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OPEN MINUTES for the Meeting of
Council
25 June 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

President opened the meeting with prayer at 09:28 am

Members in Attendance:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji
Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji
Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra (via Teleconference)
Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra
Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi
Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy
Cr. Lirripiya Mununggurr

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)
Divyan Ahimaz (Director – Community Services)
John Shresta (RM - Technical and Infrastructure Services)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)
Ashleigh Waldron (Governance Support Officer)

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.1 Attendance

SUMMARY:

This report is to table, for the Councils record, any absences or apologies. Council need to make a decision on whether absences are granted permission. Any request for a leave of absence received can be considered.

MOC 2025/285 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Lirripiya Mununggurr/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika, Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay, Cr. David Warraya and Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika and Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay.
- (c) Notes all are absent with permission of the Council.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.2 Declarations of Interest

SUMMARY:

Elected members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council.

MOC 2025/286 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

That Council notes the Conflict of Interest and Related Parties Register as amended.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Previous Council Minutes

MOC 2025/287 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra)

That Council endorses the minutes of the previous Meeting of Council held on 23 April 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 Regional Plan 2026-2027

SUMMARY:

MOC 2025/288 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

That Council adopts the 2026-2027 Regional Plan and all contents contained therein in accordance with Section 35 (1) of the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act) and its statutory instruments, including:

(a) Elected Member Allowances for 2026-2027.

(b) Declared Rates for 2026-2027 in accordance with Section 237 and 238 of the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act), having been certified by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 29 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

(c) Budget for 2026-2027 in accordance with Section 203 of the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.2 Animal Management Policy**SUMMARY:**

Council is required to review its policies on a regular basis. Attached is a revised version of Council's Animal Management policy for approval.

MOC 2025/297 RESOLVED (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)

That Council approves the updated Animal Management policy.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.3 Report - WaRM Funding Extension**SUMMARY:**

This report seeks Council endorsement to allocate the 2025–26 Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) grant to landfill upgrades, CCTV improvements and waste infrastructure.

MOC 2025/298 RESOLVED (Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)

That Council:

- (a) Endorse the allocation of the 2025–26 Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) funding to landfill upgrades, CCTV improvements and waste infrastructure, and**
- (b) Note that a portion of the funding will be rolled over into FY2027, subject to approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development, to enable completion of committed works and acquittal of the grant.**

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.4 Community Benefit Reserve Fund - Rolled Forward to Roads Reserve**SUMMARY:**

The permitted future use and application of the Community Benefit Reserve be updated as follows:

Unless otherwise specifically required and resolved by Council, the balance of gravel sales revenue is to be rolled forward each financial year within the Roads Reserves.

Additionally, the current balance of gravel sales revenue of \$29,960.29, together with any additional revenue received up to 30 June 2026, be transferred from the Community Benefit Reserve to the Roads Reserves.

MOC 2025/299 RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

That Council approves transferring all Gravel Sales Revenue (including \$29,960.29 as at 31 May 2026 together with any additional revenue received up to 30 June 2026 and future annual amounts) from the Community Benefit Reserve to the Roads Reserve.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.5 Write Off - Lot 370 Galiwinku due to arson

SUMMARY:

The property at Lot 370, Galiwinku, was unlawfully entered and subsequently destroyed by fire. Emergency responders attended the scene, and Northern Territory Police declared it a crime scene. The incident is considered suspicious and has been classified as arson.

As a result of this incident, it is proposed that Council approve the write-off of the property. An insurance claim has also been lodged in relation to the loss.

MOC 2025/295 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)**

That Council approves the write-off for Lot 370, Galiwinku, on the grounds that the property has been destroyed as a result of arson.

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 Minutes of Committees

MOC 2025/300 **RESOLVED (Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)**

That Council endorses the minutes of the following Committee meetings:

(a) Audit Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2026.

(b) Finance Committee Meeting held on 21 May 2026.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 Minutes of Local Authorities

MOC 2025/301 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr)**

That Council endorses the minutes of the following Local Authority meetings:

- (a) Ramingining Local Authority Minutes 19 May 2026.
- (b) Milingimbi Local Authority Minutes 20 May 2026.
- (c) Galiwinku Local Authority Minutes 25 May 2026.
- (d) Gunyangara Local Authority Minutes 28 May 2026.
- (e) Yirrkala Local Authority Minutes 27 May 2026.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Local Authority Action Registers

Discussion on the action register has been deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 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.

MOC 2025/296 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the CEO Report.
- (b) Endorses a delegation of the Council President, Deputy President, Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra, Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr and Chief Executive Officer to join representatives nominated by the Northern Land Council, to meet with the Northern Territory Chief Minister, to discuss the joint EARC/NLC proposed re-regulation of the sale of kava in at least one community of East Arnhem Land, with a view of expansion of the regulated sale of kava across the region.
- (c) Seeks a meeting of a delegation of the Council President, Deputy President and Chief Executive Officer with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development, regarding the need to honour the formal long standing commitment to provide necessary funding to ensure no reduction in the level of service delivery and ongoing financial sustainability following the de-amalgamation of the East Arnhem Regional Council, and representation on this critical issue in the media.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Council Services Report**SUMMARY:**

This report is to provide information on the progress, successes, challenges, and future opportunities of the Council Services Directorate.

MOC 2025/302 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)

That Council notes the Council Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.6 Community Services Report**SUMMARY:**

This report provides information on the progress, successes, challenges, and future opportunities of the Council's Community Services Directorate.

MOC 2025/303 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

That Council notes the Community Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.7 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report**SUMMARY:**

This report is submitted for the Council's consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate. The updates pertain to capital projects and initiatives aligned with the 2025-2026 and 26-27 Annual Plan.

MOC 2025/304 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

That Council notes the Technical and Infrastructure Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.8 Human Resources and Finance Report**SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled to the Council to provide the Finance and Human Resources Report for the period ended 31 May 2026 for its approval.

MOC 2025/307 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

That Council approves the Finance and Human Resources Report for the period ended 31 May 2026.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.9 Correspondence Register

SUMMARY:

This report details the incoming and outgoing correspondence that Council has received and sent.

MOC 2025/305 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)**

That Council notes the Correspondence Register and updates.

4 Confidential Reports

RECOMMENDATION: Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Cr. Stephen Dhamarrandji

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Act, 2019 as the items lists come within the following provisions.

That the decisions of Closed Session be noted as follows:- As noted in the Confidential Minutes.

5 Date of Next Meeting

27 August 2026.

6 Meeting Close

The meeting concluded at 01:00 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 25 June 2026 and are to be confirmed.