as the fire season approaches. This matter should be given a priority due to concerns for the Community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/26

General Business

6.3 Community Planning

MOTION

That the Local Authority discusses regarding the Community planning and that Heather Smith to undertake research regarding Community Land Use Plan or Gazetted Plan. Should information not be able to provide Brody Moore to contact DIPL and relevant Government Departments for such information.

SUMMARY

Ben asked for Recreational Area (Oval and surrounding area) to be included.

Further Community discussion to be arranged and plan to be brought back to next LA authority meeting.

Peter Holt advised mapped out areas to be included, 20 Gazetted Plans and informal planning which may be relevant. Plan to be obtained from DIPL for the Community. Then super impose Community Plans onto DIPL map to create a comprehensive community development plan.

Peter Holt advised discussed with Land Council, and consultation with future sub divisions. Peter Holt will assist Brody to provide further detailed plans for Alpururulam with consideration of forecasted projects.

Ben advised planning has previously taken significant time to come to fruition so suggested the process be streamlined.

Peter Holt has advised two types of plans Community Land Use Plan or a Gazetted Plan.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/27

General Business

6.4 Purchase of Laundry tokens

MOTION

That the Local Authority agrees to purchase additional 100 Laundry tokens utilising \$772.00.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/29

General Business

6.5 Request to Barkly Regional Deal team

MOTION

That the Local Authority requested Council to put a request made to Barkly Regional Deal team and availability of funds that could potentially be utilised by the Alpururulam Community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/30

General Business

6.6 Request to write a letter to DIPL

MOTION

That the Local Authority requests Council write to Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics requesting Community Consultation prior to scheduling or approval any works in the Alpururulam Community.

SUMMARY

Discussion regarding times for work to be carried out in the community. Sonya Thompson from Health Clinic advised shift working staff sleeping would be disrupted by the proposed work starting and finishing times. Hours of works were discussed. Unknown how long the project is proposed to take.

Alpururulam area manger will make contact with contractor to discuss re flexibility in start times due to community concerns raised.

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins****Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***Resolved ALLA-24/31***General Business****6.7 Proposed project on derelict toilet block****MOTION**

That the Local Authority agreed that Ben Olszewsky to finalise scope of works for the proposed project of a derelict toilet block adjacent to old Basketball court to be demolished and quotes to undertake such works to be obtained and supplied to LA Authority for further consideration.

SUMMARY

Community would like the old derelict toilet block adjacent to the old Basketball Court to be demolished. Request previously received to demolish. Scope formulated and two attending contractors in Alpururulam will be engaged to quote on the predetermined scope to undertake the project. One quote received \$30,000.00 to undertake the project still awaiting another quote. Suitable materials that can be recycled to be recycled with a view to returning the site back to a clean concrete slab. However, power to the Basketball Court, Laundry and Toilet Block with the later being the location of power services. Further discussions need to be hand with power and water re power supply etc and engage suitably qualified electricians to create clear scope for those amendments and necessary design plan created. Quotes should be received for those in the next few weeks. Funds for this project could utilise unspent LA authority funds to commence this project and assist with committing unutilised funds.

Recent Vet visit utilised the community centre back room and provided positive feedback with suggestions for improvement. Quotes for improvements to be sought from visiting contractors for improvements to be made. LA Authority was receptive to Barkly Regional Council quoting on such works to be carried out.

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Pam Corbet****Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***Resolved ALLA-24/34***7 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING***Nil*

8 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

8.1 Report from the Director of Operations and Remote communities - Brody Moore

SUMMARY

Municipal Services – Roads, Rubbish Collection, and Rubbish Tips:

The Alpururulam Municipal team continues to maintain shared areas and parks. The Municipal Services Supervisor position is vacant. CEO approval has been granted to recruit a Fly-in Fly-out Municipal Supervisor for 6-12 months to train local staff for this role. Road grading and addressing washouts will soon be handled by the Infrastructure and Projects Team.

Australia Post Agent – Collection and Distribution of Community Mail:

The commercial contract with Australia Post adheres to funding and contract guidelines. All community mail is collected on time and stored securely at Barkly Regional Council. There were no service interruptions during the reporting period.

Centrelink Agent Services:

The commercial contract with Services Australia/Centrelink complies with funding and contract guidelines. Two Barkly Regional Council staff members are trained and certified to provide these services, having completed required annual training modules. There were no service interruptions during the reporting period.

Fleet and Mechanical:

Barkly Regional Council has hired an additional mechanic based in Ali Curung to service the communities. Hans will soon audit plant and machinery in Alpururulam and begin maintenance work.

Acting Area Manager:

Ms. Robbie Larkins is temporarily serving as Acting Area Manager in Alpururulam during Heather's medical absence. Recently, Barkly Regional Council supported Ms. Larkins' attendance at the Aboriginal Governance and Leadership Forum in Alice Springs. The Council acknowledges Robbie for her service and looks forward to supporting her advancement into more senior positions within the organisation.



Reports from Barkly Regional Council

8.2 Area Managers Report

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the report from Alpururulam Area Manager.

SUMMARY

- Aged Care equipment was provided after client needs assessment; service delivery maintained while Robbie acted as Area Manager.
- Desert Therapy assessed NDIS clients in the community; Tennant Creek Senior Aged Care staff visited Alpururulam.
- Fluctuations in staff attendance noted; roads are open with full community access; Police presence reported.
- Sport and Rec operations halted due to a serious complaint; investigation nearing completion with pending recommendations.
- Advertisement planned for Sport and Rec position; quotes sought for service providers; Regional Arts planning a music program.
- Night patrol team active with recent training in Tennant Creek, including Domestic Violence Training.
- Clinic reported an increase in skin conditions amid national treatment shortages; concerns raised about neglect affecting children's health.
- Alpururulam Clinic stressed the need for community cooperation in addressing health issues.
- Peter Holt inquired about Land Council leases on buildings; discussions not held during recent conference attended by Robbie Larkins.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Pam Corbet

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/32

9 OTHER BUSINESS

Other Business

9.1 Visitor Presentation from Fulcrum

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from Fulcrum representative.

SUMMARY

- Francis, on behalf of Andrew, conducted a post occupancy evaluation for Aboriginal Housing NT from April 15 to April 19, 2024.
- Evaluated housing built in five communities over the past five years, engaging with tenants, contractors, and HRG members.
- Research focused on community engagement, local employment efforts, and tenant feedback on property suitability.
- Interviewed 8 households with 14 new build properties, attended one HRG meeting with 25 attendees.
- Themes included reducing overcrowding, promoting local decision making, healthy living, employment, and addressing crime in property design.
- Positive feedback on property design, but consistent complaints about repair and maintenance challenges.
- Issues highlighted in Alpururulam included dissatisfaction with HRG interaction, property design, and difficulty accessing employment.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Pam Corbet

Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-24/33

10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Alpururulam LA next meeting date is 20/08/2024

Meeting Closed at 03:35 PM

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