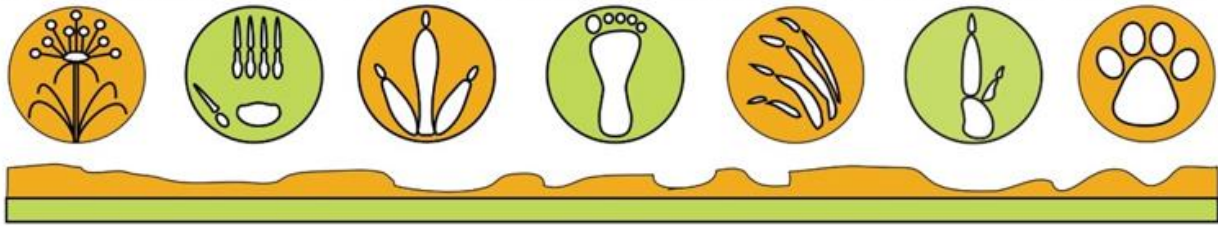


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES Alpurrurulam LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Alpurrurulam LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 1:50 pm.

### **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 Authority Members Present

The meeting commenced at 1:50pm with Jennifer Mahoney as Chair.

- Jennifer Mahoney
- Maria Turner
- Charlie Larkins
- Benjamin Olschewsky

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Heather Smith (Area Manager)
- Barry Natrass (Acting Director of Operations & Communities BRC) via MSTeams

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

#### Apologies

- Ms. Laney Tracker
- Mr. David Riley
- Mr. John (Jackie) Mahoney
- Cr Pam Corbett

### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

### 1.5 Resignations

Nil

### 1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

### 1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Confirmation of previous Minutes

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#### 2.1 Confirmation of minutes from 25 July 2023 meeting

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority confirms the Minutes from the 25 July 2023 meeting as a true and accurate record.

**MOTION**

That the Alpururulam LA receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held in Alpururulam on 25 July 2023.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-23/0*

## 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Actions from previous Minutes

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#### 3.1 Actions from 25 July 2023 Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Actions arising from the 25 July 2023 Meeting.

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Actions arising from the 25 July 2023 Meeting.

Item#	Date	Task	Actions	Lead	Status
1	20/10/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpreter Services</li> </ul>	Seeking funding through ABA - Dir Ops to follow up where they are with Head Office to find out where we are at with this item.	Dir Ops & Commts	Ongoing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-Fencing of Old Basketball Court &amp; Laundromat</li> </ul>	<p>Special Meeting 13-06-2023 Engage Rainbow Gateway to repair/replace fence around old basketball court ALLA 14/23</p>	- Area Manager	Ongoing
2	13/07/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Border Control</li> </ul>	<p>Mayor and Cr Corbett following up with Chief Minister and Police Minister</p>	- Dir Ops & Commts	Ongoing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrance Sign</li> </ul>	<p>Wording to be finalised. Use of the word "respect". Compliance needs to be established with DIPL regarding road maintenance. Blind spots around community to be identified and reported to LA for consideration.</p>	- Dir Ops & Commts	Ongoing
3	16/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give Way signage</li> </ul>	<p>1. Airstrip turn off 2. R/bow G/way &amp; Aged Care cnr; other blind spots in process of being identified</p>	- Authority Dir Ops & Commts	Ongoing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting for Old Basketball Court</li> </ul>	<p>AM to obtain quotes for supply and installation. Special meeting 13/06/2023: Engage JNR Rural Electrical Quote Q U 0185 (004) to supply and install lights at Old Basketball Court ALLA 12/23</p>	- Area Manager	Ongoing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storm water drainage around community</li> </ul>	<p>To what extent can works team engage in developing and maintaining storm water drainage in and around community? NOTE: hydrological survey has already been done – commissioned by DIPL. Routine annual works should be carried out, including existing storm water drainage. Drone mapping? Fence lines to be cleared. Explore grant options: Disaster Ready Fund through National Emergency Management</p>	- Area Manager Dir Ops & Commts	Ongoing



Agency (NEMA). Check with Susan Wright for other grant options. With a forecasted major rain event this wet season the LA agreed that DIPL be approached to consider urgent work to ensure efficient drainage is in place. Projects team to assist.

When are car bodies to be removed from community? Options for car crushing/shredding to be investigated: get truck and tele-handler into community; get quote from contractors to move vehicles with their big forklift. 2 Quotes are in progress for removal only to specific site away from community. More research needs to be done as to total removal options eg crushing and transport costs. Cars inside yards not to be touched. Outside removed if correct disposal permissions are sought.

- 4    18/01/22    • Removal of car bodies from around community    - Area Manager Dir Ops & Commts    Ongoing

Consider installation of electronic signage for community information/announcements. Ask CDP about installing permanent seating and installing some enclosure around sides of court. Certification will have to be obtained for siding installation. Get advice from SECA - certifying engineer. LA consider potential further development of the old basketball court to make it a more usable community

- Old Basketball Court – what can be done - further development requirements    - Area Manager Local Authority Dir Ops & Commts    Ongoing



space. CLC Community Development team are looking at this proposal for redevelopment of the whole site and renovations to change rooms and further extensions. There also may be a need to divide the lot to allow power and sewerage connections.

Request further information from NTG on its recently announced infrastructure plans for Alpururulam, in particular the new police complex. Request that the LA is involved in the consultation process regarding these projects, including process and delivery; is informed on what is planned for the existing police buildings once they are replaced by the new complex. UPDATE: Dir DIPL

- New Police Station and other infrastructure initiatives

Sally O’Callaghan advised that these infrastructure initiatives are not yet funded and at stage of position/ideas paper only at this stage. Dir advised that should these initiatives progress, the community will be contacted and consulted with. LA resolved to approach politicians and other relevant government departments and stakeholders to assist in pushing for government to fund and build a permanently staffed police station, including cross border police presence, along with relevant staff accommodation in community.

- Local Authority Ongoing

5	21/03/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DIPL – airstrip extension &amp; upgrade</li> </ul>	<p>Contact DIPL re possibility of extending and upgrading airstrip to take freight planes during wet season</p>	<p>Area Manager - Dir Ops &amp; Commts</p>	Ongoing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterinary Services</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledgement received that operational funds were available to cover Animal Management Plan as the Alpururulam LA endorses. Acceptable pet health has been acknowledged by Charles Drury NT Govt.</p>	<p>Area Manager - Dir Ops &amp; Commts</p>	Complete
6	30/05/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for support for dog feeding</li> </ul>	<p>Reply stating community retains agency over decision making in regard to their dogs. Investigate engaging veterinary services from Mt Isa ALLA 5/23 Quote received by AM from Mt Isa Vet Dan Murphy for vet clinic in first full week in November 2023 4 day duration.</p>	<p>- Local Authority</p>	Listed as Other Business
7	25/07/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of Community Assets</li> <li>• CLC Community Development Team</li> </ul>	<p>LA to discuss the development of all assets within the community to ensure a coordinated and informed approach with all stakeholders. Invite representative/s from CLC to future LA meetings to keep LA informed of community development issues.</p>	<p>Area Manager Local Authority - Dir Ops &amp; Commts</p>	Ongoing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change service delivery centre office opening hours</li> </ul>	<p>Agree to the council office closing at 12 noon on Fridays in line with municipal services, as long as the required number of Centrelink hours are still provided as per council</p>	<p>- Area Manager</p>	Complete



contract of 30 hours, and further that permanent full time customer service staff start and finish times are changed to still cover a full 38 hours per week.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins**

**Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-23/1*

## 4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

### Chief Executive Officers Reports

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#### 4.1 CEO Report for September 2023

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes an update from Acting CEO Russell Anderson.

**MOTION**

**That the Local Authority receives and notes an update from Acting CEO Russell Anderson.**

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Maria Turner**

**Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-23/2*



## 5 FINANCE REPORTS

### Finance Reports

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#### 5.1 LA Finance Report September 2023

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the updated LA Finance Report.

##### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the updated LA Finance Report.

##### **RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins

##### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-23/3*

## 6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

### Area Managers Reports

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#### 6.1 Area Manager's Report for September 2023

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Area Manager's report for September 2023.

##### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Area Manager's report for September 2023.

##### **RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

##### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-23/4*

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

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#### 7.1 Fire Management

##### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discuss fire management needs for the Alpururulam area.

##### MOTION

The Alpururulam Local Authority acknowledges that fire management in the Alpururulam area is an ongoing concern.

Although the major fire front that has recently threatened Wutunugurra and Tennant Creek communities spread eastward, there is still a substantial fuel load west of the Alpururulam community.

There are members of the community with considerable experience in fire management, however Alpururulam lacks someone with expertise and credentials to coordinate a safe fire management strategy.

The LA are reaching out to the Barkly Regional Council, Bushfires NT and the NT Government to assist in acquiring access to the necessary management skills needed to conduct cool burn management of the remaining fire load.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: LA Member Maria Turner

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved ALLA-23/5*

### General Business

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#### 7.2 Truck driver licensing training

##### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discusses truck driver licensing training.

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority acknowledge and note, that Martyr Training Services Pty Ltd in Mt Isa, can deliver truck driver license training (all classes, however only up to MR required for Alpururulam) for Alpururulam staff and a number of other interested agency/stakeholder staff, and that this capacity has been raised with the Office of Chief Minister and Cabinet, seeking exemption to deliver this training in the NT. This has not yet received full support in overcoming the cross-border service delivery issues.

Driver training support is also being sought through CDU out of Katherine in 2024.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Maria Turner**

**Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-23/6*

## **General Business**

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### **7.3 First Circles Program**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority discusses the First Circles Leadership Program.

**MOTION**

**That the Local Authority receives and notes the availability of the First Circles Leadership Program which aims to ensure Aboriginal people from remote areas can confidently speak to, negotiate, and influence the government about matters affecting their lives, their families and communities. Information and membership applications are available from the BRC Service Centre office.**

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins**

**Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-23/7*

## **General Business**

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### **7.4 Speed bumps**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority discusses the installation of speed bumps in the Alpururulam community area.

**MOTION**

**That the Local Authority seeks clarification from DIPL and BRC head office regarding the installation of speed bumps in the Alpururulam community area which could be an inclusive request on rules and regulations impacting all road maintenance**

- Speed humps
- Roadside signage
- Surface maintenance and repair

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

**Seconded:** LA Member Maria Turner

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-23/8*

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority consider managing the repair and maintenance costs of the Laundromat.

**MOTION**

That the LA put aside a \$10,000 retainer budget for the ongoing repairs and maintenance of the Laundromat and work in with the WARTE Store to coordinate trade service visits.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

**Seconded:** LA Member Maria Turner

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ALLA-23/9*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

That the Alpururulam Local Authority, on behalf of the community and BRC team acknowledge and thank Robbie Larkins for maintaining the Aged Care service through a difficult time and with limited resources.

## 10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

*Nil*

## 11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

*Nil*

## 12 OTHER BUSINESS

*Nil*

## 13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The next meeting date for the Alpururulam Local Authority is 21/11/2023.

Meeting Closed at 4:20 pm

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