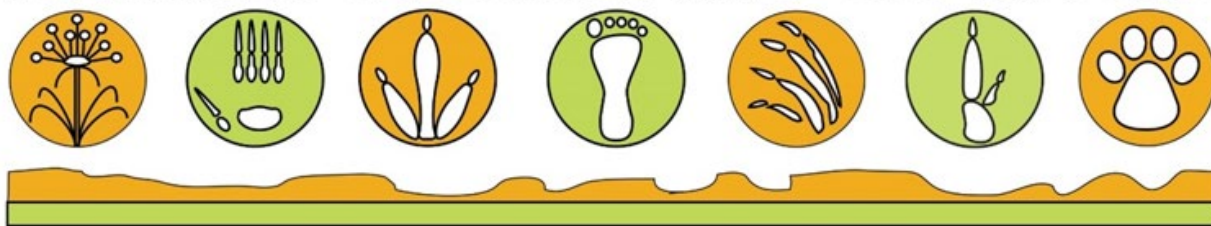


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES Ampilatwatja LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ampilatwatja LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Wednesday 04 December 2024 at 11:18 AM.

**Chris Kelly**  
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.**

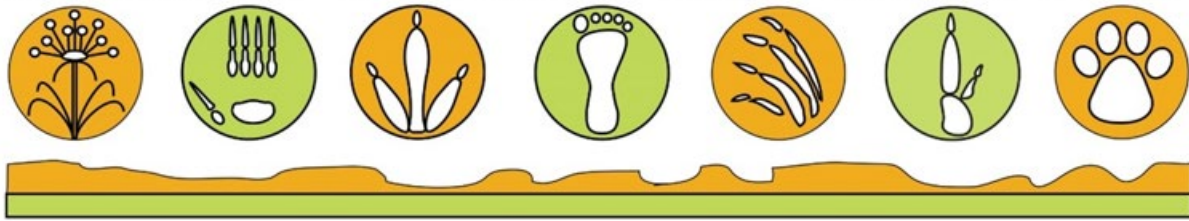
**We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.**

**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 Countries on which Barkly Regional Council live and work, the lands which we meet on today, 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.

## AUDIO RECORDING OF MEETING

An audio recording of this Local Authority meeting is being made for minute-taking purposes as authorised by Council Policy *Audio Recordings of Meetings*. Local Authority Members may request, via majority vote if required, that no recording is made where issues of legitimate cultural or spiritual significance are to be discussed.

## 1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Authority Members Present

- Ricky Holmes (Chair)
- Geoffrey Morton
- Amaziah Club
- Lulu Teece
- Zacieus Long (Elected member)
- Sid Vashist (Mayor)

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Chris Kelly (Chief Executive Officer, BRC)
- Susan Steele (Director of Community Services)
- Surya Godavarthi (Acting Director of Infrastructure and Fleet)
- Kelly White (Regional Operations North, BRC)
- Latoya Tilmouth (Community Services Coordinator, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Council Services Coordinator, BRC)
- Shanon

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Darryl Rex Morton
- Tony Morton

### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Anita Bailey,
- Elizabeth McDonald,
- Jaiden Nelson,

### 1.5 Resignations

- Nil

### 1.6 Code of Conduct - BRC

#### MOTION

The Local Authority notes the Code of Conduct provided.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Amaziah Club

**Seconded: LA Member Lulu Teece**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **1.7 Disclosure of Interests**

- Nil

## **1.8 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 14/08/2024.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton**

**Seconded: LA Member Amaziah Club**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved AMLA-24/35*

## **3 FINANCE REPORTS**

### **Finance Reports**

#### **3.1 LAPF Statement**

#### **MOTION**

The Local Authority notes and confirms the Finance statement provided.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton**

**Seconded: LA Member Amaziah Club**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved AMLA-24/34*

## 4 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

#### 4.1 Solar lights installation

##### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority allocated \$60,000 for the installation of the Solar lights within the Community.

**Note:** LA members are to provide the locations to the Community Services Coordinator, who will then forward them to the Infrastructure team.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Amaziah Club

**Seconded:** LA Member Geoffrey Morton

##### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved AMLA-24/40*

### General Business

#### 4.2 Reallocation of \$20,000 for Irrigation Line and Troughs Project

##### **MOTION**

That the Local Authority reallocates the \$20,000 funding for both the installation of irrigation lines at oval and the troughs.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Lulu Teece

**Seconded:** LA Member Geoffrey Morton

##### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved AMLA-24/41*

## General Business

### 4.3 Scorebard Installation

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority requests the purchase of two manual scoreboards: one fixed and one mobile.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Amaziah Club

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved AMLA-24/42*

## General Business

### 4.4 Reduction in Allocation Amount for Scoreboard Project

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority reduces the allocated amount for the scoreboard at the oval from \$40,000 to \$15,000.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Lulu Teece

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved AMLA-24/43*

## General Business

### 4.5 LA Memberships

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority requests Council to revoke the memberships of the following individuals, as they are no longer residing within the community.

- Anita Bailey
- Elizabeth McDonald
- Jaiden Nelson

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Amaziah Club**

**Seconded: LA Member Lulu Teece**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved AMLA-24/44*

## **General Business**

### **4.6 Request for increase the of LA Project funding**

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority requests the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister for Local Government, advocating for an increase in the LA Project Funding.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Lulu Teece**

**Seconded: LA Member Amaziah Club**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved AMLA-24/45*

## **5 CORRESPONDENCE**

*Nil*

## **6 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Reports from Barkly Regional Council**

#### **6.1 Report from the Operational Services Directorate**

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Operational Services Directorate.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton**

**Seconded: LA Member Amaziah Club**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved AMLA-24/36*



## SUMMARY

### Service Delivery:

- **Acting Council Services Coordinator (CSC):** Latoya Tilmouth officially appointed as CSC from 6th November 2024.
- **Regional Operational Services Manager (ROSM):** Tim Hema provides support to CSCs in several communities, including Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Wutunugurra, Arlparra, and Alpururulam. Staff attendance has been low due to "sorry business" and football carnivals.

### Administration Services:

- **Complaints:** Elders reported poor conditions on dirt tracks leading to puddles and mosquito issues. Ampilatwatja work crew has filled in holes to improve drainage.
- **Incidents / WHS:** A small bushfire near Morton Street was extinguished by the Ampilatwatja work crew using a water tank.

### Visitors Accommodation:

- **Lot 7 (3-bedroom duplex):** Undergoing repairs.
- **Lot 95 (2-bedroom duplex):** Used by various services (Dept. Health, Police, NT Electoral Commission, etc.).
- **Lot 67B (2-bedroom duplex):** Used by Central Desert Training, NT Electoral Commission, and other services.

### Municipal Services:

- **Opening Hours:** Mon-Thurs: 7:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:15pm; Fri: 7:00am-12:00pm.
- **Municipal Team:** 1 Works Supervisor (Shannon Cox) and 5 Works Officers (Andrew, Brett, Dillon, Kenneth, and Sean).
- **Parks and Open Spaces:** Litter pickup and smoothing of dirt roads to reduce mosquito breeding.
- **Roads:** Dirt track works to reduce puddles; speed bumps need painting, and grading required.
- **Waste:** Two weekly pickups, with ongoing hard rubbish collection.
- **Landfill:** Clean-up continues, and a new pit is being created. Signage needed.
- **Firebreaks:** Ongoing maintenance during the summer.
- **Car Bodies:** Continued efforts to remove abandoned vehicles with Simm's Metals assistance pending.
- **Airstrip:** Routine inspections and mesh clearing; windsock lights pending repair.
- **Trade Services:** New remote mechanic based in Ali Curung will service Ampilatwatja.

### Local Authority (LA):

- **LA Members:** Anita Bailey, Elizabeth McDonald, and Jaiden Nelson no longer reside in the community. New members are being sought.
- **LA Projects:** Troughs for horses/donkeys and a scoreboard for the oval.

### General Community Information:

- **Visiting Service Providers:** Services Australia, Commonwealth Bank, LLN Trainer, Department of TFHC, DIPL, NAAJA, NTEC Elections, Harvey Development, Arlparra Police, and MVR/Police.
- **Meetings/Events:** Council Election roadshows (BBQ), Regional Council Elections (22nd Oct 2024), Housing Reference Group meeting, Community Safety meeting (Arlparra Police monthly).
- **Funerals:** One funeral on 25th Oct 2024.
- **Training:** Batchelor Institute Grader and Tractor Operations course (Nov 2024), Central Desert Training Pre-Employment training (Nov/Dec 2024).





## Reports from Barkly Regional Council

### 6.2 Report from the Infrastructure and Fleet Services Directorate

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Infrastructure Directorate.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lulu Teece

Seconded: LA Member Ricky Holmes

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved AMLA-24/37*

#### SUMMARY

##### 1. Project Summary: Fencing for Laundry

- **Project Name:** Fencing for Laundry
- **Funding Source:** Local Authority (LA)
- **Project Value:** \$50,000
- **Scoping:** Completed in August 2024
- **Quotes:** Completed in October 2024
- **Initiation:** October 2024
- **Completion:** November 2024

##### Overview:

The fencing project for the laundry in Ampilatwatja has been completed. A contractor, selected based on the best value for money from the quotations received, was assigned to carry out the work.

##### Next Steps:

The project has been completed according to the scope of works outlined.

##### 2. Project Summary: Scoreboard Installation

- **Project Name:** Scoreboard Installation
- **Funding Source:** Local Authority (LA)
- **Project Value:** \$40,000
- **Scoping:** Ongoing
- **Quotes:** Acquired
- **Initiation:** October 2024
- **Completion:** December 2024

##### Overview:

Various options for digital scoreboards have been presented. The community will consult with the AFL board to finalize their requirements for the project.

**Next Steps:**

Quotes for manual scoreboard options have also been acquired. Once the LA approves the selected quote, the project will proceed.

## Reports from Barkly Regional Council

### 6.3 Report from the Director of Community services

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services Directorate Report for Ampilatwatja, October 16.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Ricky Holmes

**Seconded:** LA Member Lulu Teece

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved AMLA-24/38*

**SUMMARY****Community Safety Program (Night Patrol)**

- **Program Update:** The Community Safety staff are performing their duties, though there are issues with staff absenteeism, especially due to "Sorry Business" and unnotified travel to other communities.
- **Highlights and Achievements:** The successful Community Sports Carnival, supported by NT Police and Aboriginal Liaison offices.
- **Challenges:** Staff absenteeism and unnotified travel are major challenges.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Engagement with local police, Rainbow Gateway employment services, BRC Youth, Aged Care, and Community Elders.
- **Feedback/Complaints:** Concerns raised about staff not attending work regularly.

**Youth, Sport & Recreation Program**

- **Program Update:** Recruitment is underway to fill vacant positions for the Youth, Sport & Rec team, which currently operates with limited staffing, relying on a Youth Worker from CAYLUS.
- **Key Activities:** Regular youth programs, including football, basketball, and cultural activities. Collaboration with schools, health clinics, and NGOs is encouraged.
- **Challenges:** Staffing shortages impacting the delivery of youth programs.
- **Support:** Community Safety team assisted with the recent Ampilatwatja community sports competition and will continue to support future events.

**Community Care Program (Aged Care & NDIS)**

- **Program Update:** Ampilatwatja Aged Care is running on a regular basis, but staffing issues persist,

with staff absenteeism impacting service delivery. Recruitment is ongoing to fill vacancies.

- **Highlights and Achievements:** Positive meetings held with the new Director of Community Services, training sessions planned for team leaders, and two new clients are under assessment.
- **Challenges:** Staffing shortages and unauthorized absences remain significant challenges.
- **Issues/Risks:** Unauthorized absences and a break-in at the Team Leader's house.
- **Remedial Actions:** Efforts to encourage staff attendance and resolve maintenance issues.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Meetings with the CDCS team, NT Health Community Grant Hub, and Department of Health regarding aged care operations.
- **Resource Allocation:** Disability aids provided to NATSIFAC clients.
- **Training:** Ongoing staff training in areas such as food safety, individual support, and first aid. Several staff documents (WWC and Police Checks) are being renewed.
- **Upcoming Activities:** Signing of the Work Protocol contract with health clinics and BRC to update clients' medical summaries and coordinate regular health updates.

## 7 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Actions from previous Minutes

#### 7.1 Action Tracker

##### MOTION

That Council notes and approves the Action tracker provided.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Ricky Holmes

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved AMLA-24/39*

## 8 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

*Nil*

## 9 OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

### Other matters discussed

#### 9.1 Other matters discussed

- Local Authority members have requested that either Adrian Chong or Lockie Thomas attend the next meeting to provide a detailed explanation of the Night Patrol role in the community and the work they do.

## 10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Ampilatwatja LA next meeting date is yet to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 12:53 PM

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