



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council an Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 20 September 2023 At 9:00 am
Council Chambers Jabiru

Chairperson Elizabeth Williams declared the meeting open at 9:44am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Elizabeth Williams (deputy mayor)
Mayor	Matthew Ryan (via video conference)
Councillor	Ralph F Blyth
Councillor	Otto Dann (via video conference)
Councillor	Jacqueline Phillips (via video conference)
Councillor	James Marrawal
Councillor	James Woods (via video conference)
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek (via video conference)
Councillor	Gabby Gumurdul (via video conference)
Councillor	Henry Guwiyul (via video conference)

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer (acting)	Jessie Schaecken
Chief Corporate Officer(acting)	Fiona Ainsworth (via video conference)
Governance and Risk Advisor (acting)	Ben Heaslip (via video conference)
Governance and Risk Advisor (acting)	Jasmine Mortimore
General Manager Technical Services (acting)	Clem Beard (via video conference)
Manager Community Services Support	Marnie Mitchell (via video conference)
Business Development Manager	Leanne Johansson (via video conference)

GUESTS PRESENT

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet	Phoenix Brown (via video conference)
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APOLOGIES

3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Council considered a report on Apologies and Leave of Absence.

OCM143/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Marrawal

Seconded Cr Dann

That Council received and noted Elected Member apology for Cr Phillips for the morning of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 September 2023.

CARRIED

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council considered a report on Absent without Notice.

OCM144/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Woods

That Council noted Elected Member absences without notice for Julius Kernan for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 September 2023.

Relevant to section 47 (1)(o) of the Local Government Act 2019

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

5.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

OCM145/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Mayor Ryan

That the agenda papers for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 September 2023 as circulated be received for consideration at the meeting.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

6.1 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

The Council considered a report on Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

OCM146/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Woods

Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

That Council received the declarations of interest as listed for the meeting held on 20 September 2023.

Cr Phillips and Mayor Ryan Declared a conflict of interest in item 12.3

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2023

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 August 2023.

OCM147/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Dann

That the minutes of 23 August 2023 Ordinary Council meeting are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Cr Gabby Gumurdul joined the meeting at 10:10am

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

8.1 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items List.

OCM148/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of C Blyth

Seconded Cr Woods

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted report entitled 'Review of Action items list'; and**
- 2. Reviewed the outstanding resolutions, and gave approval for completed items to be removed from the list.**
- 3. OCM 75/2023: Requested a letter be sent to Minister of Housing, Chief Minister and MLA Mr Manuel Brown regarding the lack of priority housing for Barbara Wauchope highlighting the issues and risk surrounding her current housing.**
- 4. Acting CEO took housing relocation on notice and will reply to Council next week.**
- 5. Expand weed management item, working with parks and territory families regarding all communities and furthermore relativeness to proximity to houses**
- 6. Requested contact with Territory Families regarding the concerns with the Maningrida Women's safe house and men accessing this facility and the lack of community engagement. Invite to next OCM and Maningrida LA to help support to discuss ongoing concerns.**

CARRIED

8.2 INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

The Council considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

OCM149/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Nadjamerrek

Seconded Cr Woods

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the attached items of incoming and outgoing correspondence since the 23 August OCM.**
- 2. Approved associated costs for 3 elected members to attend the NTAIC meeting in Darwin on Monday 25 September 2023**
- 3. Endorsed letters relating to Gunbalanya Aerodrome.**

CARRIED

Linda Weatherhead joined the meeting at 11:09 and left at 11:36

8.3 PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

The Council considered a report on Presentations and Visitors.

OCM150/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Cr Gumurdul

That Council noted the:

Presentation by Linda Weatherhead on the LA Review Update

CARRIED

Meeting broke for lunch at 12:03 and recommenced at 12:42

Cr Guwiyul left the meeting at 12:05

James Stockdale joined the meeting at 12:50

8.4 MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR

The Council considered a report on Meetings and Events Attended by the Mayor.

OCM151/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Cr Nadjamerrek

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Meetings and Events Attended by the Mayor*'; and**
- 2. Approved associated travel cost to attend the listed meetings and events.**

CARRIED

8.5 MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE CEO

The Council considered a report on Meetings and Events Attended by the CEO.

OCM152/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Marrawal

That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Meetings and Events Attended by the Acting CEO*'.

CARRIED

8.6 PROPOSAL TO BRING FORWARD START TIME OF OCTOBER OCM FROM WEDNESDAY 11TH 9:00AM TO TUESDAY 10TH AT 12:00PM

The Council considered a report on Proposal to Bring Forward Start Time of October OCM from Wednesday 11th 9:00am to Tuesday 10th at 12:00pm.

OCM153/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Woods

Seconded Cr Nadjamerrek

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted report entitled '*Proposal to bring forward start time of October OCM from Wednesday 11th 9:00am to Tuesday 10th at 12:00pm*'**
- 2. Council Approved to bring the October Meeting start time forward to Tuesday 10th October at 12:00pm**

3. CARRIED

8.7 RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBER

The Council considered a report on Risk Management and Audit Committee Membership: Appointment of Elected Member.

OCM154/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Cr Marrawal

That Council:

- 1. Sought the Nomination of Cr Gumurdul to the Risk Management and Audit Committee; and**
- 2. Approved the appointment of Cr Gumurdul to the Risk Management and Audit Committee**

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**9.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

The Council considered a report on Finance Report for the period ended 31 July 2023.

OCM155/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Marrawal

Seconded Cr Blyth

That Council received and noted report entitled '*Finance Report for the period ended 31 July 2023.*'

CARRIED

9.2 ELECTED MEMBER AND LOCAL AUTHORITY ALLOWANCES REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL INQUIRY.

The Council considered a report on Elected Member and Local Authority Allowances Remuneration Tribunal Inquiry..

OCM156/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Cr Dann

That Council

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Elected Member and Local Authority Allowances Remuneration Tribunal Inquiry*'**
- 2. Request draft submission returned to the October meeting for approval.**

CARRIED

COMMITTEE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**11.1 ADOPTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES.**

The Council considered a report on Adoption of Local Authority Meeting minutes..

OCM157/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Woods

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Adoption of Local Authority Meeting minutes.*' and;**
- 2. Endorsed the minutes of the Waruwi Local Authority meeting held on 20 July 2023 and reviewed decisions made by the Local Authority.**
- 3. Endorsed the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 3 August 2023 and reviewed decisions made by the Local Authority.**
- 4. Endorsed the minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 24 August 2023 and reviewed decisions made by the Local Authority.**
- 5. Approved the nominated additional members for the Waruwi Local Authority meeting.**

CARRIED

GENERAL ITEMS**12.1 2023 NOVEMBER LGANT GENERAL MEETING**

The Council considered a report on 2023 November LGANT General Meeting.

OCM158/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted report entitled '2023 November LGANT General Meeting'**
- 2. Nominate Cr Woods to attend on behalf of WARC and bring report to the next Council meeting for further Elected Member consideration.**
- 3. Email to be sent to Elected Members to submit a motion for the LGANT General Meeting**

CARRIED

12.2 WEST ARNHEM YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Council considered a report on West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit.

OCM159/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted report entitled 'West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit'**
- 2. Elected Members attend the presentations to be made by the West Arnhem region secondary students**
- 3. That the Elected Members attend lunch to support the growth, relationships and development of local rising leaders who will be present at the West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit.**

CARRIED

Mayor Ryan declared a conflict of interest for 12.3 and left the meeting at 14:18 and came back in at 14:42

12.3 HOMELANDS SCHOOL COMPANY REQUEST FOR WARC PROVIDED STAFF ACCOMMODATION IN MANINGRIDA

The Council considered a report on Homelands School Company Request for WARC Provided Staff Accommodation in Maningrida.

OCM160/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Nadjamerrek

Seconded Cr Woods

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Homelands School Company Request for WARC Provided Staff Accommodation in Maningrida*'.**
- 2. Offer a letter of support to the Maningrida Homelands School Company in their efforts to apply for their own housing or a Section 19 lease through Northern Land Council to build housing for staff accommodation.**
- 3. Offer a limited lease agreement from January 2024**

CARRIED

Cr Phillips joined the meeting at 14:57

12.4 OPERATIONS REPORT - AUGUST 2023

The Council considered a report on Operations Report - August 2023.

OCM161/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Blyth

That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Operations Report – July 2023*'.

CARRIED

12.5 COMMUNITY WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Council considered a report on Community Water Quality Report.

OCM162/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Cr Dann

That Council

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Community Water Quality Report*'.**
- 2. By annual review of community water quality.**

CARRIED

12.6 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2023

The Council considered a report on Technical Services Report - September 2023.

OCM163/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Woods

That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Technical Services Report – July 2023*'.

CARRIED

12.7 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING CERTIFICATION

The Council considered a report on Local Authority Project Funding Certification.

OCM164/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Marrawal

Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

That council

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled 'Local Authority Project Funding Certification ; and**
- 2. Notes and approves the attached project funding certification reports for Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Minjilang and Waruwu for the period ended 30 June 2023.**

CARRIED

12.8 FLEET ASSET ONLINE AUCTIONS IN COMMUNITY

The Council considered a report on Fleet Asset Online Auctions in Community.

OCM165/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Phillips

That Council:

Received and noted the report entitled '*Asset Online Auctions in Community*'

CARRIED

12.9 ANZPAC PLASTICS PACT

The Council considered a report on ANZPAC Plastics Pact.

OCM166/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Blyth

That Council received and noted report entitled '*ANZPAC Plastics Pact*'.

CARRIED

12.10 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023

The Council considered a report on Council Meeting Schedule for 2023.

Deferred to the next meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council received and noted the report entitled 'Council Meeting Schedule for 2023'

CARRIED

ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

13.1 ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council considered a report on Elected Member Questions With or Without Notice.

OCM167/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Gumurdul

That the Chairperson invite questions with or without notice from Elected Members.

Deputy Mayor raises Local authority community names

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

14.1 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Council considered a report on Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items.

OCM168/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Cr Marrawal

That Council approved pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 52 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS MOVED INTO THE OPEN

The information in this section of the agenda is classed as confidential under section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulation 51 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021*.

15.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - CONFIDENTIAL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2023

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 August 2023.

OCM169/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Cr Phillips

That the minutes of 23 August 2023 Confidential Council meeting are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

15.2 SELECTION OF RECRUITMENT ORGANISATION FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION

The Council considered a report on Selection of Recruitment Organisation for Chief Executive Officer Position.

OCM170/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Cr Marrawal

That Council;

Received and noted report entitled '*Selection of Recruitment Organisation for Chief Executive Officer Position*'

Appointed Gem Executive as the recruitment organisation for the position of Chief Executive Officer

CARRIED

15.4 JABIRU GOLF CLUB INC. - IN-KIND SUPPORT WATER USAGE

The Council considered a report on Jabiru Golf Club Inc. - In-Kind Support Water Usage.

OCM171/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Cr Blyth

That Council;

Received and noted report entitled '*Jabiru Golf Club INC – In Kind Support Water Usage*'

The Council resolved to approve in-kind support 4,000kl of water per month for use on playing greens for the period October to November 2023.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place AT 12:00 on 10 October 2023.

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Elizabeth Williams declared the meeting closed at 16:29

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the ordinary council meeting Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20 September 2023.

Chairperson

Date Confirmed