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OPEN MINUTES for the Meeting of Council 26 June 2025

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

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.

*THE MEETING OPENED AT 9.14AM CHAIR DEPUTY PRESIDENT JASON MIRRITJAWUY.
PRAYER BY CR MARRPALAWUY MARIKA*

In Attendance:

In Person:

President: Lapulung Dhamarrandji (arrived at 11:20 AM)
Deputy President: Jason Mirritjawuy
Cr. Kaye Thurlow
Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra
Cr. Wesley Bandi Wunungmurra
Cr. David Warraya
Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika
Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu
Cr Stephen Dhamarrandji (present at the meeting from 10:10 am to 11:10 am)

East Arnhem Regional Council Officers:

Signe Balodis (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Divyan Ahimaz (Director Community Services)
Merianne Bretag (General Manager of People and Corporate services)
Wendy Brook (Executive Assistant to the CEO)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

RESOLVED (Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra/Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika)

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council:

- a. Notes the absence of Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra, Cr Evelyn Dhamarrandji, Cr Stephen Dhamarrandji, (present from 10.10am to 11:10 am) Cr Ganygulpa Dhurrkay.
- b. Notes the apology received from Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra, Cr Ganygulpa Dhurrkay.
- c. Notes Cr Bobby Wunungmurra, Cr Evelyn Dhamarrandji, Cr Stephen Dhamarrandji, Cr Ganygulpa Dhurrkay 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.

Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra left the meeting at 9:30 am.
Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra returned to the meeting at 9:36 am.
MOC 2025/59 **RESOLVED** (Cr. David Warraya/Cr. Kaye Thurlow)

That Council notes the Conflict of Interest and Related Parties Register

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Previous Council Minutes

MOC 2025/60 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Kaye Thurlow/Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika)

That Council endorses the minutes of the last Meeting of Council held on 23 April 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 Finance Report: Grant Repayment & Cash Write offGrant Repayment**SUMMARY:**

Repayment of \$250,000 of unspent grant funds to The NT Department of People, Sport, and Culture.

MOC 2025/61 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)

That Council:

(a) Approves the repayment of \$250,000.00 of unspent grant funds to The Department of People, Sport and Culture, that Council communicates to Department of People, Sport and Culture the disappointment of Council that it was failure of NLC to respond to Council's application for approval on the location.

(b) Approves the cash write off totalling \$227.70 under section 28 of the Local Government Regulations.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.2 Procurement Policy**SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled for the Council to approve the amended Procurement Policy.

MOC 2025/80 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)

That Council accepts the amended Procurement Policy.

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 2025/66 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Kaye Thurlow/Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika)

That Council endorses the minutes of the previous Finance Committee meeting held on 21 May 2025.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 Minutes of Local Authorities

MOC 2025/67 **RESOLVED** (Cr. David Warraya/Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu)

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

**Galwin'ku Quorum Meeting held on 22 May 2025.
Ramingining Quorum Meeting held on 26 May 2025.
Milingimbi Quorum Meeting held on 27 May 2025.
Yirrkala Quorum Meeting held on 28 May 2025.
Gapuiwyak meeting was cancelled due to sorry business.
Gunyangara meeting was cancelled due to unrest.**

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Local Authority Action Registers**SUMMARY:**

This report provides a summary list of actions arising from Local Authority meetings in each of the East Arnhem Regional Council communities.

MOC 2025/68 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra/Deputy President Jason Mirritjawuy)

That Council:

- (a) Endorses the actions included in the Local Authority Actions List as recommended by each Local Authority, or as amended.**
- (b) Approves the removal of completed actions and as recommended by each Local Authority.**

(c) Potential to bring the need for financial education and assistance to LGANT and liaise with NIAA and other Government Departments to get further support to communities.

(d) Councillors endorse a motion that they would like LGANT to apply to the NTG to acknowledge and ensure streets are named in local communities and increase the number of staff on the place names committee to ensure councils get these names submitted and approved.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 President and Councillor's Report

SUMMARY:

This report details updates from the President and Councillors.

MOC 2025/69 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)

That Council notes the President and Councillors report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 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 2025/70 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra/Cr. Kaye Thurlow)

That Council notes the CEO Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.6 Delegation Manual

SUMMARY:

Council is required to review its Delegation Manual on a regular basis. Attached is a revised version of Council's Delegation Manual for approval.

MOC 2025/64 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra/Cr. David Warraya)

That Council approves the revised Delegation Manual.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.7 Council Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

MOC 2025/71 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika/Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra)

That Council notes Council Services report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.8 Community Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

MOC 2025/72 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra/Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu)

That Council notes the Community Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.9 Technical Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Council to provide program updates within the Technical and Infrastructure directorate. In addition to progress updates associated with capital projects and initiatives associated with the 2024-2025 Annual Plan.

MOC 2025/73 **RESOLVED** (Deputy President Jason Mirritjawuy/Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika)

That Council notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.10 Correspondence Register

SUMMARY:

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

MOC 2025/74 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra/Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu)

That Council notes the Correspondence Register.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.11 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 2025 for its approval.

MOC 2025/62 **RESOLVED** (Cr. David Warraya/Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika)

That Council approves the Finance and Human Resources Report for the period ended 31 May 2025.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.12 Financial Reserve Allocation from East Arnhem Regional Council to Groote Archipelago Regional Council

MOC 2025/63 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika/Cr. Kaye Thurlow)

That Council:

- (a) Receives and notes the 'EARC-GARC Financial Reserve Allocation Report' by external consultants KPMG**
- (b) Approves the first instalment payment of \$9,307,583.00 from East Arnhem Regional Council's to Groote Archipelago Regional Council prior to 30 June 2025.**
- (c) Notes there may be second instalment payment from East Arnhem Regional Council's unexpended grants reserves to Groote Archipelago Regional Council following the 30 June 2025 audit and acquittal process, expected in October/November 2025.**

4 Confidential Reports

4.1 Previous Council Minutes

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

4.2 Fleet Services

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

5 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(a) Explore the possibility of utilising vouchers instead of cash for the cash for cans program - Director of Council Services to explore the possibilities.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18 SEP 2025

6 Meeting Close

The meeting concluded at 12:27 PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 26 June 2025, and are to be confirmed.