



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Meeting  
Wednesday, 9 March 2022 at 9:00 am  
Council Chambers, Jabiru

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**Chairperson Matthew Ryan declared the meeting open at 9:04 am, welcomed all in attendance and acknowledged the Traditional Owners.**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson	Matthew Ryan (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Ralph Blyth
Councillor	Gabby Gumurdul (videoconference)
Councillor	Otto Dann (videoconference)
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek (videoconference)
Councillor	Henry Guwiyul (videoconference)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer	Daniel Findley
Chief Corporate Officer	David Glover
General Manager Technical Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Finance Manager	Andrew Shaw
Director of Organizational Growth	Kim Sutton
Chief Operating Officer (Acting)	Jesse Evans
Governance and Risk Advisor	Doreen Alusa (videoconference)

**VISITORS**

Member for Arafura	Lawrence Costa, MLA
Northern Territory Government	Anthony Clapton
Northern Territory Government	Patrick Heenan

**Minute note:** The meeting began with a minute's silence in remembrance of West Arnhem residents who have passed away recently.

## **APOLOGIES**

### **3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The Council considered a report on apologies and leave of absence.

**Council received and noted Elected Member apologies from Councillors James Marrawal, James Woods, Catherine Ralph and Jacqueline Phillips for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 9 March 2022.**

## **ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

### **4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

The Council considered a report on absences without notice.

**Council noted that no Elected Members were absent without notice for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 9 March 2022.**

**Minute note:** Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek joined the meeting at 9:22 am.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

### **5.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

The Council considered a report on acceptance of the agenda.

**OCM1/2022 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams  
Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyaul**

**The agenda papers for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 9 March 2022 as circulated were 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.

**Council noted that there were no declarations of interest for the meeting held on 9 March 2022.**

## CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2021

The Council considered a report on the confirmation of minutes for the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8 December 2021.

**OCM2/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams  
Seconded Councillor Gabby Gumurdul**

**The minutes of the 8 December 2021 Ordinary Council meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

### 8.1 PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

The Council considered a report on presentations and visitors.

**Council noted that representatives from the Australian Electoral Commission were unable to attend the meeting.**

### 8.2 INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

The Council considered a report on incoming and outgoing correspondence.

**Council received and noted the items of incoming and outgoing correspondence during the months of December 2021 to February 2022.**

### 8.3 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR

The Council considered a report on meetings attended by the Mayor.

**OCM3/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams  
Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyaul**

**The Council noted the list of meetings attended by the Mayor and approved the associated costs of travel for these meetings.**

**CARRIED**

#### 8.4 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST

The Council reviewed the action items list.

**OCM4/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Henry Guwiyaul  
Seconded Councillor Gabby Gumurdul**

**Council reviewed the outstanding resolutions, and gave approval for the following completed items to be removed from the list:**

- 1. OCM114/2021 Bus Stop Shelters in Maningrida.**
- 2. OCM114/2021 Clinic Hard Structures in Maningrida.**
- 3. OCM114/2021 Playground Equipment in Maningrida.**
- 4. Elected Member Questions With or Without Notice: Additional Garbage Compactor Truck for West Arnhem Communities.**

**CARRIED**

#### 8.5 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Council considered a report on the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly 2022, and the Local Government Association of the Northern (LGANT) Territory General Assembly.

**OCM5/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Gabby Gumurdul  
Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyaul**

**Council noted the report and approved travel and associated costs for the following Elected Members to attend the LGANT General Assembly from 6 - 7 April 2022, and the ALGA National General Assembly in Canberra from 19 - 22 June 2022:**

- 1. Mayor Matthew Ryan – LGANT and ALGA**
- 2. Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams – LGANT and ALGA**
- 3. Councillor Ralph Blyth - LGANT**

**CARRIED**

#### 8.6 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF COMPANY DIRECTORS

The Council considered a report on the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

**OCM6/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Catherine Ralph  
Seconded Mayor Matthew Ryan**

**Council noted the report and directed the administration to present it for re-consideration at the next Council meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## 8.7 NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY CONSTITUTION

The Council considered the notice of proposal to amend the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Constitution.

**Council:**

- Noted the report and the proposed changes in the draft LGANT constitution; and
- Noted that the draft constitution will be presented for consideration and possible approval at the LGANT General Assembly on Thursday 7 April 2022.

## CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

### 9.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2022

The Council considered the Finance Report for the period ended 31st January 2022.

**OCM7/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Gabby Gumurdul  
Seconded Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**Council approved the financial report for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.**

**CARRIED**

### 9.1 ORGANISATIONAL GROWTH UNIT REPORT

The Council considered the Organisational Growth Unit Report.

**Council received and noted the report on the activity and progress made by the Organisational Growth Unit in pursuit of the strategic goals as of January 2022.**

## OPERATIONS REPORTS

### 10.1 OPERATIONS REPORT - DECEMBER 2021 AND JANUARY 2022

The Council considered the Operations Report - December 2021 and January 2022.

**Council received and noted the report.**

### 10.2 ADDITIONAL GARBAGE COMPACTOR FOR WARC COMMUNITIES.

The Council considered a report on an additional garbage compactor for West Arnhem Regional Council Communities..

**Council noted the report.**

### **10.3 DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS FLEET ASSETS**

The Council considered a report on the disposal of surplus fleet assets.

**OCM8/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth  
Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

**Council received and noted the report, and approved the sale via auction of the following vehicle:**

- 1. 2016 Isuzu DMax utility - Jabiru**

**CARRIED**

### **COMMITTEE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

#### **11.1 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2022**

The Council considered a report on the minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting held on 19 January 2022.

**OCM9/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan  
Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

**Council:**

- 1. Accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting held on 19 January 2022; and**
- 2. Adopted the resolutions contained therein.**

**CARRIED**

#### **11.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2022**

The Council considered a report on the minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting held on 9 February 2022.

**OCM10/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams  
Seconded Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek**

**Council:**

- 1. Accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting held on 9 February 2022; and**
- 2. Adopted the resolutions contained therein.**

**CARRIED**

### **11.3 REPORT FOR THE MINJILANG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2022**

The Council considered a report for the Minjilang Local Authority meeting held on 10 February 2022.

**Council noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Minjilang Local Authority meeting held on 10 February 2022.**

**Minute note:** Lawrence Costa MLA, Patrick Henaar and Anthony Clapton joined the meeting at 9:35 am and left at 11:00 am.

### **11.1 REPORT FOR THE GUNBALANYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2022**

The Council considered a report for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 24 February 2022.

**OCM11/2022 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Councillor Gabby Gumurdul**  
**Seconded Mayor Matthew Ryan**

**Council:**

- **Noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 24 February 2022; and**
- **Directed the administration to reallocate \$60,687 that had previously been allocated to upgrade the Gunbalanya oval fence on Lot 649 to other projects.**

**CARRIED**

### **11.2 REPORT FOR THE MANINGRIDA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2022**

The Council considered a report for the Maningrida Local Authority Meeting held on 3 March 2022.

**Council noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 3 March 2022.**

## **ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE**

### **12.1 ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE**

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

**The Chairperson noted the following questions with or without notice from Elected Members.**

- 1. Updates about streetlights in Jabiru on Council's Facebook page.**

## PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

### 14.1 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Council considered a report on the closure of the meeting to the public for the discussion of confidential items.

**OCM12/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth  
Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

Council approved the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items were about to be discussed. The meeting was closed in accordance with clause 51(c) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as the matters to be discussed include information that, if publicly disclosed, would be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; or (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

**CARRIED**

**Minute note:** The meeting was closed to the public to discuss confidential items at 9:30 am.

### 15.3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

The Council considered a report on the disclosure of confidential resolutions and re-admittance of the public.

**OCM15/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek  
Seconded Councillor Ralph Blyth**

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

**CARRIED**

## CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The information is classed as confidential under section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and clauses 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

### 15.1 MINUTES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL FINANCE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2022

The Council considered a report on the minutes of the confidential Special Finance Meeting held on 19 January 2022.

**OCM13/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

**Seconded Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek**

**Council noted the confidential minutes of the 19 January 2022 Special Finance Committee meeting and adopted the resolutions contained therein.**

**CARRIED**

### 15.2 REQUEST FOR RATES CONCESSION

The Council considered a report on request for rates concession.

**OCM14/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan**

**Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

**Council:**

- **Approved a fifty percent (50%) rates concession for the years 2021-22 and 2022-23 to the Jabiru Golf Club for its two rateable lots in Jabiru Community, at a total reduction in rates of \$20,200.47;**
- **Directed the administration to cease the rates concession after this two year period (2021-22 and 2022-23 ); and**
- **Noted that if a further request for rates concession is received, it will be considered at that time.**

**CARRIED**

**Minute note:** The meeting was re-opened to the public at 9:50 am.

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 13 April 2022 at 9:00 am.

### MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Mayor Matthew Ryan declared the meeting closed at 11:06 am.

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Chairperson

13/04/2022

Date Confirmed

