



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council an Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 13 October 2021 at 9:00 am
Council Chambers, Jabiru

Chairperson Matthew Ryan declared the meeting open at 9:00 am, welcomed all in attendance and acknowledged the Traditional Owners.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Matthew Ryan (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Ralph Blyth
Councillor	Otto Dann
Councillor	James Marrawal
Councillor	James Woods
Councillor	Julius Don Kernan
Councillor	Henry Guwiyul
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek
Councillor	Gabby Gumurdul

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Daniel Findley
Chief Operating Officer (Acting)	Jesse Evans
Governance and Risk Advisor	Doreen Alusa
Executive Assistant to the CEO and Mayor	Charlotte Meneer
Finance Manager	Andrew Shaw
General Manager Technical Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Director of Organizational Growth	Kim Sutton

VISITORS

Regional Network and Department of Chief
Minister and Cabinet

Colvin Crowe

Jabiru Kabolkmakmen Ltd

Marinella Faggion

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 Councillor Catherine Ralph for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 13 October 2021.

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council considered a report on absences without notice.

**OCM93/2021 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan
Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyaul**

Council noted that Councillor Jacqueline Phillips was absent without notice for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 13 October 2021 as per section 47(1)(0) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

5.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Council considered a report on acceptance of the agenda.

**OCM94/2021 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
Seconded Councillor James Woods**

The agenda papers for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 13 October 2021 as circulated were 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.

Council received no declarations of interest for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 13 October 2021.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Council considered previous minutes for the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2021.

OCM95/2021 RESOLVED:

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

The minutes of the 22 September 2021 Ordinary Council meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Minute note: Marinella Faggion joined the meeting at 9:30 am and left at 10:20 am.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

8.1 PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

The Council considered visitor presentations.

Council noted the presentation by Marinella Faggion.

Minute note: The meeting broke for morning tea at 9:50 am and resumed at 10:20 am.

8.2 INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

The Council considered a report on incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Council received and noted the items of incoming and outgoing correspondence during the month of September 2021.

Minute note: The meeting noted that as per resolution OCM79/2021 (22 September Ordinary Council meeting), the following will be attending the 2021 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory annual general meeting in Alice Springs as part of their professional development:

1. Councillor Jacqueline Phillips
2. Councillor Catherine Ralph
3. Councillor Julius Don Kernan
4. Councillor James Marrawal

8.3 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST

The Council reviewed the action items list.

OCM96/2021 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Councillor Gabby Gumurdul
Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyaul

Council reviewed the outstanding resolutions, and gave approval to remove items that were marked as completed from the list.

CARRIED

8.4 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR

The Council considered a report on meetings attended by the Mayor.

OCM97/2021 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Councillor James Marrawal
Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

Council noted the list of meetings attended by the Mayor and approved the associated costs of travel for the meetings.

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

9.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

The Council considered the finance report for the period ended 31st August 2021.

OCM98/2021 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
Seconded Councillor James Woods

Council approved the financial report for the period ended 31st August 2021.

CARRIED

9.2 STATUS OF GRANTS UPDATE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL - SEPTEMBER 2021

The Council considered a report on grants update and business development for West Arnhem Regional Council - September 2021.

OCM99/2021 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
Seconded Councillor James Marrawal**

That Council:

- Received and noted the report on the status of grants update and business development for West Arnhem Regional Council in September 2021;
- Approved the proposal to use the 2021-22 Northern Territory Government Waste and Resource Management grant of \$148, 800 to contribute to the purchase a 20 tonne excavator with grab claw for Maningrida waste management facility; and
- Noted the attached project funding certification reports for Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Minjilang and Warruwi for the period ended 30 June 2021.

CARRIED

TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 OPERATIONS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2021

The Council considered the operations report for September 2021.

Council received and noted the report.

ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

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The Council considered Elected Member questions with or without notice.

The Chairperson received the following questions with or without notice from Elected Members:

1. **Cahills Crossing:** It was noted that the administration will contact the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics about carrying out repairs at the Crossing.
2. **Poor telecommunication services:** It was noted that the administration will write to the Minister for Indigenous Australians about the poor telecommunication services in West Arnhem communities.
3. **Magela Oval, Jabiru:** It was noted that the administration will inspect the oval and make necessary repairs.
4. **Invitation of Member for Arafura to Council and Local Authority meetings:** It was noted that the administration will officially invite the Member for Arafura to attend Local Authority and Council meetings.
5. **Executive Manager – Cultural Safety and Partnership:** Ken Vowles will provide an update on his role at the next Council meeting in December 2021.

GENERAL ITEMS

13.1 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – NORTHERN TERRITORY HERITAGE COUNCIL

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

OCM100/2021 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Councillor James Marrawal
Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

Council nominated Councillor Julius Kernan who may be appointed to represent the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory on the NT Heritage Council.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

14.1 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.

OCM101/2021 RESOLVED:

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

That Council approves the closure of the meeting to the public as confidential items are about to be discussed. The meeting is closed in accordance with clause 51(c) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as the matters to be discussed include information that, if publicly disclosed, would be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; or (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

CARRIED

Minute note: Colvin Crowe left the meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The information is classed as confidential under section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 clause 51 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021.

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

The Council considered a report on disclosure of confidential resolutions and re-admittance of the public.

OCM103/2021 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth
Seconded Councillor Gabby Gumurdul

Council opened the meeting to the public after the discussion of confidential items, and approved to disclose selected resolutions from the confidential section of the meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes.

CARRIED

1.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - CONFIDENTIAL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Council considered previous minutes for the confidential Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 September 2021.

OCM 102/2021 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Councillor James Marrawal
Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyaul

Council confirmed that the confidential minutes of the 22 September 2021 Ordinary Council meeting were a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

2.2 DRAFTING OF JABIRU BY-LAWS: UPDATE REPORT

The Council considered an update report on the drafting of Jabiru By-laws

Council reviewed and noted the report.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 8 December 2021.

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Matthew Ryan declared the meeting closed at 11:36 am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 October 2021.

Chairperson

8/12/2021

Date Confirmed

