

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 1 July 2026 at 12:00 pm
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

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

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Jacqueline Phillips (via Teams)
Councillor	Joseph Diddo
Councillor	Ralph McCoy
Councillor	Henry Yates
Councillor	Steven Nabalmarda
Councillor	Dwane Baker

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Interim Director Community and Council Services	Peter Mickleson
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Finance Manager	Imran Shajib
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Executive Assistant	Violette Stehlin

A minute silence was held in respect to the former Councillor in Gunbalanya.

Agenda Reference:	3.1
Title:	Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absent Without Notice
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM194/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the apology received from Cr Jermaine Namanurki, Cr Dwane Baker, Cr Daniel Siebert; Cr Ralph F Blyth and Cr Mickitja Onus;
2. Notes the apology received from Cr Ralph F Blyth for Wednesday, 1 July 2026;
3. Determines Cr Jermaine Namanurki, Cr Dwane Baker, Cr Daniel Siebert, Cr Mickitja Onus and Cr Ralph F Blyth are an apology with permission of the Council.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM195/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL acknowledges there were no declarations of interest disclosed in relation to the items listed for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting held on 1 July 2026.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM196/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on Wednesday, 27 May 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	5.2
Title:	Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM197/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Wednesday, 17 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	5.3
Title:	Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM198/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Wednesday, 17 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items.

The Deputy Mayor declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Northern Land Council.

OCM199/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Review of Action Items*;
2. Reviews the outstanding action items and gives approval for completed items to be removed from the register, including the outstanding action in relation to Care Flight Services;
3. Requests that a reply to the correspondence sent to Northern Land Council be followed up;
4. Requests that the Northern Land Council reinforce their permit conditions to the contractors in relation to aerosol products.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Warruwi Creche Building - Future Use
Author:	Peter Mickleson, Interim Director Council and Community Services

The Council considered a report on Warruwi Creche Building - Future Use.

OCM200/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Warruwi Creche Building - Future Use*;
2. Liaises with the Warruwi Local Authority prior to advising the Department of Education that Council, after consulting with Traditional Owners, Elders and the community, Council wants to close the Warruwi creche for good and keep the building for aged care services;
3. Liaises with the Minjilang Local Authority and Community to determine their views and needs prior to advising the Department of Education whether Council does/does not want the Minjilang building to keep operating as a community creche; and
4. Requests that the matter be brought to Council for a decision.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49pm and reconvened at 1:17pm.

Agenda Reference:	6.3
Title:	Write Off Council Assets
Author:	Imran Shajib, Manager Finance

The Council considered a report on Write Off Council Assets.

OCM201/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives, notes and accepts the late report titled Write Off Council Assets; and
2. Approves the write off of the following assets:
 - Asset ID 100091 – 2018 Toyota Hilux, registration CE97UN, previously CD35MB – claim reference 4320
 - Asset ID 150010 – Hino Tipper Truck, registration CB93YF – claim reference 4175
 - Asset ID 150045 – Excavator, registration SV3957 – claim reference 4402
 - Partial write-off of damaged fencing and double gates associated with Asset ID 400024, Mechanical Workshop Lot 652, Gunbalanya – claim reference 4186.

CARRIED

7 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

OCM202/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo

Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the attached items of incoming and outgoing correspondence.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM203/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Meetings and Events attended by the Chief Executive Officer.

OCM204/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Meetings and Events attended by the Chief Executive Officer*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.4
Title:	Regional Cemetery Update
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Council considered a report on Regional Cemetery Update.

OCM205/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Regional Cemetery Update*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.5
Title:	Regional Waste Update
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Council considered a report on Regional Waste Update.

OCM206/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Henry Yates

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Regional Waste Update*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.6
Title:	Technical Services Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Council considered a report on Technical Services Report.

OCM207/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Technical Services Report* and include the Gunbalanya Ablution Block at the Airport to the Local Authority Projects.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.7
Title:	Community and Council Services Report
Author:	Peter Mickleson, Interim Director Council and Community Services

The Council considered a report on Community and Council Services Report.

OCM208/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report entitled *Community and Council Services Report*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.8
Title:	First Nations Employment Plan and Survey - Feedback
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on First Nations Employment Plan and Survey - Feedback.

OCM209/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *First Nations Employment Plan and Survey - Feedback*.

CARRIED

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Presentations and Visitors - Apex Security Group
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Presentations and Visitors - Apex Security Group.

OCM210/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT COUNCIL defers the presentation by Apex Security Group Director, Andrew Olive to the next Maningrida Local Authority Meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Elected Member Questions with or without Notice
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM211/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda

Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT Council requests the following issues be actioned:

- Gunbalanya Lights – approximately 54 lights down including pole and solar
- Maningrida Streetlights
- Maningrida Council Workshop – Access Road to Mens Ceremonial area to be blocked off
- Maningrida Laneways – increase the height of the fences – request sent to Housing Commission

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57pm and reconvened at 3:17pm.

10 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM212/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

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 3:18pm to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.1
Title:	Confidential Meeting and Events attended by the Mayor
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM213/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda
Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Confidential Meeting and Events attended by the Mayor*; and
2. Requests further information in relation to the Constitution of the Maningrida Regional Consortium.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.2
Title:	Confidential Meeting and Events attended by the Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM214/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Confidential Meeting and Events attended by the Chief Executive Officer*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.3
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM215/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Confidential Ordinary Council meeting held on Wednesday, 27 May 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.4
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM216/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Henry Yates

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Confidential Special Council meeting held on Wednesday, 17 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.5
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM217/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Confidential Special Council meeting held on Wednesday, 17 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.6
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM218/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the attached items of incoming and outgoing correspondence.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.7
Title:	Review of Confidential Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM219/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Review of Confidential Action Items*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.9
Title:	Chief Executive Officer's Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM221/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Chief Executive Officer's Report*; and
2. Nominates and authorises the following officers as Super Administrators on behalf of the West Arnhem Regional Council in respect of all Users and all Accounts and services nominated for access through Westpac Corporate Online:
Katharine Clare Murray
Imran Shajib
and revoke any previous nominations / appointments.

CARRIED

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

Agenda Reference:	12.1
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM222/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves to disclose the selected resolutions from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes as follows:
 - Item 11.1 Confidential Meeting and Events attended by the Mayor
 - Item 11.2 Confidential Meeting and Events attended by the CEO
 - Item 11.3 Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
 - Item 11.4 Confirmation of Confidential Special Council Meeting Minutes
 - Item 11.5 Confirmation of Confidential Special Council Meeting Minutes
 - Item 11.6 Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
 - Item 11.7 Review of Confidential Action Items
 - Item 11.9 Chief Executive Officer's Report
2. Opens the meeting to the public at 4:25pm after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

13 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 29 July 2026.

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 4:29pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1 July 2026.

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