



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Maningrida Local Authority
PROVISIONAL MEETING
Monday, 2 March 2026 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki declared the meeting open at 10:23am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Member	Sharon Hayes
Member	Garth Doolan
Member	Marlene Kernan

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Jermaine Namanurki
Mayor	James Woods
Deputy Mayor	Jacqueline Phillips

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Murray
Director Community and Council Services	Rick Mitchell
Director Corporate Services	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Council Services Manger	Scott Page
Project Manager	Clem Beard
Finance Manager	Imran Shajib (via Teams)
Manager of Technical Services	Kylie Gregson (via Teams)
Waste and Resources Coordinator	Meredith Newall (via Teams)
Finance Officer	Prabesh Basnet
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor	Violette Stehlin

GUESTS

Northern Territory Police

Sergeant Tim Gillahan (via Teams)

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

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

MAN-P1/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Notes the apology received from Member Joyce Bohme, Member Monica Wilton, Member Shane Namanurki and Cr Joseph Diddo; and
2. Determines Member Joyce Bohme, Member Monica Wilton, Member Shane Namanurki and Cr Joseph Diddo are absent with permission of the Authority.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

MAN-P2/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accepts the agenda papers as circulated for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 2 March 2026.

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 Local Authority considered a report on Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

MAN-P3/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips
Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY acknowledges that there were no declarations of interest in reference to the items listed for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 2 March 2026.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

As it was a Provisional Meeting this item was deferred to the next Maningrida Local Authority Meeting.

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Invited Guest - NT Police
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

This item was deferred until the representative from the Northern Territory Police was available.

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Invited Guest - Apex Security Group
Author:	Violette Stehlin, Acting Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO

This item was deferred to the next Maningrida Local Authority as the Apex Security Group's representative was unable to attend.

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Finance Report to 31 January 2026
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Finance Report to 31 January 2026.

MAN-P4/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermain Namanurki
Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Finance Report to January 2026*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Maningrida Landfill Update
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Local Authority considered a report on Maningrida Landfill Update.

MAN-P5/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes
Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermain Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Maningrida Landfill Update*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Technical Services Maningrida Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Local Authority considered a report on Technical Services Maningrida Projects Report.

MAN-P6/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:03am and reconvened at 12:15pm with the absence of Mayor James Woods.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 9.4 – Cultural Training was bought forward.

Agenda Reference:	9.4
Title:	Cultural Training
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Cultural Training.

Member Marlene Kernan joined the meeting at 12:58pm.

MAN-P7/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Cultural Training*; and
2. Provides recommendations on cultural training that best meet the needs of the community, staff, contractors and visitors which include:
 - Map showing boundaries where women and men are allowed to go
 - Appropriate attire in community
 - Women to wear skirts below the knees
 - Appropriate response when invited to learn on Country
 - Requesting in-person cultural training provided by First Nations person from West Arnhem region
 - Cultural training workshop to be provided for all staff including First Nations person born outside the West Arnhem region
 - List of Northern Land Council permits for recreational activities
 - Seeking permission to go on Country
 - Consultation with the main language groups
 - Appropriate response when asked for goods/money etc.
 - Understanding totems
 - Permission to use/remove art

CARRIED

Order of Business

Item 8.8 – was bought forward.

Agenda Reference:	8.8
Title:	Draft 2026/27 Local Authority Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Corporate Services

The Local Authority considered a report on Draft 2026/27 Local Authority Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

MAN-P8/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes
Seconded Member Garth Doolan

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Draft 2026/27 Local Authority Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan*.

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATION AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Invited Guest - NT Police
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Invited Guest - NT Police.

Sergeant Tim Gillahan joined the meeting at 1:35pm.

Mayor Woods joined the meeting at 1:40pm.

Sergeant Tim Gillahan left the meeting at 1:41pm.

MAN-P9/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Jermain Namanurki
Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the update on Law and Order by the NT Police.

CARRIED

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 9.2 – Proposed Chilled Water bubbler – Basketball Court – Maningrida was bought forward.

Agenda Reference:	9.2
Title:	Proposed Chilled Water bubbler - Basketball Court - Maningrida
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Proposed Chilled Water bubbler - Basketball Court - Maningrida.

MAN-P10/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Garth Doolan

Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Proposed Chilled Water bubbler - Basketball Court - Maningrida*;
2. Approves the allocation of up to \$20,000 for the supply and installation of Chilled Water Fountain from the Maningrida Local Authority; and
3. Explores more options for water fountain utilising filling of water bottles and healthier drinking options.

CARRIED

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 9.3 – Fabrication Variation – Height of Airport Shelter – Cultural Entrance / Exit was bought forward.

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	Fabrication Variation - Height of Airport Shelter - Cultural Entrance/Exit
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Fabrication Variation - Height of Airport Shelter - Cultural Entrance/Exit.

MAN-P11/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Fabrication Variation - Height of Airport Shelter - Cultural Entrance/Exit*; and
2. Approves the variation of works and repurposing of surplus funds of \$37,235.00.

CARRIED

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 9.5 – Community Benefit Fund was bought forward.

Agenda Reference:	9.5
Title:	Community Benefit Fund
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Community Benefit Fund.

MAN-P12/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Community Benefit Fund*; and
2. Prioritises a list of projects from the Local Authority members for the Administration to pursue future grant applications as follows:
 - Resurface oval in front of the Maningrida Progress Association office.

CARRIED

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8.7 – Maningrida Local Authority Membership was bought forward.

Agenda Reference:	8.7
Title:	Maningrida Local Authority Membership
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Maningrida Local Authority Membership.

MAN-P14/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Maningrida Local Authority Membership*.

CARRIED

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 9.6 – Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works was bought forward.

Agenda Reference:	9.6
Title:	Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Local Authority considered a report on Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works.

MAN-P15/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works*;
2. Prioritises and approves additional works as per available funding;
3. Suggested works prioritised as follows:
 - Signage (image of dilly bag to be removed)
 - Seating (1-meter length with no back and 2-meter length with back)
 - Lighting;
4. Suggests landscaping/plants are provided from the nursery in Maningrida;
5. Conducts consultation with Dhukurrdji and Language Clan Leaders to be organised to discuss the future use of the cemetery; and
6. Requests that water connection works and shelter construction not to be done until after the consultation with Dhukurrdji and Language Clan Leaders.

CARRIED

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 10.1 – Local Authority Member Questions with or without notice was bought forward.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice.

MAN-P16/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY recorded for action the following questions from Members:

- Maningrida Change Rooms Plaque – Named *Manbiyiya Oval Changerooms officially opened on 14 November 2025* to be discussed at the consultation with Dhukurrdji and Language Clan Leaders; and
- Wheelie bins to be placed in public areas.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services
Author:	Scott Page, Council Services Manager, Maningrida

This item was deferred to the next Maningrida Local Authority meeting.

Agenda Reference:	8.5
Title:	Human Resources Report up to 13 February 2026
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

This item was deferred to the next Maningrida Local Authority meeting.

Agenda Reference:	8.6
Title:	2024-2025 Annual Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

This item was deferred to the next Maningrida Local Authority meeting.

9 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

This item was deferred to the next Maningrida Local Authority meeting.

11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 11 May 2026.

12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki declared the meeting closed at 2:56pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority held on Monday 2 March 2026.

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