



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

Chairperson Mayor Matthew Ryan declared the meeting open at 9:25, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Matthew Ryan (Mayor)
Councillor	Ralph Blyth
Councillor	Catherine Ralph
Councillor	James Marrawal
Councillor	Henry Guwiyul
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek (video conference)
Councillor	Gabby Gumurdul (video conference)

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Paul Hockings
Chief Corporate Officer	David Glover
Director of Organisational Growth	Kim Sutton
Executive Assistant to the CEO and Mayor	Charlotte Meneer
General Manager Technical Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Finance Manager	Andrew Shaw
Executive Manager, Advocacy and Strategy	Brooke Darmanin
Project Manager Technical Services	Clem Beard

VISITORS

CozensJohansen Lawyers	Patrick Cozens
Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet	Colvin Crowe

APOLOGIES

3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Council received and noted apologies from Deputy Mayor Williams, Cr Otto Dan, Cr Jacqueline Philips, Cr Woods and Cr Julius Kernan for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 9 November 2022.

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council considered a report on Absent without Notice.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

5.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

OCM94/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth
Seconded Councillor James Marrawal**

The agenda papers for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 9 November 2022 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.

The Council did not receive any declarations of interest as listed for the meeting held on 9 November 2022.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2022

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 October 2022.

OCM95/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Councillor James Marrawal
Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyul**

The minutes of 12 October 2022 Ordinary Council meeting are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

8.1 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR

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

OCM96/2022 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Councillor Henry Guwiyul
Seconded Councillor Catherine Ralph

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

CARRIED

8.2 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST

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

OCM97/2022 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth
Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyul

The Council reviewed the outstanding resolutions, and gave approval for completed items to be removed from the list.

CARRIED

8.3 COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP

The Council considered a report on Council Committees Membership.

OCM98/2022 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Councillor James Marrawal
Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyul

The Council:

- **Noted and received the report;**
- **Discussed the membership of the Risk Management and Audit Committee and made no change; and**
- **Discussed the membership of the Special Finance Committee and made no change.**

CARRIED

Minute note: Council closed the meeting from 10:28 to 10:55 to the public and staff to receive legal advice from Patrick Cozens, CozensJohansen Lawyers regarding a previous confidential matter that will form a report in the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

The information provided by Patrick Cozens is classed as confidential under section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulation 51(a) of the *Local Government (General) Guidelines 2021*.

Minute note: The meeting broke for morning tea from 10:55 to 11:15.

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

9.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Council considered a report on Finance Report for the period ended 30 September 2022.

OCM99/2022 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Councillor Henry Guwiyul
Seconded Councillor Catherine Ralph

The Council approved the Financial Management Report for the period ended 30 September 2022.

CARRIED

9.2 AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE ELECTED MEMBERS TRAVEL AND EXPENSES RATES FOR THE 2022-2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Council considered a report on Australian Taxation Office Elected Members Travel and Expenses Rates for the 2022-2023 Financial Year.

The Council received and noted the report about the Australian Taxation Office travel and expenses rates for each Elected Member for 2022-2023.

9.3 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UNIT REPORT

The Council considered a report on Business Development Unit Report.

OCM100/2022 RESOLVED:

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

The Council:

- Received and noted the report;
- Approved the 2020-21 and 2021-22 WaRM Waste and Resource Management Grant acquittals
- Approved a change in the scope for the WaRM Grant 2020-21 and 2021-22 funding surplus of \$6,280 to be contributed to the purchase of the wheel loader accessories.

CARRIED

9.4 ORGANISATIONAL GROWTH UNIT REPORT

The Council considered a report on Organisational Growth Unit Report.

The Council received and noted the report on the activity and progress made by the Organisational Growth unit in pursuit of the strategic goals.

TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 MANINGRIDA NEW SUBDIVISION HANDOVER REVIEW FROM NTG TO WARC

The Council considered a report on Maningrida New Subdivision Handover Review from NTG to WARC.

OCM101/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan
Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyul**

The Council

- Noted the report;
- Reviewed the Site Inspection Report (HK Solutions) about the current condition and compliance of the new subdivision and the Council is advised accordingly;
- Directs the administration to;
 1. Instruct NTG to complete the civil remedial works for the new subdivision to the required Australian Standards per independent consultant recommendations.
 2. Delay for another wet season to ensure the roads, drains, road furniture and culverts are sufficiently designed and constructed to accommodate wet season run off and to mitigate any potential areas of flooding.

10.2 COMMUNITY ROADS STATUS

The Council considered a report on Community Roads Status.

OCM102/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Councillor Henry Guwiyul
Seconded Councillor James Marrawal**

The Council noted the report and direct the administration to scope and budget a report on grading and repairing the Gunbalanya Back Road being a duplicate gravel access road to the community.

CARRIED**10.3 DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS FLEET ASSETS**

The Council considered a report on Disposal of Surplus Fleet Assets.

OCM103/2022 RESOLVED:

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

The Council received and noted the report, and approves the sale via auction of the 2018 Toyota Hilux – Gunbalanya.

CARRIED

Minute note: Staff member Kim Sutton left the meeting at 12:56pm.

GENERAL ITEMS**11.1 OPERATIONS REPORT - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2022**

The Council considered the Operations Report - August & September 2022.

The Council received and noted the Operations Unit report for August and September 2022.

11.2 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2023

The Council considered a report on Council Meeting Schedule and Proposed Meeting Dates for 2023.

OCM104/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan
Seconded Councillor James Marrawal**

The Council:

- Received and noted the report;
- Approved the attached 2023 West Arnhem Regional Council meetings for Local Authority and Risk Management and Audit Committee meetings as indicated in the calendar attached to this report.
- Requested the administration to consider monthly Council meetings with a future report to be prepared for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

11.5 ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

The Council considered a report on Annual Report 2021-2022.

OCM105/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth
Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyul**

The Council reviewed and adopted the West Arnhem Regional Council Annual Report 2021-2022.

CARRIED

11.6 WARC AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021-2022 AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS

The Council considered a late report on WARC Audited Financial Statements 2021-2022 and Financial Statement Analysis.

OCM106/2022 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Councillor Henry Guwiyul
Seconded Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek**

The Council approved the publication and presentation to the Minister of the Audited Financial Statements for the 2021-2022 financial year.

CARRIED

Minute note: Councillor Catherine Ralph left the meeting at 13:39 and the meeting broke for lunch from 13:39 to 14:02.

11.3 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS COMMISSION

The Council considered a report on Call for Nominations – Northern Territory Grants Commission.

The Council did not have a quorum to pass a resolution on this item and the matter will be deferred to the December 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.

11.4 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NT

The Council considered a report on Call for Nominations – Neighbourhood Watch NT.

The Council did not have a quorum to pass a resolution on this item and this matter will be deferred to the December 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.

ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

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

The Chairperson did not receive any questions with or without notice from Elected Members at the meeting held on 9 November 2022.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

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.

The Council didn't not have a quorum to pass a resolution on this item and the confidential agenda will be deferred to December 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 14 December 2022.

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson **Mayor Matthew Ryan** declared the meeting closed at 14:15.

This page and the 6 preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 November 2022.

Chairperson

Date Confirmed