



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council an Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 22 November 2023 at 10:30am
Via Teams

Chairperson Matthew Ryan declared the meeting open at 10:40am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Matthew Ryan (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Ralph F Blyth
Councillor	Otto Dann
Councillor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	James Woods
Councillor	Henry Guwiyul
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek
Councillor	Gabby Gumurdul

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer (acting)	Jessie Schaecken
Chief Corporate Officer	James Stockdale
Chief operating Officer(acting)	Fiona Ainsworth
General Manager Technical Services (acting)	Clem Beard (via video conference)
Governance and Risk Advisor (acting)	Jasmine Mortimore

APOLOGIES

3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

OCM181/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Councillor Blyth
Seconded Councillor Onus
That Council received and noted Elected Member apologies James Marrawal for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 November 2023.

CARRIED

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council considered a report on Absent Without Notice.

OCM182/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Councillor Blyth
Seconded Councillor Nadjamerrek
That the Council received and noted Julius Kernan absences without notice for the meeting held on 22 November 2023 in line with section 47(1)(o) of the Local Government Act 2019 and will refer the matter to NTCAT.

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

5.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

OCM183/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Councillor Onus
That the agenda papers for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 November 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.

OCM184/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Ryan
Seconded Councillor Dann
That Council received no declarations of interest for the meeting held on 22 November 2023.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 10-11 OCTOBER 2023

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Previous Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting 10-11 October 2023.

OCM185/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Councillor Onus

Seconded Councillor Guwiyul

That the minutes of 10-11 October 2023 Ordinary Council meeting are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Cr Phillips Joined at 11:28am

Cr Gumurdul Joined at 11:39am

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

9.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Council considered a report on Finance Report for the period ended 30 September 2023.

OCM186/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Blyth

Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

That Council received and noted report entitled '*Finance Report for the period ended 30 September 2023*'.

CARRIED

Cr Woods Joined the meeting at 11:45am

GENERAL ITEMS

12.1 ACCEPTANCE OF ABA GRANT - MANINGRIDA FOOTBALL OVAL CHANGE ROOMS PROJECT

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of ABA Grant - Maningrida Football Oval Change Rooms Project.

OCM187/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Gumurdul

Seconded Councillor Woods

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*ACCEPTANCE OF ABA GRANT - MANINGRIDA FOOTBALL OVAL CHANGE ROOMS PROJECT*'**
- 2. Accepted the proposed Aboriginal Benefits Account funding agreement (NIAA) for the total sum of \$4,581,700.00 (ex GST)**
- 3. Directed the Mayor and Acting CEO to sign the agreement; and**
- 4. Approved the use of the Common Seal.**

CARRIED

12.2 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Council considered a report on 2022-2023 Annual Report.

OCM188/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Blyth

Seconded Councillor Woods

Council reviewed and adopted the West Arnhem Regional Council Annual Report 2022-2023.

CARRIED

9.2 ACQUITTAL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATE PRIORITY GRANT MINJILANG EXCAVATOR

The Council considered a report on Acquittal for Local Government Immediate Priority Grant Minjilang Excavator.

OCM189/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Councillor Gumurdul

That council

- Received and noted the reports entitled '*Acquittal for Local Government Immediate Priority Grant Minjilang Excavator*'; and
- Approved the attached acquittal.

CARRIED

12.3 MEMBER QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council Considered a Report on Elected Member Questions With Or Without Notice.

OCM190/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Woods

Seconded Councillor Dann

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

1. Mayor Ryan requested Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Local Government Re Tenders for Local Organisations.
2. Elected members requests the topic of the construction of a new Waruwi Council Office be brought back to Council for further discussion.
3. Cr Gumurdul raised community safety in Gunbalanya – invite Territory Families and Police Commissioner and Minister for Police, MLA for Arafura to the community to talk about responsibilities with community leaders.
4. Cr Dann requested more lighting and cameras around Gunbalanya Council Office for protection from break ins.
5. Cr Dann raised community water fountain in Gunbalanya.
6. Cr Phillips and Cr Woods raised issues with new drain out the front of clinic / road quality for wet season.
7. Cr Phillips raised new basketball court facility / location as current one is dangerous and not fit for purpose.
8. Investigate WARC information for multipurpose building in Maningrida with MPA.
9. Staff to look into updating elected members allowances policy to include travel allowance

CARRIED

12.4 ELECTED MEMBER REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL SUBMISSION

OCM191/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Councillor Blyth

That Council;

Directed Acting CEO to develop a strategy to approach NTG regarding superannuation inequality and compensation for elected members and principle members. Noting that there is an expectation that elected members pay tax on payments however, are not afforded superannuation.

CARRIED

Broke for lunch at 12:39 and recommenced at 13:00

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.

OCM192/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Blyth

Seconded Councillor Gumurdul

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

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*.

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

The Council considered a report on Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public.

OCM193/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

That Council opened the meeting to the public after the discussion of confidential items, and approved to disclose selected resolution of 1.1 from the confidential section of this meeting to the non-confidential meeting minutes.

CARRIED

1.1 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022-2023, AND ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Council considered a report on Audited Financial Statements 2022-2023, and Analysis of the Financial Statements.

OCM194/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Blyth

Seconded Councillor Dann

That Council:

- 1. Read and noted the report titled *Audited Financial Statements 2022-23***
- 2. Read and noted the Analysis of the Financial Statements for 2022-23**
- 3. Approved the presentation to the Minister of the Audited Financial Statements for the 2022-23 financial year.**

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December 2023

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Matthew Ryan declared the meeting closed at 13:54

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the ordinary council meeting Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 22 November 2023.

Chairperson

Date Confirmed