



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council an Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 20 December 2023 at 9:00 am
Darwin Council Chambers

Chairperson Matthew Ryan declared the meeting open at 9:02am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Matthew Ryan (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams (via video conference)
Councillor	Otto Dann
Councillor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	Mickitja Onus (via video conference)
Councillor	James Marrawal
Councillor	James Woods (via video conference)
Councillor	Henry Guwiyul
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek (via video conference)
Councillor	Gabby Gumurdul
Councillor	Julius Don Kernan (via video conference)

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer (acting)	Jessie Schaecken
Chief Corporate Officer	James Stockdale (via video conference)
Senior Council Services Manager	Dana Hewett (via video conference)
Governance and Risk Advisor (acting)	Jasmine Mortimore
Senior Projects Manager	Hilal Ahmad
Manager Community Services Support	Marnie Mitchell
Waste and Resource Coordinator	Sara Fitzgerald (via videoconference)

APOLOGIES

3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Council considered a report on Apologies and Leave of Absence.

**OCM195/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Marrawal
Seconded Cr Onus**

That Council;

- 1. Received and noted Elected Member apologies for Cr Ralph F Blyth for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 December 2023.**
- 2. Elected not to accept the apology for Cr Julius Don Kernan and request administration to send a second letter stating that an apology will not be accepted for the next scheduled Ordinary Council Meeting.**

CARRIED

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council considered a report on Absent Without Notice.

OCM196/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Cr Onus

That the Council received and noted no member's absences without notice for the meeting held on 20 December 2023.

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

5.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

OCM197/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Woods

Seconded Cr Gumurdul

That the agenda papers for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 December 2023 as circulated be 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.

OCM198/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Dann

That Council received no declarations of interest as listed for the meeting held on 20 December 2023.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 22 NOVEMBER 2023

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Previous Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting 22 November 2023.

OCM199/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Phillips

That the minutes of 22 November 2023 Ordinary Council meeting are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Cr woods left the meeting at 9:24 and re-joined at 10:20

Cr Kernan joined the meeting at 11:25

Meeting broke for morning tea at 11:30 and recommenced at 12:10

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

8.1 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items List.

OCM200/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Marrawal

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted report entitled '*Review of Action items list*'; and**
- 2. Reviewed the outstanding resolutions, and gave approval for completed items to be removed from the list.**

CARRIED

8.2 INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

The Council considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

OCM201/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Marrawal

Seconded Cr Gumurdul

That Council:

Received and noted the attached items of incoming and outgoing correspondence since the October Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED

8.3 MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR

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

OCM202/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Dann

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Meetings and Events Attended by the Mayor*'; and**
- 2. Approved associated travel cost to attend the listed meetings and events.**

CARRIED

8.4 MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE ACTING CEO

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

OCM203/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Onus

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Meetings and Events Attended by the Acting CEO*'.**
- 2. Endorsed Acting CEO 1 day of Personal Leave for the date Tuesday 19.12.2023**

CARRIED

8.5 PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

The Council considered a report on Presentations and Visitors.

OCM204/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Marrawal

Seconded Cr Woods

That Council:

Noted presentation by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics on the Maningrida Subdivision handover and requested that DIPL be invited to attend the 2024 Ordinary Council Meetings to discuss issues surrounding policies, town planning, housing allocation, guidelines and community facilities in a unified approach.

CARRIED

8.6 CDP HOST ACTIVITY AGREEMENT WITH ALPA

The Council considered a report on CDP Host Activity Agreement with ALPA.

OCM205/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Woods

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled 'CDP Host Activity Agreement with ALPA.'**
- 2. Endorsed WARC's participation with ALPA in CDP Activities.**
- 3. Invite ALPA CDP to attend 2024 February Ordinary Council Meeting**

CARRIED

8.7 ELECTED MEMBER PAYMENTS

The Council considered a report on Elected Member Payments.

OCM206/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Onus

Seconded Cr Guwiyul

That Council:

- 1. Approved to revoke resolution OCM1/2023 and give Elected Members a choice in whether they are paid by the PAYG system or by the Finance team.**
- 2. Approved for current Members to remain in the PAYG system unless they advise the CEO that they wish to move to payment by the Finance Team.**

CARRIED

8.8 RENTAL INCREASE JABIRU RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

The Council considered a report on Rental Increase Jabiru Residential Properties.

OCM207/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Onus

Seconded Cr Woods

That Council received and noted the report entitled 'Rental Increase Jabiru Residential Properties'

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

9.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The Council considered a report on Finance Report for the period ended 31 October 2023.

OCM208/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Dann

That Council received and noted report entitled 'Finance Report for the period ended 31 October 2023'.

CARRIED

Broke for lunch at 13:53 and recommenced at 14:22

9.2 WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL REVISED OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2023-24

The Council considered a report on West Arnhem Regional Council Revised Operational and Capital Budget 2023-24.

OCM209/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Onus

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Revised Operating and Capital Budget for 2023-24 as per Section 203(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, and**
- 2. Adopts a minimum threshold of \$150,000 as the basis for including budgeted major capital works projects in Table 3.1.**

CARRIED

TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 MALABAM ROAD UPDATE AND FUTURE DRAINAGE UPGRADES.

The Council considered a report on Malabam road update and future drainage upgrades..

OCM210/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Onus

That Council received and noted the report entitled 'Malala Road Update and future plans'.

CARRIED

10.2 APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS FLEET ASSET

The Council considered a report on Approval to Dispose of Surplus Fleet Asset.

OCM211/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Phillips

Seconded Cr Dann

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled 'Approval to Dispose of Surplus Fleet Asset'; and**
- 2. Approved the sale via auction of the Standby Generator and trailer - Jabiru.**

CARRIED

10.3 CONSTRUCTION OF GUNBALANYA OVAL LIGHTS UPDATE

The Council considered a report on Construction of Gunbalanya Oval Lights Update.

OCM212/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Dann

Seconded Cr Guwiyul

That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Gunbalanya Oval Lights Update*'.

CARRIED

10.4 PROJECT NOMINATED FOR BLACKSPOT PROGRAMME 2024-25

The Council considered a report on Project Nominated for Blackspot Programme 2024-25.

OCM213/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Onus

That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Project Nominated for Blackspot Programme 2024-25*'.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

11.1 ADOPTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES.

The Council considered a report on Adoption of Local Authority Meeting minutes..

OCM214/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Mayor Ryan

That Council:

1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Adoption of Local Authority Meeting minutes.*' and;
2. Endorsed the minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 26 October 2023 and reviewed decisions made by the Local Authority.
3. Approved the nominated additional member Grant Nayinggul for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting.
4. Endorsed the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 30 November 2023 and reviewed decisions made by the Local Authority.

CARRIED

GENERAL ITEMS

12.1 K9 SECURITY FUNDING

The Council considered a report on K9 Security Funding.

OCM215/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Dann

Seconded Cr Woods

That Council:

1. Received and noted the report entitled '*K9 security Funding*'.
2. Approved \$43,000 to fund the Maningrida security programme for 2024.
3. Requested feedback be provided to MPA alongside the funding that this initiative could also be an opportunity for local training and employment.

CARRIED

12.2 NT STRATEGIC ROADS PROGRAM - STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

The Council considered a report on NT Strategic Roads Program - Stakeholder Feedback.

OCM216/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Woods

Seconded Cr Onus

That Council:

1. Received and noted the report entitled 'NT Strategic Roads Program – Stakeholder Feedback'.
2. Nominated sections; Cahill's Crossing to Gunbalanya turn off, Creek crossings between Gunbalanya and Maningrida, Maningrida to Ramingining turnoff the Arnhem Link Road to prioritise for intended roadwork upgrades.

CARRIED

12.3 LIMITED CHRISTMAS OPERATIONS

The Council considered a report on Limited Christmas Operations.

OCM217/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Marrawal

Seconded Cr Dan

That Council:

Received and noted the report entitled '*Limited Christmas Operations*'.

CARRIED

12.4 PROPOSED RETURN OF THREE LEASED PROPERTIES TO ERA

The Council considered a report on Proposed Return of three leased properties to ERA.

OCM218/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Guwiyul

That Council:

1. Received and noted the report entitled 'Proposed return of leased properties to ERA'; and
2. Approved the surrender of leases on 2, 3 and 12 Spencer Court, Jabiru.

CARRIED

12.5 OPERATIONS REPORT - OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2023

The Council considered a report on Operations Report - October and November 2023.

OCM219/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Guwiyul

Seconded Cr Onus

That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Operations Report – July 2023*'.

CARRIED

12.6 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT - NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2023

The Council considered a report on Technical Services Report - November-December 2023.

OCM220/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Marrawal

Seconded Cr Gumurdul

That Council deferred report to next scheduled Ordinary Council.

CARRIED

12.7 UPDATE ON MANINGRIDA CYCLONE SHELTER AND MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

The Council considered a report on Update on Maningrida Cyclone Shelter and Multi-Purpose Building.

OCM221/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Woods
That Council deferred report to next scheduled Ordinary Council.

CARRIED

12.8 REPORT ON WEST ARNHEM YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT.

The Council considered a report on Report on West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit..

OCM222/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Gumurdul
Seconded Cr Kernan
That Council received and noted the Report ‘West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit’.

CARRIED

12.9 PURCHASE OF HEARING DEVICES FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

The Council considered a report on Purchase of Hearing Devices for Elected Members.

OCM223/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Dann
Seconded Cr Gumurdul
That Council:
1. Received and noted report entitled ‘purchase of hearing devices for elected members’.
2. Approved the purchase of two Bellman BE8054 Audio Maxi Pro TV Set Bundles.

CARRIED

ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

13.1 ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council considered a report on Elected Member Questions With or Without Notice.

OCM224/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Ryan
Seconded Cr Guwiyul
That the Chairperson invite questions with or without notice from Elected Members.
Cr Marrawal raised locking up WARC fleet during the holiday season.
Cr Dann raised increasing night patrol hours in Gunbalanya and a more collaborated effort with the police involved.

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.

OCM225/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Dann
Seconded Cr Onus
That Council approved 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 to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The information in this section of the agenda is classed as confidential under section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulation 51 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021*.

15.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFIDENTIAL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 22 NOVEMBER 2023

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Previous Minutes Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting held 22 November 2023.

OCM226/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Woods

That the minutes of 22 November 2023 Confidential Council meeting are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

15.3 WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL - COMMERCIAL REVISED BUDGET 2023-24

The Council considered a report on West Arnhem Regional Council - Commercial Revised Budget 2023-24.

OCM227/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Marrawal

Seconded Cr Guwiyul

That the Council adopted the Revised Operating and Capital Budget 2023-24 for the Commercial Activities.

CARRIED

15.5 FINANCIAL COSTS AND BENEFITS OF THE DARWIN OFFICE

The Council considered a report on Financial Costs and Benefits of the Darwin Office.

OCM228/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Dann

Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

That Council:

Deferred report to Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for February 2024.

CARRIED

CURRENT STATUS OF OUTSTANDING REGIONAL LAND USE AGREEMENTS FROM THE NORTHERN LAND COUNCIL

The Council considered a report on Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council.

OCM229/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Ryan

Seconded Cr Woods

The Council:

- 1. Deferred report until next scheduled ordinary council meeting.**

CARRIED

15.8 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.

OCM230/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Woods

Seconded Cr Gumurdul

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

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 24 January 2023

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Matthew Ryan declared the meeting closed at 5:00pm

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the ordinary council meeting Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20 December 2023.

Chairperson

Date Confirmed