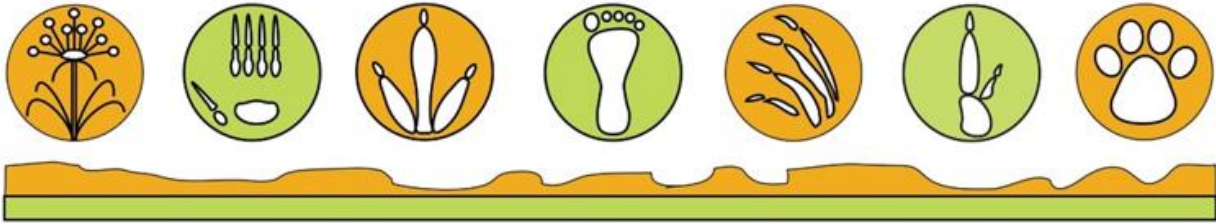


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES

Ampilatwatja LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ampilatwatja LA Meeting was held in the Ampilatwatja Council office on Thursday 2 May 2024 at 10:22 am.

Jeff MacLeod

Acting 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

- Ricky Holmes (Chair)
- Elizabeth McDonald
- Geoffrey Morton
- Tony Morton
- Amaziah Club
- Anita Bailey (Via Teams)
- Lulu Teece

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Jeff MacLeod (CEO, BRC)
- Peter Holt (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director of Operations and Remote Communities, BRC)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services, BRC)
- Gillian Molloy (Director of Community Development)
- Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager, BRC)
- Sagar Chand (Regional Manager for Safe and YSR, BRC)
- Amy Laslett (Regional Manager Community Care, BRC)
- Lockie Thomas (Night Patrol Zone Manager, BRC)
- Matthew Adams - Richardson (Office of Chief Minister NT)
- Kathleen Richardson (NT Electoral Commission)

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 20/02/2024 are true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Elizabeth McDonald

Seconded: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/10

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Quote for community Laundry washing machines

MOTION

That the Local Authority accepts the quote and approves for the purchase of two speedqueen commercial washing machines.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Amaziah Club

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/11

Actions from previous Minutes

3.2 Cattle troughs purchase

MOTION

The Local Authority notes the quotes and requests that the council obtain and provide more information regarding installation costs and maintenance at the next LA meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Elizabeth McDonald

Seconded: LA Member Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/12

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Acting Chief Executive Officers Report - Jeff MacLeod

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

- Progress on the regional plan is ongoing, with community feedback being incorporated.
- The draft plan is being refined for presentation at the upcoming council meeting, targeting final approval by June.
- Commitment to community engagement ensures the plan reflects regional needs and aspirations.
- Addressing funding expiration issues through discussions with government departments to secure extensions.
- Reaffirming Local Authority (LA) projects with members to ensure alignment and effectiveness.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/13

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 LAPF statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the LAPF statement and Local Authority allocates \$10,000 for the new washing machines and \$20,000 for the fencing around the laundry block.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Elizabeth McDonald

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/14

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Official Manager's Report - Peter Holt

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

- **Regional Plan:** Input for the Regional Plan 2024-25 from all Local Authorities is complete, with the first draft to be presented at upcoming meetings. The regional budget is also in development.
- **CEO Recruitment:** Ian Bodill resigned on March 28, 2024. Recruitment for a new CEO is underway, with applications closing on April 15. Jeff MacLeod will act as interim CEO until the end of May 2024.
- **BRC Investigator's Report:** The report by Ms. Ruth Morley has been presented to the Minister for Local Government. Briefings for councillors and those referenced will occur, with a 21-day period for responses before the Minister's determination.
- **Power & Water:** Regular meetings have started to address issues such as streetlight replacement, emergency power failures, Smart Meter issues, and a potential solar power project. Briefings on these matters are awaited.
- **Juno Farm:** BRC agreed to use Juno Farm accommodation for school-aged students referred by the courts until the Youth Justice facility is completed mid-year.
- **LGANT Meeting:** Held on April 18-19 in Darwin, key concerns discussed included further de-amalgamations and the return of community councils.

- **Barkly Regional Deal:** A review of BRD governance was announced, with concerns about public perception if the review is not seen as independent. BRC will raise issues regarding the council's role and the lack of a clear auspicing agreement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Tony Morton

Seconded: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/15

General Business

7.2 New projects

MOTION

The Local Authority requests the council to return with the information on the following five projects, including quotes, location, and land tenure:

1. Washing machines in the community
2. Fencing around the laundry block
3. Watering system around the oval ground
4. Tree plantation around the oval
5. Scoreboard for the oval

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Elizabeth McDonald

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/19

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

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

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the verbal report from the Director of Operations and Remote Communities.

SUMMARY

- Municipal services, led by Shannon, are running smoothly with no issues.
- Australia Post and Centrelink services are operating without interruptions.
- Power and Water department provided a response regarding drainage issues, attributing them to recent storms, not portable water issues.
- Ryan's team is working on a solution for the drainage problems.
- The council is currently working on a regional plan and budgeting for the upcoming financial year.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

Seconded: LA Member Amaziah Club

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/16

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.2 Verbal presentation from Regional Manager of Safe Houses & Youth Recreation - Sagar Chand

SUMMARY

Sagar Chand was unable to do the presentation at the meeting due to a scheduling conflict with another meeting at the same time, so he had to leave early.

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 Presentation from NT Electoral Commission

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from the NT Electoral Commission.

SUMMARY

2024 Territory Election Key Information:

- **Get Ready:** Visit ntec.nt.gov.au for details.
- **Key Dates:**
 - Postal voting applications: Open now
 - Nominations open: Thursday, 1 August
 - Electoral roll closes: Friday, 2 August
 - Nominations declared: Thursday, 8 August
 - Voting starts: Monday, 12 August
 - Postal voting applications close: Thursday, 22 August
 - Election Day: Saturday, 24 August
- Check Your Enrolment: Ensure you are enrolled and your details are correct at www.aec.gov.au.
- **Voting Information:**
 - Voting services start on Monday, 12 August.
 - Details about voting locations will be available on the website.
 - Apply for a postal vote if you can't vote at a voting centre at www.ntec.nt.gov.au/apply-postal.
- **Learn How to Vote:**
 - Watch a video in English and 14 Aboriginal languages at www.ntec.nt.gov.au/how-to-vote.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Geoffrey Morton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved AMLA-24/18

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Ampilatwatja LA next meeting date is 19/06/2024.

Meeting Closed at 12:29 PM

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