

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday, 18 February 2025 at 12:00 pm
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting open at 12:29 pm, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) invites Ms Tamar Nawirridj being the Newly appointed Elected Member to read aloud the following declaration of office:

“I, Tamar Nawirridj, having been elected as a Councillor of West Arnhem Regional Council declare that I will faithfully and impartially fulfill the duties of the office, in accordance with the local government principles and code of conduct under the *Local Government Act 2019* and any other relevant legislative requirements, to the best of my judgement and ability.”

The Council acknowledged that Ms Tamar Nawirridj cited and signed the declaration and congratulated Ms Nawirridj on her appointment as Councillor of West Arnhem Regional Council.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	Tamar Nawirridj
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek
Councillor	Monica Wilton
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki
Councillor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	James Marrawal (via video)

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Andrew Walsh
Interim Chief Executive Officer	Ben Waugh
Director Community and Council Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
Manager Technical Services	Kylie Gregson
Governance Advisor	Jasmine Mortimore
Communications and Public Relations Coordinator	Heidi Walton
Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO	Gina Carrascalao

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

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

OCM31/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Phillips

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the absence of Cr Otto Dann and Cr Ralph F. Blyth;
2. Notes the apology received from Cr Otto Dann and Cr Ralph F. Blyth; and
3. Determines Cr Otto Dann and Cr Ralph F. Blyth are absent with permission of the Council.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

OCM32/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 February 2025.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

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

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

OCM33/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Namanurki
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL receive no additional declarations of interest as listed for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 February 2025.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

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

**OCM34/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Nadjamerrek
Seconded Cr Namanurki**

THAT COUNCIL confirm the minutes of 29 January 2025 Ordinary Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

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

**OCM35/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Namanurki**

THAT COUNCIL confirm the minutes of 29 January 2025 Special Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Visitor - Red Lily Health Board
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

Red Lily Health Board were unable to attend the meeting.

The Council deferred a report on Visitor - Red Lily Health Board.

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Visitor - Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Visitor - Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

**OCM36/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Wilton**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the discussions on the Maningrida Subdivision Handover by the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure;
2. Thanks Keith from the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure;
3. Endorsed Mayor Woods to sign the agreement for the Maningrida Subdivision Handover; and
4. Raises concerns with Stedman's Construction and Engineering on gravel pit in the Maningrida Subdivision.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	Visitor - Bawinanga Homelands Aboriginal Corporation
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

Bawinanga Homelands Aboriginal Corporation were unable to attend the meeting.

The Council deferred a report on Visitor - Bawinanga Homelands Aboriginal Corporation.

8 ACTION REPORTS

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

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items.

OCM37/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Wilton
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Review of Action Items*;
2. Review the outstanding action items and give approval for completed items to be removed from the register; and
3. Source quotes on sealing car park out the back off Maningrida Council Office for Councils consideration.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.

OCM38/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Nawirridj

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly*; and
2. Draft a motion on increased funding for public lighting and increased funding to main arterial roads including landfill access roads in regional and remote Australia to be considered at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED

9 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

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

The Council considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

OCM39/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Namanurki

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.2
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor
Author:	Gina Carrascalao, Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO

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

OCM40/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the CEO
Author:	Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM41/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Nadjamerrek

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Meetings and Events attended by the CEO*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.4
Title:	Technical Services Projects Report
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Council considered a report on Technical Services Projects Report.

OCM42/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Technical Services Projects Report*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.5
Title:	The Delivery of Language, Literacy and Numeracy and Other Work-Related Training to Communities During 2025
Author:	Karen Borgelt, Human Resources Manager.

The Council considered a report on The Delivery of Language, Literacy and Numeracy and Other Work-Related Training to Communities During 2025.

OCM43/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *The Delivery of Language, Literacy and Numeracy and Other Work-Related Training to Communities During 2025*.

CARRIED

10 ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

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

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

OCM44/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Mayor Woods

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

1. Cr Onus raised advertising tenders through WARCs website and facebook page.

CARRIED

11 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

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

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

OCM45/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Onus

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

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

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

OCM46/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL confirm the minutes of 29 January 2025 Confidential Ordinary Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.2
Title:	Tender Evaluation - Maningrida Cemetery Works
Author:	Sara Fitzgerald, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Council considered a report on Tender Evaluation - Maningrida Cemetery Works.

OCM47/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Phillips

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Tender Evaluation - Maningrida Cemetery Works*; and
2. Approve the awarding of Maningrida Cemetery Works – Core Work to BV Contracting for a total price of \$196,843.86.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.3
Title:	Disposal of Executive Fleet Prado CE56JU
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Council considered a report on Disposal of Executive Fleet Prado CE56JU.

OCM48/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the report titled *Disposal of Executive Fleet Prado CE56JU*; and
2. Release confidential resolution relating to the disposal of Executive Fleet Prado CE56JU.

CARRIED

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

Cr Phillips declared a conflict as member of the NLC Board and left the meeting at 2:47pm.

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

OCM49/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Onus

Seconded Cr Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council; and
2. Note the status of outstanding Land Use Agreements.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.5
Title:	Filling a Casual Vacancy - Minjilang Ward
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

Cr Phillips joined the meeting at 2:55pm

Council staff left the room for the discussions.

The Council considered a report on Filling a Casual Vacancy - Minjilang Ward.

OCM50/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Marrawal

Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Filling a Casual Vacancy - Minjilang Ward*;

2. Notes the nominations received by Steven Nabalmarda; and
3. Appoints Steven Nabalmarda to fill the Minjilang Ward Casual Vacancy.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.6
Title:	Local Government Funding Levels
Author:	Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Local Government Funding Levels.

OCM51/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Nadjamerrek
Seconded Cr Phillips

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Local Government Funding Levels*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	13.1
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

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

OCM52/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Tamar Nawirridj

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approve to disclose all resolutions from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes; and
2. Open the meeting to the public after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 26 March 2025.

15 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting closed at 3:33 pm.

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