

# Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council a Local Authority Meeting Thursday, 18 May 2023 At 10:00

Chairperson Nicholas Hunter declared the meeting open at 10:16 am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

# **LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

Chairperson Nicholas Hunter

Member Alfred Gawaraidji

Member Richard Nawirr

Member Philip Wasaga

#### **ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Acting Mayor Matthew Ryan

Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

**STAFF PRESENT** 

Chief Executive Officer Paul Hockings

Chief Finance Officer Deirdre O'Sullivan

Chief Operating Officer (acting) Fiona Ainsworth

Governance and Risk Advisor

Jessie Schaecken (video conference)

Travel and Executive Assistant to CEO & Mayor Jasmine Mortimore

Council Services Manager Matthew Griffiths

Project coordinator Infrastructure Sam Fazzolari

Finance Manager James Stockdale

#### **APOLOGIES**

# 3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Committee considered Apologies and Leave of Absence.

# **WAR154/2023 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan

Seconded Member Phillip Wasaga

That the Warruwi Local Authority noted members' apologies Cr Marrawal, Jason Mayinaj

and Eda Waianga for the meeting held on 18 May 2023.

**CARRIED** 

# **ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

# 4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

The Committee considered Absent Without Notice.

# WAR155/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mr Nicholas Hunter

Seconded Mayor Matthew Ryan

That the Warruwi Local Authority noted nil member's absences without notice for the meeting held on 18 May 2023.

**CARRIED** 

# **DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF**

# 7.1 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

The Committee considered Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

# **WAR156/2023 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan

Seconded Member Phillip Wasaga

That the Warruwi Local Authority received and recorded nil declarations of interest for the meeting held on 16 February 2023.

**CARRIED** 

#### CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

# 8.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES -16 FEBRUARY 2023

The Committee considered Confirmation of Previous Local Authority Meeting Minutes -16 February 2023.

# **WAR157/2023 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Mr Nicholas Hunter

Seconded Member Phillip Wasaga

That the minutes of the 16 February 2023 Warruwi Local Authority meeting are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**CARRIED** 

#### LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

#### 11.1 REVIEW OF LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

The Committee considered Review of Local Authority Action Items.

# WAR158/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mr Nicholas Hunter

Seconded Mr Alfred Gawaraidji

That the Warruwi Local Authority reviewed the action items list and approved to remove any completed actions and;

- 1) Local Authority requested administration investigate the two shade sail entries and amalgamate if possible (are these the same item?)
- 2) Add and action the following items
  - a) Wild horse management letter to NLC, NT Park and wildlife, Dept of agriculture and Fisheries, Australian Quarantine Services and Rangers to introduce new DNA into horse population and immediate risk management to reduce numbers.
  - b) Crocodile Management NPWS training for staff
  - c) Funeral trailer not appropriate back to the drawing board involve Red Lily are now responsible for clinic and use troop carrier- need to have a conversation with the right people.

# d) Hot water systems for lot 9 - resolved.

**CARRIED** 

# CEO / CSM REPORT ON REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICES

# 12.1 CSM OPERATIONS REPORT ON CURRENT COUNCIL SERVICES

The Committee considered CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services.

**WAR159/2023 RESOLVED:** 

On the motion of Member Phillip Wasaga

Seconded Mr Nicholas Hunter

That the Warruwi Local Authority received and noted the report entitled 'CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services'.

**CARRIED** 

#### FINANCE REPORT

# 15.1 FINANCIAL REPORT TO MARCH 2023

The Committee considered Financial Report to March 2023.

**WAR160/2023 RESOLVED:** 

On the motion of Mr Richard Nawirr

Seconded Mr Nicholas Hunter

That the Warruwi Local Authority noted and received the Financial Report for the year to date period, 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023.

**CARRIED** 

#### 15.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDING

The Committee considered Local Authority Funding.

**WAR161/2023 RESOLVED:** 

On the motion of Mr Nicholas Hunter

Seconded Mayor Matthew Ryan

That the Warruwi Local Authority:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled 'Local Authority Funding'; and
- 2. Continued to discuss and recommend projects that are of importance to the Local Authority irrespective of available funding as financial support for these projects may be sourced from elsewhere if approved by Council.

**CARRIED** 

# **GENERAL ITEMS**

#### 17.1 WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Committee considered Waste and Resource Management Report.

**WAR162/2023 RESOLVED:** 

On the motion of Mr Alfred Gawaraidji

Seconded Mr Richard Nawirr

That the Warruwi Local Authority received and noted report entitled 'Waste and Resource Management Report'.

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**CARRIED** 

#### 17.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS QUESTIONS

The Committee considered Local Authority Members Questions.

**WAR163/2023 RESOLVED:** 

On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan

Seconded Mr Nicholas Hunter

That the Chairperson invited questions from Local Authority Members.

- 1) Mechanic starts on 29 May (located in Jabiru) and 40% of his time will be spent in Warruwi for WARC vehicles only at this stage. requesting a permanent community mechanic be available for community vehicles.
- 2) Matt Installation of a pump and tank to improve pressure at airport
- 3) Sea swift barge between Warruwi and Minjilang invite MLA Manual Brown to LA meeting
- 4) Consideration to LA member drive to increase membership (6-12 members), inviting younger people to attend
- 5) Election of new chairperson to be put up to the next LA Meeting.

**CARRIED** 

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:05 and reopened at 12:26.

# 17.3 CONSULTATION - WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL DRAFT PLAN 2023 - 2024

The Committee considered Consultation - West Arnhem Regional Council Draft Plan 2023 - 2024.

**WAR164/2023 RESOLVED:** 

On the motion of Mr Nicholas Hunter

Seconded Mr Richard Nawirr

That the Warruwi Local Authority notes the report, and provides feedback on the draft 2023-2024 West Arnhem Regional Plan.

**CARRIED** 

#### 17.4 CONSULTATION - COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET 2023-24

The Committee considered Consultation - Council Draft Budget 2023-24.

**WAR165/2023 RESOLVED:** 

On the motion of Mr Nicholas Hunter

Seconded Mr Alfred Gawaraidii

That the Minjilang Local Authority reviews and provides recommendations on the Draft West Arnhem Regional Council Budget for Warruwi 2023-24 whilst the consultation period is currently in effect until 31 May 2023.

**CARRIED** 

Georgia Corrie presented to the Warruwi Local Authority Members at 1:10pm

## **NEXT MEETING**

The Next meeting of the Warruwi Local Authority will take place on 20 July 2023.

# MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Nicholas Hunter declared the meeting closed at 1:22pm

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the confidential Ordinary Council meeting Warruwi Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 18 May 2023.

| Chairperson | Date Confirmed |
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