



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday, 21 May 2024 at 9:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting open at 9:10, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Andrew Walsh
Director Council and Community Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
General Manager Technical Services (Acting)	Clem Beard
Information Advisor	Ben Heaslip
Governance and Risk Advisor (acting)	Jasmine Mortimore
Communications and Public Relations Coordinator	Heidi Walton

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

Agenda Reference:	3.1
Title:	Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Council considered a report on Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice.

OCM104/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes Cr Gumurdul and Cr Phillips were absence for this report; and
2. Recorded no apologies or leave of absence for meeting held on 21 May 2024.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

OCM105/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 May 2024.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

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

OCM106/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Dann

THAT COUNCIL received the declaration of interest from CEO for item 12.6 CEO Review as listed on the confidential agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 May 2024.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Confirmation of Ordinary and Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Ordinary and Special Council Meeting Minutes.

OCM107/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Confirm the minutes of 23 April 2024 Ordinary Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.
2. Confirm the minutes of 23 April 2024 Special Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes.

OCM108/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Cr Marrawal
Seconded Mayor Woods**

THAT COUNCIL confirmed the minutes of the following Local Authority meetings and reviewed decisions made by the Local Authority:

Community	Date Held	Quorum	Date of next meeting
Warurwi	8 February 2024	Yes	22 May 2024

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Presentations and Visitors - Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Regional Director Jabiru
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

THAT COUNCIL noted the presentations by David Boustead, Regional Director for Jabiru / Kakadu did not go ahead.

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Presentations and Visitors - Northern Territory Electoral Commission
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Council considered a report on Presentations and Visitors - Northern Territory Electoral Commission.

OCM110/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Marrawal**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the presentations on 2024 Territory Election and thanks presenter Anna Egerton and Greg Hibble from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission.
2. Requests Administration to assist the NTEC present 2024 Territory Election information at West Arnhem Service Delivery Meetings.

CARRIED

8 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

Cr Gumurdul joined at 9:22

Cr Phillips joined at 9:27

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items.

**OCM109/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Cr Marrawal**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Review of Action Items*; and
2. Reviewed the outstanding action items and gave approval for completed items to be removed from the register.
3. Requests admin to amend action for Red Lily to include clarification on what services Jabiru clinic will provide and amalgamate other clinic related actions together
4. Approves to close actions on requesting formal response from DIPL and night patrol report.
5. Requests further information on the details including cost of Tiwi Bombers football team for AFL NT.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	WARC Delegations Manual
Author:	Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on WARC Delegations Manual.

**OCM111/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Received and noted the report titled *WARC Delegations Manual*; and
2. Approved formal adoption of the delegations manual.
3. Requests Elected Member feedback on Delegation Manual to be passed on to Mayor and CEO for further endorsement at June 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Elected Members Superannuation
Author:	Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Elected Members Superannuation.

**OCM112/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Cr Onus**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Elected Members Superannuation*; and
2. Approves to commence paying Councillors superannuation in accordance with the superannuation Act 1992 on top of Council Member Allowances effective 1 July 2024.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	LGANT Request for Nominees - Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
Author:	Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on LGANT Request for Nominees - Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

OCM113/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Marrawal

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *LGANT Request for Nominees - Animal Welfare Advisory Committee*; and
2. Approves Mayor Woods nomination to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.5
Title:	Minjilang Local Authority - Sitting Fees
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Council considered a report on Minjilang Local Authority - Sitting Fees.

OCM114/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Guwiyul

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Minjilang Local Authority - Sitting Fees*; and
2. Approve for additional sitting fees to be paid to the Minjilang Local Authority members in line with the Local Authority Allowances.

CARRIED

9 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

Cr Gumurdul left the meeting at 10:51

The Council considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

OCM115/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Phillips

THAT COUNCIL received and noted the attached items of incoming and outgoing correspondence.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.2
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

Cr Gumurdul joined at 11:00

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

OCM116/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL received and noted the report entitled *Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor.*
CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the CEO
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

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

OCM117/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL received and noted the report entitled *Meetings and Events attended by the CEO.*
CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.4
Title:	Top End Youth Leadership Summit April 2024
Author:	Marnie Mitchell, Manager Community Services Support

Cr Blyth left the meeting at 11:04

The Local Authority considered a report on Top End Youth Leadership Summit April 2024.

OCM118/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Dann
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received and noted the report entitled *Top End Youth Leadership Summit April 2024.*

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.5
Title:	Finance Report for the period ended 31 March 2024
Author:	Corey White, Acting Finance Manager

Cr Phillips left the meeting at 11:10

Cr Blyth joined the meeting at 11:20

The Council considered a report on Finance Report for the period ended 31 March 2024.

OCM119/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Marrawal

THAT COUNCIL received and noted the report entitled *Finance Report for the period ended 31 March 2024.*

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.6
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Title:	Rio Tinto Funding Grant Agreements - Jabiru
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager Technical Services

The Council considered a report on Rio Tinto Funding Grant Agreements - Jabiru.

OCM120/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL received and noted the report entitled *Rio Tinto Funding Grant Agreements - Jabiru*.
CARRIED

10 ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Elected Member Questions with or without Notice
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Council considered a report on Elected Member Questions with or without Notice.

OCM121/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Mayor Woods

That the Chairperson invites questions with or without notice from Elected Members.
1. Council extends thanks to Jessie Schaecken for her service during her tenure at the West Arnhem Regional Council.
2. Requests information on which organisation is grading road from Gunbalanya to Cahills Crossing for DIPL and if this service can be done by Council.

CARRIED

11 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	11.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

Meeting broke for lunch at 11:44 and recommenced at 12:27
Cr Nadjamerrek left the meeting at 12:00
The Council considered a report on Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items.

OCM122/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Mayor Woods

That 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

12 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*.

Agenda Reference:	12.7
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

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

OCM130/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL opened the meeting to the public after the discussion of confidential items, and approved to disclose all resolutions except for recommendation 2 for item 21.2 from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.1
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes.

OCM123/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL confirm the minutes of 23 April 2024 Confidential Ordinary Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.2
Title:	Council's Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2205
Author:	Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Finance Imran Shajib, Management Accountant

The Council considered a report on Council Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2025.

OCM125/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the report titled *Council's Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2025*.
2. *Recommendation 2 to remain confidential under section 51(1)(c)(iii)*
3. Approve the Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2025 and that it be made available for public consultation to comply with the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. Approve for recommendation 1, 3 and 4 to be made public and disclosed in the open session.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.3
Title:	Tender Acceptance - Staff Housing Upgrades - Minjilang
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager Technical Services

The Council considered a report on Tender Acceptance - Staff Housing Upgrades - Minjilang.

OCM126/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Cr Marrawal

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Tender Acceptance - Staff Housing Upgrades - Minjilang*; and
2. Approve awarding the tender for the upgrades to staff housing in Minjilang to Stedman's Construction and Engineering for the sum of \$150,473.20

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.4
Title:	Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager Technical Services

Cr Gumurdul and Cr Dann declared a conflict and left the meeting at 13:43

The Council considered a report on Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council.

OCM127/2024 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Woods

Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Received and noted the report entitled Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council; and
2. Noted the status of outstanding NLC Land Use Agreements; and
3. Approves the use of the common seal for s19 leases listed in report.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.5
Title:	Approval of Tender Decision - Minjilang Garbage Compactor
Author:	Graham Baulch, Project Coordinator Fleet Operations

Cr Gumurdul and Cr Dann returned to the meeting at 13:54

The Council considered a report on Approval of Tender Decision - Minjilang Garbage Compactor.

OCM128/2024 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Approval of Tender Decision Minjilang Garbage Compactor*; and
2. Approve the acceptance of the tender from RGM Maintenance for a Fuso Garwood garbage compactor at a price of \$221,136.00
3. Approves the disposal of the existing compactor by public auction.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.6
Title:	CEO Review
Author:	Mark Uwarow, Manager Human Resources

The Council considered a report on CEO Review.

OCM129/2024 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Received and noted the report CEO Review
2. Approve the re-establishment of the Remuneration Panel Committee; and
3. Nominated Mayor Woods, Deputy Mayor Williams, Cr Onus, Cr Marrawal to be members of the Remuneration Panel Committee; and
4. Approve proposal from Crest Performance to be engaged for the CEO probation review.

CARRIED

The public was re-admitted at 14:51.

13 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 18 - 19 June 2024.

14 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting closed at 14:52.

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