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OPEN MINUTES for the Gunyangara Local Authority 1 October 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:37 am.

Members in Attendance:

Antoine Gintz (Chair)
Doug Yunupingu (left the meeting at 01:50 pm)
Elizika Puertollano
Malakhi Puertollano
Syd Yunupingu (left the meeting at 01:50 pm)

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Labhjeet Bhullar (Council Services Manager)
Vivek Gummalla (Acting Regional Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

SUMMARY:

This report is also to table, for the Councils record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received from the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

GUN 2025/51 **RESOLVED** (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) **Notes the absence of Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr, Murphy Yunupingu and Kingsley Dhamarrandji.**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr, Murphy Yunupingu and Kingsley Dhamarrandji.**
- (c) **Notes Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr, Murphy Yunupingu and Kingsley Dhamarrandji are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

GUN 2025/52 **RESOLVED** (Malakhi Puertollano/Doug Yunupingu)

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

GUN 2025/53 **RESOLVED** (Syd Yunupingu/Antoine Gintz)

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 May 2026.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

SUMMARY:

To seek feedback from the Gunyangara Local Authority regarding a proposed naming convention that incorporates both the community name and ward name in Local Authority names.

GUN 2025/55 **RESOLVED** (Antoine Gintz/Doug Yunupingu)

That the Gunyangara Local Authority supports the Local Authority's name to remain the same.

3 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

NANYTJAK NGU DHARUK MALAN GA YURUM GA BUKU WEKAM DHIYAKU MEETING GU

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

GUN 2025/58 **RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Malakhi Puertollano)**

That the Local Authority 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.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 CEO Report

SUMMARY:

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

GUN 2025/56 **RESOLVED (Doug Yunupingu/Malakhi Puertollano)**

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Council Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

GUN 2025/54 **RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Malakhi Puertollano)**

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 August 2026 within the Local Authority area.

GUN 2025/59 **RESOLVED (Malakhi Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)**

That Local Authority receives the Finance, Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 August 2026.

4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

4.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

GUN 2025/57 **RESOLVED** (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the discussion with the Local Police Department.

(b) Calls for real action to address the high level of crime including:

- 1. Tackle the illegal sale of Kava and other substances that is having a devastating affect on our people.**
- 2. Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences.**
- 3. All community members to call out any domestic or family violence, which is not part of our culture.**
- 4. Support council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate camps for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members, and other activities and engagement with young offenders.**
- 5. The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.**

(c) Supports signing the Gunanygara Mutual Respect agreement with Northern Territory Police Service.

PRESENTATION

4.2 Presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

GUN 2025/60 **RESOLVED** (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)

That the Local Authority notes the presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

GENERAL BUSINESS

4.3 Change in upcoming meeting dates

GUN 2025/61 **RESOLVED** (Malakhi Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)

That the Gunyangara Local Authority approves to move the meeting date of next Local Authority to the 19 November 2026 and following rounds of meetings to be a week earlier.

GENERAL BUSINESS

4.3 General Business

GUN 2025/62 **RESOLVED** (Elizika Puertollano/Malakhi Puertollano)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Requests Council Services Manager to investigate a grounded Fishing trawler can be removed to avoid environment damage.**
- (b) Requests Council Services Manager to express its appreciation to Gumatj Corporation to removal of fencing around the park in Gumatj Office and the old school, and suggests the removal of fence between the Gumatj office and the Clinic.**

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 02:53 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Gunyangara Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 01 October 2026.