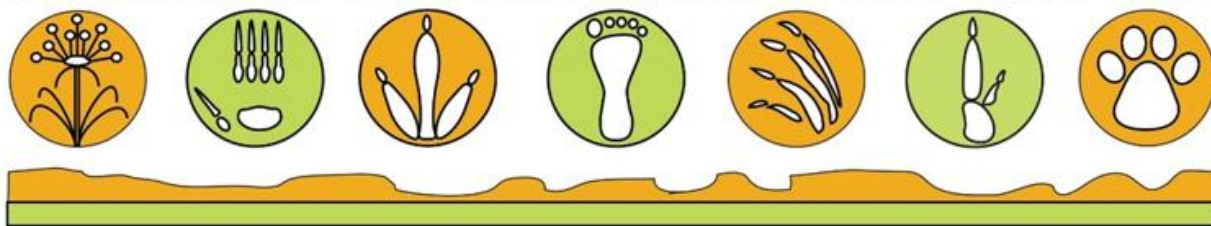


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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 9 January 2025 at 11:00 am.

Chris Kelly
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.

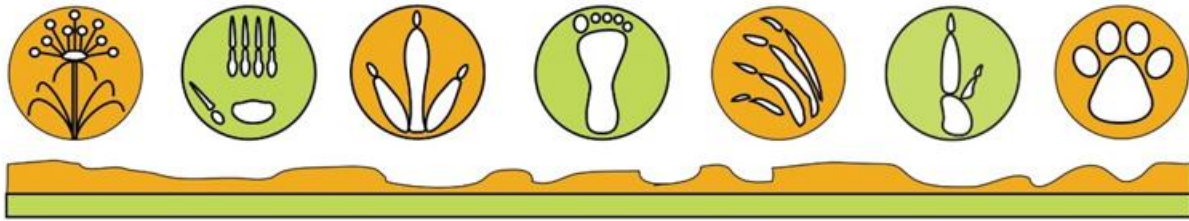
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

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 Countries on which Barkly Regional Council live and work, the lands which we meet on today, 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.

AUDIO RECORDING OF MEETING

An audio recording of this Council Meeting is being made for minute-taking purposes as authorised by Council Policy *Audio Recordings of Meetings*. Councillors may request, via majority vote if required, that no recording is made where issues of legitimate cultural or spiritual significance are to be discussed.

1 MEETING OPENED

The meeting commenced at 11:17 am with Mayor Sid Vashist as chair.

2 WELCOME

The Mayor, Sid Vashist welcomed those present to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER: 3.1

TITLE: Attendance and Apologies

Elected Members Present

- Mayor Sid Vashist
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Sharen Lake
- Cr. Pennie Cowin
- Cr. Ben Neade
- Cr. Zacieus Long
- Deputy Mayor. Noel Hayes
- Valerie Campbell

Staff Members Present

- Chris Kelly - Chief Executive Officer
- Emmanuel Okumu - Governance Manager

MOTION

That Council:

- a. noted the attendance.
- b. accepted the apologies received from Elected Members Cr. Dianne Stokes, Cr. Valda Napurrula Shannon, Cr. Lennie Barton, Cr Andrew Tsavaris, and Cr Darryl Rex Marton.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Pennie Cowin

Seconded: Cr. Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/39

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ITEM NUMBER: 4.1

TITLE: Leave of Absence

MOTION

That Council noted that no Elected Members made submissions for Leave of Absence.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ben Neade

Seconded: Cr. Valerie Campbell

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/40

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER: 5.1

TITLE: Council Code of Conduct

MOTION

That Council noted the Council Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sharen Lake

Seconded: Cr. Pennie Cowin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/41

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER: 6.1

TITLE: Notification of General Business Items

MOTION

That members noted that there was no matters raised to be discussed in General Council Business.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ben Neade

Seconded: Cr. Zacieus Long

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/42

ITEM NUMBER: 6.2

TITLE: Acceptance of Agenda

MOTION

That the papers circulated were received and considered at this meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ben Neade

Seconded: Cr. Zacieus Long

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/43

7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER: 7.1

TITLE: Conflict of Interest

MOTION

That Council

- a. noted the Conflict-of-Interest Policy; and
- b. noted that members Greg Marlow and Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes declared an interest in the confidential Item 1.1 and managed this by excusing them self from the meeting.
- c. recalled Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes back to the meeting as his declared conflict had no business, financial or close relationship.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Zacieus Long

Seconded: Cr. Pennie Cowin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/44

Keynote

Council recalled deputy mayor back to the meeting despite his declaration of conflict and excusing himself from the meeting.

Deputy Mayor said that his conflict was the fact that he knows most of the nominees well over a long time. The Council members pointed out that in a small population like in Barkly Region, everyone is likely to know everyone but that may not constitute a conflict of interest unless there is a close personal or family, work, business or other financial relationship involved.

8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 8.1

TITLE: Council Committees Chairpersons Appointment,

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report gives the Council the opportunity to appoint Chairpersons for each Council Committee.

MOTION

That Council

- a. Receive and notes the Council Committee Register
- b. Resolve to appoint Council Committee Chairpersons.
- c. Resolve to appoint BRC Chief Operations Officer, the Animal Management Committee Chairperson, BRC Chief Financial Officer, the Finance Committee Chairperson, and BRC Mayor, the CEO Review Committee Chairperson.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr. Sharen Lake

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/38

9 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER: 9.1

TITLE: Closure to the Public for Discussion of Confidential Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and clauses 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential matters.

MOTION

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sharen Lake

Seconded: Cr. Pennie Cowin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/45

10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 10.1

TITLE: Australia Day Nominations

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Status 51(1)(c)(iv) - This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: subject to subregulation (3) - prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

MOTION

That noted that there was no items discussed in the General Council Business.

RESOLVED

Moved: Dep. Mayor Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Valerie Campbell

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/46

12 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be re-opened to the public at 12: 08 PM.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Pennie Cowin

Seconded: Cr. Sharen Lake

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved SCM-24/47

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next OCM is scheduled for 30th January 2025.

14 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 12:09 PM.

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Mayor