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**OPEN MINUTES for the Meeting of
Council
17 December 2025**

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

Members in Attendance:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji (joined meeting at 10:45 AM)

Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji (left meeting at 11:18 AM and rejoined at 12:30 PM)

Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungumurra

Cr. Bobby Wunungumurra

Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji

Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay

Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika

Cr. Murphy Yunupingu

Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu

East Arnhem Regional Council Officers:

Divyan Ahimaz (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

Shannon Cervini (Acting Director – Council Services)

Sonia Campbell (General Manager – Technical and Infrastructure Services)

Innoc Ndhlovu (HR and IR Manager)

Ralph Reddy (Finance Manager)

Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji opened the meeting at 10:23 AM.

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 2025/192 **RESOLVED (Cr. Evelyn Dhamarrandji/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)**

That Council:

- (a) **Notes the absence of Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi, Cr. David Warraya and Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy.**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi and Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy.**
- (c) **Notes Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy is absent with permission of the Council.**
- (d) **Determines Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi and Cr. David Warraya are absent without permission of the Council under Section 47(1) (0) of the Act.**

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.2 Declarations of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

MOC 2025/194 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra/Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu)**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Previous Council Minutes

MOC 2025/195 **RESOLVED (Cr. Evelyn Dhamarrandji/Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika)**

That Council endorses the minutes of the previous Meeting of Council held on 27 November 2025.

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 Media Policy, Brand Policy and Brand Guidelines

SUMMARY:

Council is required to review its policies on a regular basis. Attached is a revised version of Council's Media Policy and Brand Policy. To support the Brand Policy a Brand Guidelines has been created.

MOC 2025/196 **RESOLVED (Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu/Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji)**

(a) That Council approves the revised Media Policy.

(b) That Council approves the revised Brand Policy.

(c) That Council approves the Brand Guidelines.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.2 Goals - Strategic Plan 2026-2031

SUMMARY:

The updated goals have been included in this report. These goals were discussed and agreed upon by Councillors during the recent informal session. This item is presented to Council for formal endorsement to allow further planning of the 2026-2031 Strategic Pan.

MOC 2025/197 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra/Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra)**

That Council endorse the updated goals for the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan.

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 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 2025/198 **RESOLVED (Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)**

That Council notes the CEO Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 Council Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

MOC 2025/199 **RESOLVED (Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)**

That Council notes Council Services report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 Community Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

MOC 2025/201 **RESOLVED (Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji/Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu)**

That Council notes the Community Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 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 Annual Plan.

MOC 2025/202 **RESOLVED (Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika/Cr. Evelyn Dhamarrandji)**

That Council notes the progress updates to the Technical and Infrastructure Services scheduled works.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 First Revised Budget 2025-2026

SUMMARY:

The Local Government (General) Regulations state in section 9 that the council budget must be reviewed on at least one occasion between 1 July and 31 December; and again, between 1 January and 30 April.

The current original budget was prepared in June 2025, prior to the start of the financial year. Therefore, it contains assumptions and estimates for end of year figures.

With the completion of the audit of the 2024-2025 financial year, those figures are now known and require adjustment in the budget.

MOC 2025/203 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra/Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika)**

That Council approve the first budget revision of the 2025-2026 Financial Year.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.6 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 30 November 2025 for its approval.

MOC 2025/204 RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)

That Council approves the Finance and Human Resources Report for the period ended 30 November 2025.

4 Confidential Reports

That Council moves into Confidential Session.

Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/ Cr. Evelynna 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:-

RESUMPTION OF MEETING 01:12 PM

MOC 2025/210 RESOLVED (Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu/ Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika)

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

5 Date of Next Meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

26 February 2026.

6 Meeting Close

The meeting concluded at 01:27 PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 17 December 2025, and are to be confirmed.