

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday, 29 April 2025 at 12:00 pm
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Woods declared the meeting open at 12:00 pm, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Ralph F. Blyth
Councillor	Monica Wilton
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki
Councillor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	James Marrawal (via video)

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Murray
Director Community and Council Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
Manager Technical Services	Kylie Gregson
Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO	Gina Carrascalao (via video)
Manager Technical Services	Kylie Gregson
Governance Advisor	Jasmine Mortimore
Information Advisor	Ben Heaslip (via video)
Project Officer	Ben Waugh
Project Manager Technical Services	Clem Beard

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

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

OCM84/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the absence of Tamar Nawirridj, Mickitja Onus, Otto Dann, Donna Nadjamerrek and Steven Nabalmarada.
2. Notes the apology received from Tamar Nawirridj, Mickitja Onus, Otto Dann, Donna Nadjamerrek and Steven Nabalmarada; and
3. Determines Tamar Nawirridj, Mickitja Onus, Otto Dann, Donna Nadjamerrek and Steven Nabalmarada 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.

OCM85/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 29 April 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.

OCM87/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Cr Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive the declarations of interest as listed for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 29 April 2025;
2. Cr Phillips declared a conflict for item 12.7 as a board member of the Northern Land Council; and
3. Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor declared a conflict for item 12.6 and 12.8 in relation to business with Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Local Authority Meeting Minutes
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Local Authority Meeting Minutes.

OCM88/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

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

Community	Date Held	Quorum	Date of next meeting
Maningrida	10 March 2025	Yes	12 May 2025
Warruwi	11 March 2025	Yes	13 May 2025
Gunbalanya	12 March 2025	Yes	14 May 2025
Minjilang	13 March 2025	Yes	15 May 2025

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Minutes
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Minutes.

OCM89/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL noted the minutes of 14 March 2025 Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee and reviewed decisions made by the Committee.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.3
Title:	Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

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

OCM90/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Cr Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL

1. Confirm the minutes of 20 March 2025 Special Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting with the administration amendment of Cr Wiltons attendance and the seconder for report item 5.1 5 to be added.
2. Confirm the minutes of 2 April 2025 Special Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.4
Title:	Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

Moved from item 6.4 to 9.1

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

OCM91/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Cr Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL confirm the minutes of 26 March 2025 Ordinary Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Visitor - Demed Aboriginal Corporation
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters joined the meeting at 12:40pm

The Council considered a report on Visitor - Demed Aboriginal Corporation.

OCM95/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the discussions with Martin Corrie from Demed Aboriginal Corporation; and
2. Thanks Martin from Demed Aboriginal Corporation.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Presentation - Department of Mining and Energy
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

Cr Wilton left the meeting at 1:08pm and returned at 1:10pm

The Council considered a report on Presentation - Department of Mining and Energy.

OCM96/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Phillips

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the information on gravity survey by Department of Mining and Energy;
2. Thanks Peter from Department of Mining and Energy; and
3. Request the Department of Mining and Energy attend Ordinary Council Meeting after NLC Consultation.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	Presentation - OneWifi and Infrastructure
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

Meeting broke at 1:12pm and recommenced at 1:29pm
Jaala and George joined the meeting at 1:30pm and left at 1:32pm

The Council considered a report on Presentation - OneWifi and Infrastructure.

OCM97/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the information on First Nations Community Wi-Fi Program for Gunbalanya by OneWifi and Infrastructure; and
2. Endorse the OneWifi and Infrastructure proposal for the First Nations Community Wifi Program in Gunbalanya.

CARRIED

8 ACTION REPORTS

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

Cr Phillips declared a conflict for the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program update as a business applying for this program, left the meeting at 2:07pm and returned at 2:13pm.

Cr Blyth declared a conflict for any future discussions for the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program.

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items.

OCM98/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Cr Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Review of Action Items*; and
2. Review the outstanding action items and give approval for completed items to be removed from the register.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Maningrida Football Changerooms - External Colour Scheme
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Council considered a report on Maningrida Football Changerooms - External Colour Scheme.

OCM100/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Woods

Seconded Cr Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the report titled *Maningrida Football Changerooms - External Colour Scheme*.
2. Nominate the external colour scheme for the Maningrida Changerooms to be standard council colours listed in the report.

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.

OCM92/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Mayor Woods

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.

OCM93/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Wilton

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:	Ben Waugh, Interim Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM94/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Phillips

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.4
Title:	Carpark Sealing at the rear of Maningrida Council Office
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

Moved from item 9.4 to 7.1

Cr Blyth left the meeting at 3:01pm and returned at 3:04pm

The Council considered a report on Carpark Sealing at the rear of Maningrida Council Office.

OCM101/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Namanurki
Seconded Cr Wilton

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the report titled *Carpark Sealing at the rear of Maningrida Council Office*; and
2. Explore options of relocating water line through PowerWater to facilitate further car park options.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.5
Title:	Finance Report for the period ended February 2025
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Finance

The Council deferred a report on Finance Report for the period ended February 2025.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.6
Title:	Technical Services Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Council considered a report on Technical Services Projects Report.

OCM102/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Marrawal

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Technical Services Projects Report*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.7
Title:	Regional Cemetery Update
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Council considered a report on Regional Cemetery Update.

OCM103/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the report titled *Regional Cemetery Update*; and
2. Investigate Jabiru Cemetery ownership and responsibility.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.8
Title:	Regional Waste Update
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Council considered a report on Regional Waste Update.

OCM104/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Regional Waste Update*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.9
Title:	Human Resources Report - 1 to 31 March 2025
Author:	Luisa Arango, Human Resources Manager (Acting)

Cr Namanurki left the meeting at 3:37pm and returned at 3:40pm

The Council considered a report on Human Resources Report - 1 to 31 March 2025.

OCM105/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Human Resources Report - 1 to 31 March 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.

OCM106/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Namanurki
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

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

1. Deputy Mayor Williams raised concerns with broken street lights in the Jabiru township.
2. Mayor raised the need for permanent fencing for the Maningrida airport.
3. Cr Phillips raised a Local Authority Funding Project for two speed bump to be installed in Maningrida; and
4. Cr Namanurki raised conditions of alley ways in Maningrida.

CARRIED

11 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

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

Meeting broke at 3:59pm and recommenced at 4:18pm

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

OCM107/2025 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 at {time} to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	12.1
Title:	Council's Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2025-26
Author:	Ben Waugh, Interim Chief Executive Officer

OCM112/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the report titled *Council's Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2025-2026*.
2. Note the intend actions for the CEO to seek to obtain further funding to achieve a balanced budget for 2025-26.
3. Approve the *Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2025-2026* and that it be made available for public consultation to comply with the *Local Government Act 2019* subject to:
 - a. The Special Rate for Public Lighting per resolution OCM27/2025 being incorporated into the 2025-26 Plan and Budget; and
 - b. The Budget 2025-26 papers being inserted into the Plan, to become a single document.
4. Approve this confidential resolution now be made public and disclosed in the open session.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.2
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

Agenda Reference:	12.3
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

OCM109/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Marrawal

THAT COUNCIL confirm the minutes of 26 March 2025 Confidential Ordinary Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.4
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

OCM110/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Mayor Woods

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.5
Title:	Disposal of Fleet Toyota Landcruiser 200 Series
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

OCM111/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Disposal of Fleet Toyota Landcruiser 200 Series*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.6
Title:	Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town Residential Leases
Author:	Leanne Johansson, Business Development Manager

OCM114/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the report titled *Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town Residential Leases*; and
2. Request report on Jabiru lease requirements, Outdoor Living Area (OLA) design costings and copy of 30 September report and resolution relating to this information.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.7
Title:	Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

Agenda Reference:	12.8
Title:	Local Government Funding Levels Third Update
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance

OCM115/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Cr Namanurki

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

CARRIED

13 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Reference:	13.2
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

The public was re-admitted at 12:18 pm.

Meeting closed at 4:35 pm on 29 April 2025 and recommenced at 9:11 am on 30 April 2025.

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 3 June 2025.

15 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor Woods declared the meeting closed at 12:18 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29 April 2025.

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