



Victoria Daly
REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH 2022

09:00AM

Katherine Regional Office

29 Crawford Street, Katherine

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Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer

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MEETING OPENED

The meeting was opened by the Mayor, the time being 09:01 am

PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor (Chair)	Brian Pedwell
Deputy Mayor	Shirley Garlett
Councillor	Georgina Macleod
Councillor	Yvette Williams
Councillor	Andrew McTaggart

STAFF PRESENT

A/Director of Council Operations	Jocelyn Moir
Director of Corporate Services	Trudy Braun
Manager of Executive Services	Michelle Will (minute taker)
Chief Executive Officer	Russell Anderson
Senior Accountant	Jackson Bernard

GUESTS

Amanda Haigh The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Director of Operations Matthew Cheminant

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett declared a conflict of interest in regard to a Timber Creek Local Authority nomination as the nominee is a family member.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 February 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Moved: Cr Macleod

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garlett

Resolution: Carried

Minutes of the Special Ordinary Council Meeting held on 7 March 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garlett

Seconded: Cr Macleod

Resolution: Carried

Minutes of the Special Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 March 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Moved: Cr McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Macleod

Resolution: Carried

CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

DEPUTY MAYOR – REPORT TO COUNCIL ON CONFERENCE

DEPUTY MAYOR – MASTER PLAN (NORTH AUST. REGIONAL GROWTH)

CR MACLEOD – KALKARINDJI UPDATE

MAYORAL Report

Mayor Pedwell provided a verbal update to Councillors regarding meetings attended since the last Council meeting.

- Discussion on remote outstations have taken place internally with the Contracts Manager. Further discussions must take place soon to progress Homelands works to improve infrastructure and living standards.
- Mayor attended a meeting regarding funding for telecommunications (ABA). Mayor Pedwell is disappointed that the ABA Committee did not support Council's request for ABA to cover upgrades in Gilwi, Myatt, Pigeon Hole, Amanbidji, Fitzroy Station, and Menngen.

Mayor Pedwell and family thanked Council office and aged care staff at Yarralin for their support in the recent weeks.

Mayor Pedwell left the meeting, the time being 09:21am

The meeting was adjourned for sorry business, the time being 09:22am

The meeting resumed, the time being 09:30am

- Council is waiting for a response from Member for Daly, Dheran Young, regarding Lot 2 Wooliana Road.
- Mr Young and Minister Paech have been invited to the next NLC meeting.

Motion:

A. That the Mayoral Report be received and noted

Moved: Cr McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Macleod
Resolution: Carried

CEO Report

Motion:

A. That the CEO Report be received and noted

Moved: Cr Macleod

Seconded: Cr McTaggart

Resolution: Carried

Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item 11.1 Local Authority Nomination, the time being 09:51 am

Disposal of gym equipment - Timber Creek

A/Director of Operations updated Council on the disposal of gym equipment recommendations.

Motion:

A. That the report Disposal of gym equipment - Timber Creek is received and noted

B. That Council approve the disposal of the six pieces of Timber Creek gym equipment in as is where is condition

Moved: Cr McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Macleod

Resolution: Carried

The meeting adjourned for morning tea, the time being 09:54am

The meeting resumed, the time being 10:29am

Amanda Haigh joined the meeting, the time being 10:29am

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor Pedwell invited Mrs Haigh to address Council regarding road lengths.

CEO: Council is required to provide a report on roads lengths by COB today.

Difficulties may arise as community members may have a perception that Council is responsible for all roads in their community.

- Liability issues may arise in regard to ungazetted roads.
- Loss of funding due to 200km of road being removed, will impact council.
- Investigations on what roads are gazetted must take place to move forward informatively.

The next Roads Committee meeting will take place on 5 May 2022. Officers can share minutes from the meeting with Council for information.

Action: minutes of Roads Committee to be distributed to Council for information.

Amanda Haigh left the meeting, the time being 10:54am.

General Business – VDRC Road Lengths

Motion: That the existing Council road report (2021/2022) be submitted to the Grants Commission, with an accompanying letter pointing out that the Big Rivers Roads Committee (NTG) is auditing all roads and will update Council's responsibility.

Moved: Cr McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Macleod

Resolution: Carried

Corporate Services Quarterly Report

Director of Corporate Services provided a verbal update to Council to accompany the Quarterly Report.

Motion:

- A. That the Corporate Services Quarterly Report is received and noted

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

Seconded: Cr McTaggart

Resolution: Carried

Finance Report for month ended February 2022

Motion:

- A. That the Finance Report for month ended February 2022 is received and noted

Moved: Cr McTaggart

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

Resolution: Carried

Pine Creek Community Report

Motion:

- A. That the Pine Creek Community Report is received and noted

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

Seconded: Cr McTaggart

Resolution: Carried

Timber Creek Community Report

Motion:

- A. That the Timber Creek Community Report is received and noted

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

Seconded: Cr McTaggart

Resolution: Carried

Naiyu Community Report

Motion:

- A. That the Naiyu Community Report is received and noted

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

Seconded: Cr McTaggart

Resolution: Carried

Yarralin Community Report

Motion:

- A. That the Yarralin Community Report is received and noted

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

Seconded: Cr McTaggart

Resolution: Carried

Deputy Mayor left the meeting due to a conflict of interest, the time being 11:36am.

Nomination of Felicity McLaughlin for Timber Creek Local Authority

Motion:

- A. That the Nomination of Felicity McLaughlin for Timber Creek Local Authority is received and accepted

Moved: Cr McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Macleod

Resolution: Carried

Deputy Mayor returned to the meeting, the time being 11:37am.

Action Items as at 24 March 2022

Motion:

- A. That the Action Items as at 24 March 2022 report is received and noted

Moved: Cr McTaggart

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

Resolution: Carried

Correspondence as at March 2022

Motion:

- A. That the Correspondence as at March 2022 is received and noted

- B. That the Correspondence LGL Amendment (Remuneration) Bill is received and noted

Moved: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

Seconded: Cr Macleod

Resolution: Carried

Grants Applications

Motion:

- A. That the Grants Applications report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Macleod

Resolution: Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

GB1 REPORT TO COUNCIL ALGWA CONFERENCE

Deputy Mayor provided an update to Council on her attendance at the recent ALGWA conference.

Motion:

- A. That Council receive and note the ALGWA Conference update provided by Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett.

Moved: Cr McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Williams

Resolution: Carried

GB2 MASTER PLAN (NORTH AUST. REGIONAL GROWTH)

Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett provided an update to Council on the

Cotton Industry presentation she attended in early March.

Motion:

- A. That Council receive and note the update provided by Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett on the Nth Aust. Regional Growth Master Plan.

Moved: Cr McTaggart

Seconded: Cr Williams

Resolution: Carried

Cr Macleod left the meeting, the time being 12:40pm

Cr Macleod returned to the meeting, the time being 12:42pm

GB3 KALKARINDJI UPDATE

Cr Macleod provided a verbal update to Council.

Members of the Kalkarindji community have expressed concern and sadness that the Kalkarindji Council Operations Manager has handed in his resignation.

Kalkarindji Council Office is functioning on minimal staff currently. Cr Macleod is glad to see that staff are stepping up to cover the positions.

Cr Macleod expressed gratitude for the hard work and dedication of Rob Drew throughout his tenure with Victoria Daly Regional Council.

Motion:

- A. That the Kalkarindji update presented by Councillor Macleod be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr McTaggart

Resolution: Carried

The meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 12:54pm

The meeting resumed, the time being 02:00pm

CLOSE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

RECOMMENDATION:

Members of the press and public to be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act, 2019* as the items listed come within the following provisions:-

Moved: Cr McTaggart

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett

Resolution: Carried

The Ordinary meeting of Council was closed by the Mayor at 4:35PM

The Ordinary meeting of Council was terminated at 4:36PM

NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Victoria Daly Regional Council will be held 29 April 2022.

This page and the preceding 9 pages are the minutes of the Meeting of Ordinary Council held on Thursday, 31 March 2022.

Mayor Brian Pedwell