



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 GUNYANGARA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING

8 JUNE 2023

Under closing the gap priority reforms, socio economic outcome 16 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are strong, supported and flourishing and it is standard practice for reports to be considered, discussed and debated in the traditional dialects of the East Arnhem region, Yolngu Matha or Anindilyakwan.

MINUTES OF THE GUNYANGARA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
EAST ARNHAM REGIONAL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023 AT 10.00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Murphy Yunupingu, Local Authority members, Doug Yunupingu, Antoine Gintz and Elizika Puertollano.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.

Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Signe Balodis – Regional Manager Community Development.

Minute Taker – Signe Balodis, Regional Manager Community Development.

OBSERVERS

Syd Yunupingu.

Malakhi Puertollano.

Murphy Dhamarrandji.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies

3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCE WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY

This report is to table, for the Council's record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received from the Local Authority Members and what absences that the Local Authority gives permission for.

111/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra, Cr. Wesley Dhamarrandji and Cr Marrpalawuy Marika, Local Authority members Djawa Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu and Dana Yunupingu,.**
- (b) Notes the apologies received from Djawa Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu, Dana Yunupingu.**
- (c) Notes Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra, Cr. Wesley Dhamarrandji, Djawa Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu, Dana Yunupingu, Cr Marrpalawuy Marika are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

This report lists the community and Council appointed members and the resignation and vacancies of the Local Authority.

112/2023 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Murphy Yunupingu)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**
- (b) Approves the nominations of Malakhi Puertollano and Syd Yunupingu as members of the Local Authority, for endorsement by Council.**

Conflict of Interest

**4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST
SUMMARY**

This report is tabled for members to declare any conflicts they have within the agenda.

113/2023 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Murphy Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority notes no conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.

Previous Minutes

**5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION
SUMMARY**

The Local Authority is asked to confirm the unconfirmed minutes from the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

As this is a provisional meeting, the Local Authority defers confirmation of previous minutes.

Local Authorities

**6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER
SUMMARY**

The Local Authority is asked to review the range of actions and progress to complete them.

114/2023 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Doug Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Raised concerns with the debarking of the trees on the island for art, and calls for community members to target trees in areas to be cleared, for mining , the solar farm or used by the timber mill. Also recommend talking to Rio Tinto to assist coordinate this.**
- (b) Notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings, new actions and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.**

Guest Speakers

**7.1 NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE - LAW & ORDER COMMUNITY UPDATE -
CANCELLED**

SUMMARY

This report is for a law and order update to be provided to the members of the Local Authority by an officer of the Northern Territory Police.

RECOMMENDATION

The session was cancelled.

**7.2 GUEST SPEAKER - MARYANNE WALLEY FROM THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL
COMMISSION – CANCELLED DUE TO CHANGE OF MEETING DATE**

The Australian Electoral Commission will be informing the Members of the work they are currently doing in various remote communities across the Northern Territory.

RECOMMENDATION

The session was cancelled.

MOTION – BREAK FOR MORNING TEA AT 10:30AM

115/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Doug Yunupingu)

MOTION – RESUME AT 11:05AM

116/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Doug Yunupingu)

8.5 BUDGET 2023-2024

SUMMARY:

This report is to progress the Regional Plan.

117/2023 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Murphy Yunupingu)

The Local Authority notes the proposed draft Annual Plan.

8.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY

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This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 April 2023 within the Local Authority area.

118/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Doug Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information as of 30 April 2023.

8.2 EAST ARNHEM MURAL PROJECT

SUMMARY

This report is to provide an update to the Local Authority members on the progress to date of the East Arnhem Mural Project. The report in addition seeks to confirm approval of the concept design.

119/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the report.

(b) Approves of the final concept design presented in the presentation.

MOTION – BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:30PM

120/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

MOTION – RESUMED AFTER LUNCH AT 1:04PM

121/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

Local Authority member Doug Yunupingu left the meeting after lunch.

General Business

8.1 CEO REPORT

SUMMARY

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to Council, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

122/2023 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Murphy Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

8.3 COUNCIL OPERATIONS REPORT

SUMMARY

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This report is provided by the Council Operations Manager at every Local Authority meeting to provide information and updates to members.

123/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.

8.4 YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION COMMUNITY UPDATE.

SUMMARY

This report sets out to highlight Youth, Sport and Recreation staffing updates, events, activities, successes and challenges in your community.

124/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the Youth Sport and Recreation report.**
- (b) Request the Youth, Sport and Recreation Regional Manager contact the Gumatj Board, to seek approval to use the troop carrier for YS&R activities, with proper insurance cover.**

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 1:42PM.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

27 July 2023

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 8 June 2023.