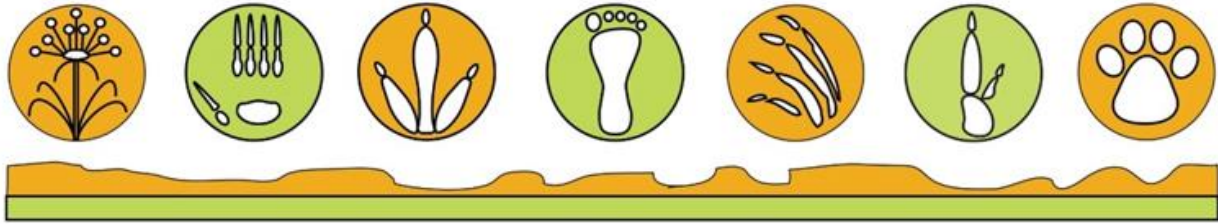


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Elliott LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott LA Meeting was held in the Elliott Council Office on Thursday 04 April 2024 at 10:31 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.

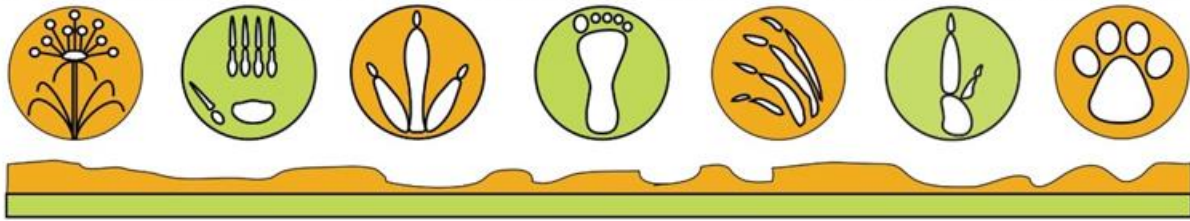
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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

- Bob Bagnall (Chair)
- Kevin Gaskin
- Jason Mullan
- Kevin Neade

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Jeff MacLeod (Acting CEO, BRC)
- Peter Holt (Official Manager, BRC)
- Brody Moore (Director Operations and Remote Communities)
- Murray Davies (Director of Corporate Services)
- Sagar Chand (Regional Manager Safe Houses & YSR, BRC)
- Lockie Thomas (Night Patrol Zone Manage, BRC)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (Local Authority Coordinator)
- Steve Edginton (MLA)
- Lennie Barton
- Heather Wilson
- David Khoory
- Greg Kimfield
- Patrick Smith
- Hassan Tariq
- Kate Race

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Christopher Neade
- Jody Nish
- Laura Jackson

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 in on 11 January 2024 are true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/50

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Actions from previous Minutes

MOTION

That the Action list to be accepted with the removal of completed items.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA – 24/ 70

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report - Jeff MacLeod

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

The CEO discussed the upcoming regional plan as the strategic blueprint for the next fiscal year. Bob Bagnall highlighted the significance of the existing area plan crafted by the LA members. This plan was submitted to the council for incorporation into the forthcoming regional strategy. The CEO assured that the council would thoroughly review and advocate for the issues outlined in the Area Plan.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/52

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 Local Authority Project Funding Statement

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Local Authority project funding statement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/53

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Report from the Official Manager - Peter Holt

MOTION

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

SUMMARY

1. Annual Regional Plan: Local Authority meetings in March and April are focused on providing input for the Regional Plan 2024-25 to guide council actions for the next fiscal year, aiding budget development and grant seeking.
2. CEO Recruitment: Ian Bodill's resignation prompted recruitment for a new CEO, managed by ANSON agency. Jeff McLeod, a highly respected executive, will serve as interim CEO until May 2024.
3. Australian Citizenship Ceremony: The council hosted a citizenship ceremony on March 21, welcoming 12 new Australian citizens, reflecting the diverse makeup of the community.
4. Meeting with Senators: Recent meetings with Senators Chisholm and McCarthy discussed regional development, infrastructure needs, and the council's interest in the new Remote Jobs program.
5. Power & Water Collaboration: Regular meetings with PowerWater aim to improve collaboration, addressing issues like streetlight replacement, emergency power, Smart Meter failures, water quality concerns, and potential solar projects.
6. Completion of Investigator's Report: The Investigation of the Barkly Regional Council by Ruth Morley has been completed and presented to the Minister for Local Government on time.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/54

General Business

7.2 Upgrades at the Cemetery

MOTION

The Local Authority has requested council to water supply to cemetery and that toilets and shade structure to be considered after the water is connected.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Neade

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/61

General Business

7.3 Lease options

MOTION

The Local Authority has requested council to explore leasing options for the Memorial Area adjacent to the highway.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/62

General Business

7.4 DIPL issues

MOTION

The Local Authority has asked the council to reach out to the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics (DIPL) regarding the nature strip concern along the highway.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/63

General Business

7.5 Yarning Circle

MOTION

The Local Authority supports the Yarning circle (funded and organized by Alcohol Initiative and Education).

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/64

General Business

7.6 Inclusion of Young people in LA meetings

MOTION

The local authority members unanimously decided to incorporate interested young individuals into their meetings from the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/65

General Business

7.7 Upgrade to the police station

MOTION

The local authority has asked the council to write a letter to the appropriate department requesting the replacement of the police station infrastructure with a new police complex.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/66

General Business

7.8 Furniture acquisition for Library

MOTION

That the Council purchases shade cloth for the existing outdoor structure at the library and that outdoor tables and chairs be purchased.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/67

General Business

7.9 Upgrading or replacing the existing Shade structure

MOTION

The local authority has asked the council to assess the two portable shade structures and determine whether to replace it with a new one or upgrade the existing structure.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/68

General Business

7.10 Installation of Solar lights

MOTION

The local authority has requested the council to repair existing solar lights in the park adjacent to Puma.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Neade

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/69

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Other Matters For Noting

9.1 Remuneration Tribunal - Local Authorities

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Remuneration Tribunal - determination of allowances for the members of Local Authorities.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/55

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 note and accept the Director of Operations report on Council delivered services in the Elliott Local Government Area.

SUMMARY

1. Household rubbish collection continues weekly on Mondays, while businesses receive collections twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays.
2. Municipal Crew maintains town parks, gardens, and public areas despite increased maintenance due to heavy rains.
3. Plans are underway to address the Elliott Landfill to extend its lifespan.
4. Centrelink Agent services provided by Elliot Council staff remain uninterrupted.
5. Surya Godvarthi of Barkly Council is undergoing training to obtain a drone license for aerial photography, with completion expected by the end of March. Community consultation will precede any photography to ensure avoidance of cultural or business sites.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lennie Barton

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/56

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.2 Report from the Director of Community Development - Gillian Molloy

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Director of Community Development.

SUMMARY

1. The Elliott Peacock population has become large and problematic within the community.
2. The Local Authority (LA) aims to seek assistance from the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) and the animal management team to relocate most of the peacock population to other areas within the Barkly region.
3. Investigations are underway to relocate the peacock population to recognized campgrounds, caravan parks, and truck stops.
4. Peafowls are considered feral animals under Section 47(1) of the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976.
5. Legislation prohibits the release of feral animals back into the Northern Territory once brought under control.
6. Lethal and humane destruction may be considered if new owners cannot be found for the peafowls after catching or trapping them.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/57

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.3 Program Report on International Women's day celebration

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report on International Women's Day celebration at Elliott – presented by Sagar Chand

SUMMARY

1. The International Women's Day Celebration in Elliott saw active participation from 40-50 community members, marked by lively music from the Elliott Band and delicious BBQ options.
2. Primary and Public Health - Barkly Team's information sessions on women's health and empowerment were well-received, fostering engagement and discussion among attendees.
3. Some community members showed interest in potential job opportunities within the council, indicating the event's networking potential.

4. Positive feedback highlights the importance of hosting similar events more frequently to strengthen community bonds and empower individuals.
5. Continued organization of such events will not only foster community engagement but also encourage active participation in shaping the community's future.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/58

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.4 Project Plan for Alcohol Action Initiative, Elliott Yarning Circle

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the update on the project plan for Alcohol Action Initiative, Elliott Yarning Circle – presented by Sagar Chand.

SUMMARY

1. The Alcohol Action Initiatives project in Elliott, under the Barkly Regional Council, aims to tackle alcohol-related harms through community-driven solutions.
2. The project has a total budget of \$10,000, with the majority allocated for construction materials for a Yarning Circle.
3. Activities include community consultation, Yarning Circle construction, integration with FASD School Program, community engagement events, and ongoing monitoring and evaluation.
4. Collaborations with stakeholders such as the Elliott Hawks Men's Football Club, local health services, Elliott School, and community elders ensure cultural appropriateness and community ownership.
5. Project management will be overseen by the Regional Manager Safe Houses and Youth Recreation Programs, with regular meetings and effective communication channels established.
6. The project aims to create lasting positive impacts, empower individuals and families, and provide a positive diversionary activity for community members in Elliott.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/59

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 Presentation from Principal Alcohol Action Officer - Hassan Tariq

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from Hassan Tariq.

SUMMARY

1. Hassan presented new guidelines from the liquor act during a presentation.
2. LA members mentioned an existing alcohol management plan from 2008.
3. LA members have informed that this issue needs more consultation with the community members and are willing to discuss more in the future.
4. Hassan plans to visit the community in the third week of April for face-to-face discussions regarding the alcohol management plan.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/60

Visitor Presentations

11.2 Presentation on the Local Authority review - Kate Race

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from Kate Race.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/70

Visitor Presentations

11.3 Verbal presentation from the Member of Legislative Assembly - Steve Edgington

SUMMARY

1. Steve Edgington mentioned the poor road conditions following recent rains.
2. He expressed appreciation for the Local Authority's efforts in driving infrastructure development in Elliott over the years.
3. Members were encouraged to raise any issues they have.
4. Progress on housing in the north camp was mentioned, indicating it is nearing completion.
5. Edgington also acknowledged and appreciated the work of the Land Council.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Elliott LA next meeting date is 09/05/2024.

Meeting Closed at 02:27 PM

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