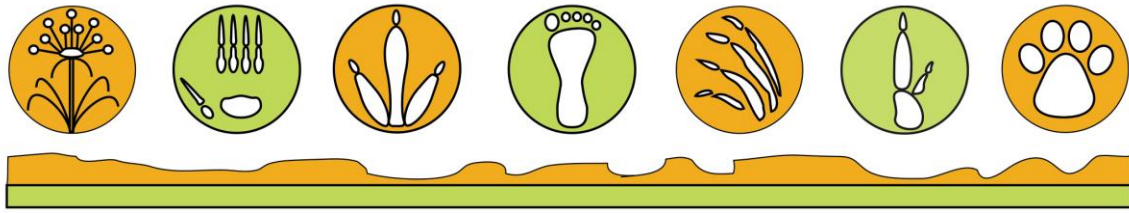


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 29 September 2022 at 8:30am.

**Emma Bradbury**  
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.**

Meeting commenced at 8.30am with Deputy Mayor, Dianne Seri Stokes as Chair.

## **1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

### **1.1 Elected Members Present**

- Deputy Mayor Dianne Seri Stokes
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Derek Walker
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell

### **1.2 Staff Members Present**

- Emma Bradbury – Chief Executive Officer
- Bakhita Southcott – People & Culture Manager
- Karen Legge – Corporate & Community Planner
- Frank Crawley – Quality & Governance Officer (via video-link)
- Anupam Singh – Acting Manager Finance

### **1.3 Visitors Present**

- Clarissa Burgen
- Karan Hayward and colleagues

### **1.4 Apologies**

Mayor Jeffrey Mc Laughlin

Cr. Heather Wilson

Cr. Anita Bailey

Troy Koch – Director Operations

Sonya Kenny – A/Director Community Development

### **1.5 Absent Without Apologies**

Nil

### **1.6 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff – Under Section 116(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019***

The CEO declared an interest in confidential agenda items 18.3 and 18.4.

### **1.7 Review of disclosure of interests – Councillors and Staff (to be done at each council meeting)**

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **MOTION**

**That Council** confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 as a true and accurate record.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell**

**Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 157/22*

## **3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **MOTION**

##### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report,
- b) Move completed items from the Action List,
- c) Requests that the Department of Planning and Logistics provide an updated plan for Purkiss Reserve to ensure the changes requested by Council have been reflected into the final plan,
- d) Write to the Northern Territory Electoral Commission expressing concern at its lack of action in enforcing penalties to those enrolled voters who did not vote at the 2021 local government election.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell**

**Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 158/22*

### **3.1 COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP**

#### **MOTION**

##### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report,
- b) Bring a further report to Council with recommendations for future of specific committees.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger**

**Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 159/22*

#### 4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

##### 4.1 NT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

###### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council** note the presentation and discussions with the NT Remuneration Tribunal.  
Moved item to confidential session.

#### 5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

##### 5.1 ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Note that there continues to be concerns across the community in regards to the rates issue and how the matter is progressing.

Concern expressed about the Mayor's continued use of the mayoral vehicle and if it complies with Council's vehicle policy.

Concerns raised about Council staffing numbers, and the impact of this on Council service provision. Inquiry about if elected members will be included in the review of staffing levels.

###### MOTION

- a) Receive and note the address from members of the public.
- b) Review the vehicle policy and report to next meeting.

###### RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 160/22*

#### 6. MAYOR'S REPORT

##### 6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

###### MOTION

**That Council:**

- a) Receives and notes the report from Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin for the month of September.

###### RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 161/22*

## 7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

### 7.1 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY PLANNING FRAMEWORK

#### MOTION

#### That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Adopt the Corporate & Community Planning Framework.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr. Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Cr. Jack Clubb

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 162/22*

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 09:35 AM

Cr Derek Walker returned to the meeting, the time being 09:43 AM

### 7.2 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

#### MOTION

**That Council** receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of September 2022.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Councillor Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Councillor Derek Walker

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 163/22*

### 7.3 PEOPLE AND CULTURE

#### MOTION

**That Council** receive and note the People and Culture report which provides an overview of the Workforce statistics and key focus areas to support the Regional Plan and employee development within the Barkly Regional Council.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**Seconded:** Councillor Lennie Barton

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 164/22*

Cr Jack Clubb left the meeting, the time being 09:49 AM

Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 09:48 AM

Cr Jack Clubb returned to the meeting, the time being 09:55 AM

#### 7.4 MAYORAL REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

##### MOTION

**That Council** approve a leave of absence for the Mayor, Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin, for the period 20 September 2022 to 26 October 2022.

##### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr. Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Councillor Russell O'Donnell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 165/22*

Councillors expressed their disappointment at Cr McLaughlin's actions.

#### 7.5 FINANCE REPORT

##### MOTION

##### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note Finance Department Report.
- b) Requests staff ensure any damage to property has been reported to police, and follow up with insurers to recover the costs of repairs. Council staff to liaise with community to address vandalism issues. Additional staff to be present to assist with the upcoming sport event in Ampilatwatja.

##### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Councillor Derek Walker

**Seconded:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 166/22*

#### 7.6 BREAK FOR MORNING TEA – 10:31AM

##### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Councillor Greg Marlow

**Seconded:** Councillor Lennie Barton

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 167/22*

#### 7.7 RETURN TO MEETING – 10:55AM

##### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Councillor Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr. Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 168/22*

## 8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### 8.1 CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY 14 OCTOBER 2022

#### MOTION

**That Council** notes the upcoming Citizenship Ceremony to be held on Friday, 14 October 2022 at Council Chambers commencing 10.30am for an 11.00am start.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell**

**Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 169/22*

Cr. Marlow asked his apologies for the Ceremony be noted.

### 8.2 2022-2023 RATES

#### MOTION

#### **That Council**

- (a) in accordance with section 249 of the Local Government Act and Council Policy No 38 Rates Exemption and Concessions, provide rate concessions for the 2022-23 year only to the following categories of ratepayers:

Category	No assessments	Concession amount	Reduction in ad-valorem rate%	Revised 2022-23 ad-valorem rate %
General Industry	22	\$51,435	3.4406	5.1608
Light Industry	76	\$243,362	3.7358	5.6036
Service commercial	9	\$36,936	2.6090	3.9134
Total Concession		\$331,733		

- (b) Allow a payment grace period of 60 days from 30/09/2022 for the above ratepayer categories if they opt to pay their rate bill by quarterly instalments.

- (c) Note that there will be a further report presented to Council in the next 6 (six) months concerning a review of the rating structure.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved: Cr Ronald Plummer**

**Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 170/22*

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 11:09 AM

Cr Derek Walker returned to the meeting, the time being 11:10 AM

## 9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

*Nil*

## 10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

### 10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT AUGUST 2022

#### MOTION

That Council receive and note the Community Development Report August 2022.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 171/22*

## 11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

### 11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

Cr O'Donnell declared a conflict of interest relating to this Item, and left the meeting.

#### MOTION

##### That Council

- a) Receive and note the Local Authority Report for the month of September;
- b) Receive and note the Ali Curung Local Authority September meeting Minutes;
- c) Approve the MHA quote for \$7,491.00 to supply x3 new Skip Bins and freight to Tennant Creek;
- d) Approve the allocation of \$8103.15 for electrical repairs to 4 meter boxes by Mike Nash;
- e) Receive and note the Alpururlam Local Authority September meeting Minutes;
- f) Approve the allocation of \$8,584.62 for the cost of servicing and repairs to the washers and dryer in the community laundromat;
- g) Receive and note the Ampilatwatja Local Authority September meeting Minutes;
- h) Approve the allocation of \$6,836.36 for the purchase of speed bumps from Safety Express;
- i) Approve the allocation of \$14,884.07 for an electrical upgrade to be done to the basketball court by Dexter Barnes;
- j) Receive and note the Elliot Local Authority September meeting Minutes;
- k) Receive and note the Tennant Creek Local Authority August meeting Minutes.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 172/22*

Cr O'Donnell returned to the meeting.



**12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Nil*

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

*Nil*

**14. RESCISSION MOTIONS**

*Nil*

**15. OPERATIONS**

**15.1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT**

**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the *Operations Director's* report for August 2022.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Derek Walker**

**Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 173/22*

Cr Hal Ruger returned to the meeting, the time being 11:26 AM

**16. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**16.1 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MEMBER**

**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) appoint Councillor O'Donnell to the position of Deputy Principal Member for a twelve month period ending at the Council Meeting in September 2023;  
b) acknowledge and thank Cr Dianne Stokes for her hard work and service in the role for the 12 month period to September 2022.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Derek Walker**

**Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 174/22*

**16.2 MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow**

**Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 175/22*

Move back into Ordinary Business Session.

### **16.3 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **MOTION**

##### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the discussion's held regarding concerns raised by community members to councillors.
- b) Council to invite Minister, Local MP and all members of COORD and community agencies to a community safety forum at a date to be confirmed.
- c) Request staff action on the following:
  - Note Clr Ruger's concerns regarding overgrown properties and request action be taken by staff to address.
  - Request staff to write a letter of concern to the Police about increased rates of break and enters and yard intrusions, and note Clr Plummer's suggestion to encourage CLCs to be part of the discussion.
  - Possibility of Council collaboration with The Mob to increase number of community camps to remote areas. Encourage Elders to work with families to ask them to respect our local community and protocols.
  - Confirm that a cement plinth is available at the Cemetery for headstones and plaques to be placed.
  - Establish standing agenda item for Councillors to raise concerns from community.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger**

**Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 176/22*

### **16.4 WESTPAC BRANCH CLOSURE**

#### **MOTION**

##### **That Council**

- a) Write to Westpac expressing disappointment at their decision to close their local Branch, and the lack of consultation with community about the closure. Request that Westpac explore options (eg local staffing, indigenous employment) for retaining the Branch in Tennant Creek. Council to invite Westpac to return their services to the community.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger**

**Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 177/22*

## MOTION

**That Council** write a letter to ANZ Bank to encourage them to retain their commitment to delivering a service in Tennant Creek.

### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr. Hal Ruger

**Seconded:** Cr. Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 178/22*

## 17. CORRESPONDENCE

### 17.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

#### MOTION

**That Council** receive and note the incoming/outgoing correspondence for the month of September.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Councillor Greg Marlow

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 179/22*

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 1:20pm  
Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 1:24pm

### 17.2

BREAK FOR LUNCH

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

**Seconded:** Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 180/22*

### 17.3

RETURN TO MEETING

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr. Hal Ruger

**Seconded:** Cr. Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 181/22*

Cr. Walker left the meeting and did not return.

17.4

**MOTION**

MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow**

**Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 182/22*

**18. RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

**MOTION**

**That Council** move back into open session at 3.23 pm.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes**

**Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 183/22*

**MOTION**

**That Council** move the confidential resolutions of Items 18.3, 18.4 and 21.5 into the Open session of Council.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes**

**Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 184/22*

**18.3 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR BUSINESS PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger**

**Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes**

**That Council**

- (a) Confirm the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 10 August 2022, noting that the Terms of Reference for the Review Committee need to be attached to the Minutes. Correct spelling of Clr Barton's name in Resolution 3.1.
- (b) Note the declaration by the CEO, Emma Bradbury, of a conflict of interest in this matter in accordance with Sec 179(1).
- (c) Approve the Terms of Reference for the Business Process Review Committee.
- (d) Appoint Council's Quality and Governance Officer, Frank Crawley, to be the nominated officer to assist in providing advice and support to the Committee.
- (e) Move this item into the Open Session of the Minutes.

## 18.4 UPDATE ON JUNO EOI PROCESS

### MOTION

#### That Council

- i) receive and note the report.
- ii) authorise a community consultation be conducted without disclosing the confidential proposals it has received
- iii) request a consultation plan be prepared to guide the community consultation process, which reviews the outcomes of previous engagement activities undertaken in relation to this matter
- iv) request an item and report for a final decision on the successful applicant be brought to the November council meeting.
- v) Move that this resolution be brought into the Open section of the Council meeting.

### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

## 21.5 BRC BUSINESS PROCESS REVIEW - ROLE OF THE NTG LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT

### MOTION

#### That Council

- i. note the CEO's confidential report for the month of September
- ii. request the report be forwarded to LGANT seeking their support to establish clear outcomes for the support of local governments from the Local Government Unit of Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet,
- iii. work with Local Government Unit of Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet to undertake an independent review of concerns raised by assessing the findings of work already undertaken by independent agencies,
- iv. the 2019 *AllAboutXpert Technologies* report be distributed confidentially to all councillors,
- v. move that this resolution be brought into the Open section of the Council meeting.

### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr Dianne Stokes

## 19. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3.26 pm.

This page and the proceeding 13 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 29 September 2022 and are unconfirmed .

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Russell O'Donnell  
Council Deputy Mayor  
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Emma Bradbury  
Chief Executive Officer  
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