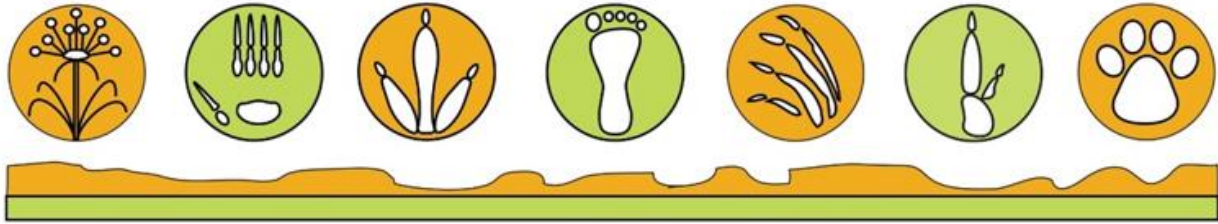


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES Provisional Elliott LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott Provisional LA Meeting was held in the Elliott Conference Room on Thursday 12 October 2023 at 11:00 am.

### **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

Meeting commenced at 11:00am with Bob Bagnall as Chair.

- Bob Bagnall
- Jodie Nish
- Jason Mullan

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Steve Edginton (Member for Barkly Legislative Assembly)
- Randall Ratana (NT Police)
- Daniel Sandy (NT Police)
- Marlene Ball (NT Health Clinic Manager)
- Adrian Chong (Acting Area Manager BRC)
- Barry Natrass (Acting Director of Operations & Communities BRC)

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

#### Apologies

- Gillian Molloy (Director of Community Development BRC)
- Kevin Gaskin (LA member)
- Sally O'Callaghan (Regional Director DIPL)

### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

### 1.5 Resignations

Nil

### 1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Provisional Meeting Only

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Elliott Local Authority receive and discuss the minutes of the previous meeting held in Elliott on 07 September 2023.**

**Previous minutes cannot be confirmed due to lack of quorum, hence Provisional Meeting status.**

### 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Provisional Meeting Only

### 4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

*Nil*

### 5 FINANCE REPORTS

#### RECOMMENDATION

Through the chair, a question was raised regarding the first line item in the expenses list being \$1,000 debited for sitting fees.

This figure did not match attendance fees paid to date but it did align to funding approved for 2022 ANZAC Day expenses.

Acting Director of Operations Barry Natrass to seek clarification as to the budget detail.

### 6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

#### RECOMMENDATION

No area manager report was tabled however questions were raised as to the purchase of:

- Kubota RTV - X900W - H - AU
- Forks for the Skid Steer
- Change Room equipment

The question asked was what is the process in order to purchase these items once approved? Does it require the Area Manager to instigate or Head Office in Tennant Creek?

### 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### RECOMMENDATION

- The LA discussed the process by which more delegated authority could be afforded to the Local Authority under the current legislation.
- BRC project management team have been contacted regarding the outstanding items on the action tracker with infrastructure items such as Lot 8/16 Lewis Street, Jim Rennie Reserve would require input from the Project Manager for Infrastructure to progress.
- The Sobering Up Shelter proposal is still awaiting an update from Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation as to what can be done to provide this service.
- The LA wish to re-invite a representative from DIPL to attend and update the members on the plans for maintaining roadside verges and nature strips in Elliott.

- Members agreed that they wish to keep the dialogue open with the proposed Northern Interest development team and confirmed that it is an important project for the future of Elliott. Chairman Bob Bagnall and Steve Edginton are both acquainted with the directors of Northern Interest group and will attempt to contact them for updates on their intentions and requirements.

**Other matters discussed were:**

- A request for information as to when the BRC street sweeper would next be available to Elliott township. When Elliott gave up its own street sweeper the community were told that the BRC machine would be made available every 3 months however it has only been in Elliott once in 2 years.
- A request for information as to when plans for a chapel to be built at the Elliott cemetery would be forthcoming.
- There was a request raised in April 2023 for a copy of the Elliott town plan from DIPL in order to establish tenure of Lot 141 which the Local Authority are still yet to see.
- Elliott LA would still like to invite Director of Community Development Gillian Molloy to present the Animal Management Plan details to the members.
- Quotes are still required for the Playground equipment to come from the Barkly Backbone Team.

**The Elliott LA Action Tracker needs the following items added:**

- Football oval siren needs to be hardwired into place.
- Sporting equipment needed for the Elliott Sport & Rec Association has been approved for purchase but not yet actioned.
- Peacock relocation to be commenced when Chris Neade - Area Manager is back from leave.
- Road maintenance concerns need to be addressed through DIPL.
- Repair of shade sails needs to be addressed.
- Concerns have been raised by residents as to drainage and plumbing problems in the North and South camps which are serviced by Aus Projects. These areas come under the Homelands Service Provider 23/24 program overseen by the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities.
- That there is no mention or budget item listing for Animal Management in the 2023 - 2024 BRC Regional Plan.
- The Elliott LA November 2023 meeting be moved from 02 to 09 November 2023 and that the December meeting will be held on 14 December 2023.
- A question was raised by the Local Authority that the Elliott community were listed on the "Room to Breathe" Program website but no consultation or work had been conducted to date.
- The Elliott police have been running a recruitment drive for Fire Brigade membership and reaching out to young residents to join the activity as part of their Youth Diversion program.



## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

*Nil*

## 10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

*Nil*

## 12 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

*Nil*

## 13 OTHER BUSINESS

*Nil*

## 14 CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting Closed at 1:00pm

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