

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, 18 December 2025 at 9:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting open at 9:09am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	Ralph McCoy

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
Manager Finance	Imran Shajib
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Acting Director Community and Council Services	Rick Mitchell
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

Agenda Reference:	3.1
Title:	Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

FC8/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Micketja Onus

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Notes the apology received from Cr Ralph Blyth; and
2. Determines Cr Ralph Blyth is absent with permission of the Committee.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Committee considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

FC9/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Finance Committee meeting held on 18 December 2025.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

FC10/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT THE COMMITTEE acknowledge there were no declarations of interest received in relation to the items listed for the Finance Committee meeting held on 18 December 2025.

CARRIED

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 6.1 – Finance Committee Meeting Minutes was deferred.

7 ACTION REPORTS

Nil.

8 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Financial report for period ending 30 November 2025
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Finance

The Committee considered a report on Financial report for period ending 30 November 2025.

FC11/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT THE COMMITTEE receives and notes the report titled *Financial report for period ending 30 November 2025*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Local Authority Funding - Community Sponsorship
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance

The Committee considered a report on Local Authority Funding - Community Sponsorship.

FC12/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE receives and notes the report titled *Local Authority Funding - Community Sponsorship*.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – 26 August 2025
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Committee considered a report on Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - 26 August 2025.

FC13/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Micketja Onus

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE confirm the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 August 2025 are a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

9 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

FC14/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Micketja 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 at 9:44am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Finance Committee Meeting Confidential Minutes - 26 August 2025
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

FC14/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Micketja Onus

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT the confidential unconfirmed minutes of the Finance Committee held 26 August 2025 are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

12 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 25 August 2026.

13 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 9:47am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Finance Committee held on Thursday 18 December 2025.

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