

# Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Gunbalanya Local Authority Thursday, 7 March 2024 at 10:00 am Council Chambers

# 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Andy Garnarradj declared the meeting open at 10:44, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

### APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Andy Garnarradj

Member Henry Yates

member Maxwell Garnarradj

Member Kenneth Mangiru

member Connie Nayinggul

Member Evonne Gumurdul

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT** 

Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

Councillor Otto Dann

**STAFF PRESENT** 

Chief Executive Officer Andrew Walsh

Director Finance Jocelyn Nathanael-Walter (via video)

Director Council and Community Services Fiona Ainsworth (via video)

General Manager Technical Services (acting) Clem Beard

Finance Manager (acting) Corey White

Information Advisor Ben Heaslip (via video)

Governance and Risk Advisor (acting)

Jasmine Mortimore

Governance and Risk Advisor Jessie Schaecken

**GUESTS** 

Representatives From Gunbalanya School

# 3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

Agenda Reference: 3.1

Title: Apologies and Leave of Absence

Author: Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Apologies and Leave of Absence.

### **GUN1/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj

**Seconded Member Mangiru** 

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received and noted Member's apologies for Mayor Ryan, Cr Nadjamerrek, Grant Nayinggul and Cr Gumurdul for the Local Authority meeting held on 7 March 2024.

**CARRIED** 

Agenda Reference: 3.2

Title: Absent without Notice

Author: Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Absent without Notice.

### **GUN2/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj

**Seconded Member Mangiru** 

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received and noted NIL Member's absences without notice for the Local Authority meeting held on 7 March 2024.

**CARRIED** 

### 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference: 5.1

Title: Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff

Author: Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

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

### **GUN3/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Member Yates Seconded Member Garnarradj

# THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

- 1. Received the declarations of interest as NIL as listed for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 7 March 2024.
- 2. Requested Governance and Risk Advisor arrange Conflict of Interest training for members

**CARRIED** 

# 4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda Reference: 4.1

Title: Acceptance of Agenda

Author: Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

### **GUN4/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj

**Seconded Member Mangiru** 

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 7 March 2024.

**CARRIED** 

### 6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference: 6.1

Title: Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes

Author: Ben Heaslip, Information Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes.

# **GUN5/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj Seconded Member Gumurdul

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopted the minutes of the Thursday 26 October 2023 Gunbalanya Local Authority as a true and correct record with the administration update of General Item 16.1 to be amended to 17.1 and 16.2 to be 17.2.

**CARRIED** 

# 7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference: 7.1

Title: Presentations and Visitors

Author: Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

Connie Nayinggul Joined at 11:15

Meeting broke at 11:35 and recommenced at 11:55

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations and Visitors.

### **GUN6/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj

**Seconded Member Yates** 

The Local Authority:

- 1. Thank the presenter from the Adjumarrlal Aboriginal Corporation Lachlan McKenzie.
- 2. Support the festival being held at the Injalak Location.
- 3. Note the lights installation is forecast for September at the latest.
- 4. If the festival is held in July that portable lights will be needed.
- 5. Raised the concern around toilets for the festival and seeks solutions in the working group meetings.
- 6. Request football form part of the festival.
- 7. Request the technical services team address the leak in the irrigation system on the oval.

**CARRIED** 

Meeting broke for lunch at 12:46 and recommenced at 13:18

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations and Visitors.

# **GUN8/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Member Gumurdul Seconded Member Garnarradj

The Local Authority

- 1. Thank presenter from Power and Water Corporation Trude Blizzard.
- 2. Noted the replacement of 3G power meter with new 4G power meters, the new cards to top up power and how to pay online.
- 3. Members discussed faults in power meters showing large debits on meters and requested Power and Water to investigate if there are any faults with these power meters.
- 4. Requested Power and Water send through information for senior and NT concession card to use for power bill and any other information regarding new meter system.
- 5. Members gave advice for the best way for Power and Water to explain new system to community is to organise a community meeting and to use a local language interpreter for home visits.
- 6. Raised issues with damaged power meters and the process required to do compliance checks and how long it takes.

**CARRIED** 

#### 8 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference: 8.1

Title: Review of Action Items

Author: Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Review of Action Items.

#### **GUN7/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Member Yates Seconded Member Mangiru

#### THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled Review of Action Items; and
- 2. Reviewed the outstanding action items and gave approval for completed items to be removed from the register.
- 3. Members approved to co-contribute \$25,000.00 to fireworks for Stone Country Festival
- 4. Requested the Technical Services Team reach out to other community stakeholders to assist in cocontribution for the remainder of costs firework display.
- 5. Members request letter to be written to NIAA requesting funding for AFL NT to support Gunbalanya AFL program including a Gunbalanya Football League.

**CARRIED** 

Agenda Reference: 8.2

Title: Finance Report to January 2024

Author: Corey White, Accountant

The Local Authority considered a report on Finance Report to January 2024.

### **GUN9/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Member Gumurdul Seconded Member Yates

# THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

- Received and noted the report entitled *Finance Report to January 2024*.
- Received and noted the attachment entitled 2022-2023 Local Authority Project Funding Certification Gunbalanya DSO.

**CARRIED** 

Agenda Reference: 8.3

Title: Community Skip Bins

Author: Sara Fitzgerald, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Local Authority Meeting took a quick break at 14:20 and recommenced 14:29 The Local Authority considered a report on Community Skip Bins.

# **GUN10/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Cr Dann Seconded Member Nayinggul

#### THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled Community Skip Bins; and
- 2. Did not approve expending up to \$9000.00 of Local Authority Funds to purchase two community skip bins and requested admin investigate further options.
- 3. Request the Waste and Resource Coordinator investigate the use of local authority funding to replace old household bins as well as an additional household bin.

### 9 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference: 9.1

Title: External Chilled Water Fountain at the Council Office
Author: Clem Beard, Project Manager Technical Services

The Local Authority considered a report on External Chilled Water Fountain at the Council Office.

### **GUN11/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Member Nayinggul Seconded Member Mangiru

### THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled Gunbalanya Iced Water Fountain.
- 2. Approved \$4,713.50 from Gunbalanya Local Authority funding to complete the installation of Chilled Water Fountain.

**CARRIED** 

**CARRIED** 

Agenda Reference: 9.2

Title: CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services
Author: Vicki McCoy, Council Services Manager, Gunbalanya

The Local Authority considered a report on CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services.

### **GUN12/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Member Yates Seconded Member Garnarradj

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received and noted the report entitled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services*.

**CARRIED** 

Agenda Reference: 9.3

Title: 2022-2023 Annual Report

Author: Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on 2022-2023 Annual Report.

GUN13/2024 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj Seconded Member Mangiru

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received and noted the report entitled 2022-2023 Annual Report.

**CARRIED** 

# 10 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Agenda Reference: 10.1

Title: Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice

Author: Jessie Schaecken, Acting Chief Executive Officer

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

# **GUN14/2024 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj Seconded Member Gumurdul

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

- 1. Business Development Manager to provide written summary to members on if West Arnhem can assist with West Arnhem ID cards.
- 2. Business Development Manager to reach out Births Deaths and Marriages to organise Women only and Men only visits to Gunbalanya.
- 3. Information Advisor to correspond National Library Australia to get detailed listings on Gunbalanya records

**CARRIED** 

# 11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 6 June 2024.

### 12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Andy Garnarradj declared the meeting closed at 15:03.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 7 March 2024.