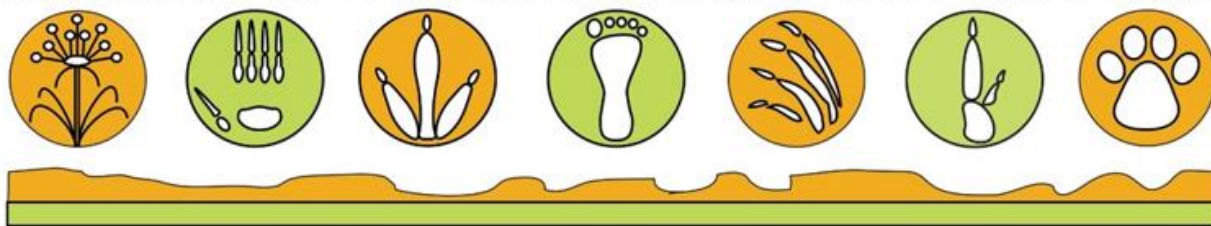


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Purkiss Reserve Committee Tuesday 07 November 2023

The meeting of the Purkiss Reserve Committee of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 4:00 pm.

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 Committee Members Present

- Wayne Green – Tennant Creek AFL
- Stewart Willey – Moriarty Foundation
- Matt Beaty – Northern Territory Families
- Ray Wallis
- Jason Dunemann – Sporties Spitfires

1.2 Staff Members and Visitors Present

Staff

- Ian Bodill - BRC CEO
- Emmanuel Okumu - Governance Manager
- Faye Jennings - Executive Manager
- Troy Koch – Director of Tennant Creek
- Murray Davies – Director of Corporate Services

Visitor

- Sally O’Callaghan – DIPL
- Gavin McIver – Territory Families, Housing, Communities and Sport – Alice Springs
- Ian Ford – Territory Families, Housing, Communities and Sport – Darwin

1.3 Apologies

Romeo Mutsago

1.4 Absent Without Apology

- Telvan Clegg

1.5 Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this Purkiss Reserve Working Committee Meeting.

2 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

That the committee

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Purkiss Committee Meeting held on 13 October 2023 as a true and accurate record.
2. Accept Ray Walliss's record in the previous minute to be amended to reflect absent with apologies.

RESOLVED:

Moved: Wayne Green

Seconded: Jason Dunemann

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

That the Committee:

1. Select one of the Committee members as Chair.
2. Be given a copy of the terms of reference in the next committee meeting for reference.
3. Nominate the Governance Manager to chair the meeting for today.

RESOLVED:

Moved: Wayne Green

Seconded: Ray Wallis

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minute note

The Governance Manager opened the meeting and informed members that due to the suspension of the council, the Committee Chairperson, Cr. Sharon Lake cannot attend or chair the committee meeting until the Minister of Local Government decides on the suspension.

As such, the recommendation is for members available to nominate one person to chair the meeting.

Mr Wayne Green objected and said that under the committee terms of reference, only the Mayor, in this case, the Official Manager, can chair the committee in the absence of the chair.

The Governance Manager guided the committee and said that under s 98(d) of the Act, one member can be chosen by the members present at the meeting to chair the meeting.

Committee members, in a show of consensus, voiced their support for the view raised by Mr. Green.

The BRC CEO, Mr Ian Bodill, guided that in the absence of the term of reference, if members can't agree on how to proceed even after the Governance Manager's guidance, he recommends that the meeting can be postponed until when the Official Manager is available to chair it, or, a vote be put for members to nominate that the Governance Manager proceeds with chairing the meeting for today.

BRC new CEO address the meeting.

Mr. Ian Bodill introduced himself and said he has a long history in local government in the Territory, Western Australia, and Queensland, and has experience working with Councils under administration. The role of CEO of the Barkly Regional Council emerged as an opportunity. There is a lot of work to be done but he intends to do it. He is well briefed and educated to face the challenges faced in the Barkly and wants to work towards the Council being a good place to work; promoting a happy and positive culture – That's his primary aim.

Declaration of conflict of interest.

No member declared conflict of interest in this meeting.

Presentation Notice

The Chairperson informed the members that, there will be presentation from guests who may be coming to join the meeting any time soon. They will be able to answer some of the queries around the Purkiss reserve development which the members had previously raised.

The guest in the meeting, Sally O'Callaghan requested to say something. She informed the meeting that she just wanted to know what the committee membership is made up of and the Meeting Purpose and Intention:

The Chairperson confirmed that as stated in the agenda, BRC had called the council committee meeting (Purkiss Reserve Committee) to discuss various issues including to agree on how they will handle their Purkiss Committee work, discuss, and get an understanding of the Council's position as a client and stakeholder in the DIPL projects, and any other matters as provided for under the committee's terms of reference.

The committee also raised some issues during the previous meeting around the placement of bollards and fencing throughout Purkiss park. Adam Tran was invited on behalf of DIPL to discuss fencing options.

In reply, Sally O'Callaghan said, there was some confusion about the intention of the meeting and the attendees. She explained to the committee that she had requested a working group meeting not a full Purkiss Reserve Committee meeting including Council. Therefore, the guests the committee is waiting for will not be attending or presenting to the committee today.

Sally O'Callaghan suggests council select two people to attend a community consultation meeting in DIPL a date to be confirmed and then those two representatives would then bring feedback to council or committee.

Amended motion.

That the committee receives an update of Actions of previous minutes from council officers.

RESOLVED:

Moved: Stewart Willey
Seconded: Matt Beaty

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council officers informed the committee that officers did a walkthrough Purkiss park with DIPL and noticed some visible progress with the development of new parking bays and the cricket nets being in place. But there was an issue with access to the Tennis Courts.

Sally O'Callaghan, DIPL – informed the committee that there are currently 2 access points to the Netball/Tennis Courts. The gates on the Southern side of the enclosure will be closed off. They are currently obstructed by an existing light pole. There will be bollards in the new design that will affect access to this area. A new compliant gate will be installed to provide access to the Tennis Courts from the Southern end. This will include afterhours lighting for pedestrian safety and access to the switchboard.

- The committee said that they see a lot of changes happening but when they check from the original plan, it doesn't reflect what is in the original plan yet no updates from DIPL regarding the revised scope of works have been received to date.
- Sally O'Callaghan, DIPL refuted what was raised by the committee that there was no updates from DIPL regarding the revised scope of works have been received to date. She said updates were provided to council officers who normally come to attend DIPL community consultation committee and it's those council officers who should have made it available to you the committee.
- BRC CEO- Ian Bodill informed the committee that he will direct the corporate director to confirm if such update was received and once confirmed, it will be shared with the committee members before the next committee meeting.

Sally O'Callaghan in reply said, there is a very transparent process around the development but DIPL has been finding it hard to put the information to the right person as stakeholders don't send representatives to the consultative meetings and those who do attend, receive the information but don't relay feedback to the rest of their team.

- Action Mayor Greg Marlow was tasked with reaching out to DIPL before 16th October scheduled meeting to confirm the meeting time and proposed agenda.

Director Corporate informed the committee that due to the suspension of council, council officers had to attend the DIPL meeting on a short notice since the committee chairperson who was meant to attend could no longer attend.

3. Agreement on Dealing with Proposed Works and Meeting Regularity:

- The Committee discussed the frequency of meetings to address proposed works. Quarterly meetings were suggested, however a proposal of more regular meetings during the development stage of works, specifically before the next full Council meeting on the 26/10/2023 was suggested.
- The committee agreed to hold meetings on a Tuesday of the week before the Monthly Council meeting, at 4:30pm. Initial meetings were suggested every three months, following the terms of reference.

9. Storage for sports groups:

- There is a need to consider alternative storage facilities for sports groups.
- Suggestions included using the old tennis court clubhouse, gym, or the Youthlinx building.



There was no update provided on this matter.

10. Extra funding

- Wayne suggested exploring additional funding options to address any shortfalls in delivery.
- This included reaching out to the Australian Sports Foundation and seeking tax deductible donations.
- Consideration also to be given to potential interest from larger organisations like NIIA in contributing to upgrades such as scoreboards.

The CEO- Ian Bodill informed the committee that funding is crucial, and he will direct staff to contact the funding bodies identified in bid to seek funds.

- The committee recommend conducting a risk assessment over the coming months to establish best practices for parking signs around the sports grounds before the football season kicks off.

Sally O'Callaghan informed the committee that the parking signs will be placed.

- Ongoing maintenance and cleaning of the basketball courts were discussed. Plan to be put in place to get this included on the maintenance schedule.
- Clarification sought regarding the point of contact for sports groups when they have concerns or need to log repairs/maintenance issues.

Director Tennant Creek informed the committee that ongoing maintenance and cleaning of the basketball court will be included on the maintenance schedule. The director also requested the committee to note that with work still in process around the area, it presents the challenges of maintaining the area.

4.1. Other Business:

Members raised the following issues and requested the staff to followup further and provide update in the next meeting.

- Is there any proposed play equipment?
- The current scope indicates removal of all previously proposed play equipment.
- Is a new fence required around the playing oval?
- There is no coaches box in place.
- Would nets be put in place behind the goals?
- Grandstands – for new fields / original grandstands also to be reinstated.
- No parking signs – permanent signage are required in between the changing rooms and the canteen.
- Bollards need to be in place around the parking lot.
- Confirmation of cricket nets – DIPL suggestion is to replace the soft nets with hard wire.
- Staff to follow up with DIPL and seek for clarification on the proposed use of the Youthlinx Building.

7 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 5:58pm.

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