



Mission

East Arnhem Regional Council is dedicated to promoting the power of people, protection of community and respect for cultural diversity in the East Arnhem Regional Council. It does this by forming partnerships, building community capacity, advocating for regional and local issues, maximising service effectiveness and linking people with information.

Core Values

Respect
Professionalism
Human Dignity
Organisational Growth
Equity
Community

MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

30 April 2021

MEETING OPENING – 10:14

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In Attendance:

The President, Kaye Thurlow in the Chair and Councillors Yananymul Mununggurr, Gordon Walsh, Wesley B Wunungmurra, Bobby M Wunungmurra, David Djalangi, Jason Mirritjawuy, Joe Djakala, Djuwalpi Marika, Lapulung Dhamarrandji

East Arnhem Regional Council Representative
Dale Keehne – CEO, Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services,
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development and Michael Freeman – Corporate Services Manager

Minute Taker – Candice O'Halloran – Acting Governance, Local Authorities and Communication Manager

ACCEPTANCE OF ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGISES

016/2021 **RESOLVED (Yananymul Mununggurr/Djuwalpi Marika)**

That Council notes:

- a) Cr Yirmal Marika, Elliot Bara, Evelyn Dhamarrandji and David Djalangi are absent from Council.
- b) Cr Yirmal Marika has provided an verbal apology.
- c) Cr Yirmal Marika, David Djalangi, Elliot Bara and Evelyn Dhamarrandji are absent from Council with permission.

For:

President Kaye Thurlow and Councillors Yananymul Mununggurr, Gordon Walsh, Wesley B Wunungmurra, Bobby M Wunungmurra, Jason Mirritjawuy, Joe Djakala, Djuwalpi Marika, Lapulung Dhamarrandji

Against:

Nil

Elected Members Attendance

3.1 ELECTED MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

SUMMARY:

The role of Elected Members of Council is to:

- Represent the interests of all residents and ratepayers of the Council area.
- Provide leadership and guidance.
- Facilitate communication between the members of the council's constituency and the Council.
- To participate in the deliberations of the Council and its community activities.
- To ensure, as far as practicable, that the Council acts honestly, efficiently and appropriately in carrying out its statutory responsibilities.

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There are 6 ordinary Council meetings each year and Councillors are required to attend as many as they can. If a Councillor is absent without permission from Council for 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council then they cease to be a Councillor.

GENERAL

Sections 73 and 74 (Elected Members) *Local Government Act 2008*.

REGISTER:

2020/2021 Attendance and Apologies Register for Meetings Ordinary Council Meeting							
					■	Apology	
Key	✓	Attendance	X	Absent	∞	Not Required	
Councillor	26.02.2020 Nhulunbuy	29.04.2020 Video Conference/ Teleconference	24.06.2020 Nhulunbuy	26.08.2020 Nhulunbuy	28.10.2020 Nhulunbuy	09.12.2020 Nhulunbuy	25.01.2021 Nhulunbuy
Kaye Thurlow	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Djalangi	✓	✓	✓	■	✓	✓	✓
Evelyna Dhamarrandji	✓	✓	■	✓	■	✓	✓
Elliot Bara	■	✓	■	✓	✓	✓	X
Gordon Walsh	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Joe Djakala	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Lapulung Dhamarrandji	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	✓
Jason Mirritjawuy	■	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wesley Bandi Wunungmurra	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bobby Wunungmurra	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Yananyumul Mununggurr	✓	■	✓	✓	■	■	✓
Djuwalpi Marika	■	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yirmal Marika	X	✓	X		✓	X	✓

2020/2021 Attendance and Apologies Register for Meetings Special Council Meeting					
	□	Apology	∞	Not Required	
Key	✓	Attendance	X	Absent	
Councillor	08.05.2020 Video Conference/ Teleconference	04.06.2020 Video Conference/ Teleconference	30.07.2020 Video Conference/ Teleconference	16.11.2020 Video Conference/ Teleconference	15.02.2021 Video Conference/ Teleconference
Kaye Thurlow	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Djalangi	✓	✓	✓	✓	□
Evelyna Dhamarrandji	✓	X	X	X	□
Elliot Bara	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Gordon Walsh	✓	✓	✓	✓	□
Joe Djakala	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lapulung Dhamarrandji					
Jason Mirritjawuy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wesley Bandi	✓	X	✓	✓	✓

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Wunungmurra						
Bobby Wunungmurra	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Yananymul Mununggurr	□	✓	✓	□	□	□
Djuwalpi Marika	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yirmal Marika	✓	□	X	X	✓	✓

2020/2021 Attendance and Apologies Register for Meetings Finance Committee Meeting					
					□
Key	✓	Attendance	X	Absent	∞
Councillor	30.09.2020	25.11.2020	20.01.2021	31.03.2021	
	Video Conference/ Teleconference	Video Conference/ Teleconference	Video Conference/ Teleconference	Video Conference/ Teleconference	
Kaye Thurlow	✓	Unable to hold due to members availability	✓	∞	
David Djalangi	✓		✓	∞	
Evelyna Dhamarrandji	∞		∞	∞	
Elliot Bara	X		✓	∞	
Gordon Walsh	✓		✓	✓	
Joe Djakala	✓		✓	✓	
Lapulung Dhamarrandji					
Jason Mirritjawuy	✓		✓	✓	
Wesley Bandi Wunungmurra	✓		∞	✓	
Bobby Wunungmurra	∞		✓	∞	
Yananymul Mununggurr	X		∞	∞	
Djuwalpi Marika	∞		✓	✓	
Yirmal Marika	∞		∞	∞	

2020/2021 Attendance and Apologies Register for Meetings Audit Committee Meeting						
					□	Apology
Key	✓	Attendance	X	Absent	∞	Not Required
Councillor	03.03.2020	07.07.2020	23.09.2020	03.11.2020	02.03.2021	
	Darwin	Darwin	Darwin (Special)	Darwin	Darwin	
Kaye Thurlow	Unable to hold due to member availability	✓	✓	✓	✓	
David Djalangi		∞	∞	∞	∞	
Evelyna Dhamarrandji		∞	∞	∞	∞	
Elliot Bara		∞	∞	∞	∞	
Gordon Walsh		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lily Roy		∞	∞	∞	∞	

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Joe Djakala		∞	∞	∞	∞	
Barry Malibirr		∞	∞	∞	∞	
Jason Mirritjawuy		∞	∞	∞	∞	
Wesley Bandi Wunungmurra		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bobby Wunungmurra		∞	∞	∞	∞	
Yananyumul Mununggurr		∞	∞	∞	∞	
Djuwalpi Marika		∞	∞	∞	∞	
Yirmal Marika		∞	∞	∞	∞	

017/2021 **RESOLVED (Djuwalpi Marika/Yananyumul Mununggurr)**

That Council notes the running attendance register for Elected Members 2020-2021.

For:

President Kaye Thurlow and Councillors Yananyumul Mununggurr, Gordon Walsh, Wesley B Wunungmurra , Bobby M Wunungmurra, Jason Mirritjawuy, Joe Djakala, Djuwalpi Marika, Lapulung Dhamarrandji

Against:

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

Previous Council Minutes

6.2 UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 25 FEBRUARY 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes be taken as read and accepted as a true record of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 February 2021.

018/2021 **RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Yananyumul Mununggurr)**

That the minutes be taken as read and accepted as a true record of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 February 2021.

For:

President Kaye Thurlow and Councillors Yananyumul Mununggurr, Gordon Walsh, Wesley B Wunungmurra , Bobby M Wunungmurra, Jason Mirritjawuy, Joe Djakala, Djuwalpi Marika, Lapulung Dhamarrandji

Against:

Nil

MOVE IN TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

019/2021 **RESOLVED** (Jason Mirritjawuy/Gordon Walsh)

For:

President Kaye Thurlow and Councillors Yananymul Mununggurr, Gordon Walsh, Wesley B Wunungmurra , Bobby M Wunungmurra, Jason Mirritjawuy, Joe Djakala, Djuwalpi Marika, Lapulung Dhamarrandji

Against:

Nil

MOVE BACK TO OPEN SESSION

020/2021 **RESOLVED** (Joe Djakala/Yananymul Mununggurr)

For:

President Kaye Thurlow and Councillors Yananymul Mununggurr, Gordon Walsh, Wesley B Wunungmurra , Bobby M Wunungmurra, Jason Mirritjawuy, Joe Djakala, Djuwalpi Marika, Lapulung Dhamarrandji

Against:

Nil

PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Deferred to next meeting

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 COUNCIL MEMBERS EXTRA MEETING ALLOWANCE 2020-2021

SUMMARY:

The EARC Extra Meeting Allowance Policy (19/08/2020 CO) states that the Council may resolve that an extra meeting allowance will be payable where an Elected Member is to represent Council in external meetings as an official representative. This report is for Council to determine which other meetings are approved for representation by Councillors.

021/2021 **RESOLVED** (Yananymul Mununggurr/Keith Lapulung Dhamarrandji)

That Council notes the Extra Meeting Allowance report.

For:

President Kaye Thurlow and Councillors Yananymul Mununggurr, Gordon Walsh, Wesley B Wunungmurra , Bobby M Wunungmurra, Jason Mirritjawuy, Joe Djakala, Djuwalpi Marika, Lapulung Dhamarrandji

Against:

Nil

Corporate Services Reports

11.1 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to provide the Finance Report for the period ended the 31 March 2021 for its approval.

Finance Section

In accordance with part 8, section 18(1) of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations, the CEO must submit a finance report each month before a meeting of the Council. Council has established a Finance Committee to consider this report in the months Council does not meet.

The finance report for the period ended 31 March 2021 is attached to the report for consideration and the following points are highlighted in the report:

- Statement of Financial Performance
- Statement of Financial Position
- Cash Status Statement
- Investments
- Trade debtors / money owed to Council

The end of March is nine months through the financial year, or 75%.

Revenue received is 92% of the year budget. The only disappointing item is Interest due to the collapse in interest rates in the economy.

Expenditure overall is at 52%. Employee costs are at 65%. Contracts are at 30%. This reflects the one off nature of infrastructure works. Over \$10.8m of contracts are in progress, bringing the Contracts figure to 72%.

Human Resources Section

Employee expenses to the end of March by locations and service are presented with comments.

Total employees: 306

022/2021 RESOLVED (Yananyumul Mununggurr/Joe Djakala)

That the Council approves the Finance Report with Human Resources information for the period ended the 31 March 2021.

For:

President Kaye Thurlow and Councillors Yananyumul Mununggurr, Gordon Walsh, Wesley B Wunungmurra, Bobby M Wunungmurra, Jason Mirritjawuy, Joe Djakala, Djuwalpi Marika, Lapulung Dhamarrandji

Against:

Nil

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Special Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 May 2021

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 10:50am.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday, 30 April 2021 ,and are to be confirmed.