COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

20th July 2026

9:00am

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1. NOTICE OF MEETING

I hereby give notice that a Finance Committee Meeting of Council was held on:

Date:	20th July 2026
Time:	9.00 am
Location:	Council Chambers
	22 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845

Any member of Council and staff who may have a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest regarding any item of business to be discussed at a Council meeting should declare that conflict of interest to enable Council to manage the conflict and resolve it in accordance with its obligations under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

The Finance Committee Meeting of Council will be open to the public and will adhere to COVID Safety Plan requirements, including optional wearing a mask, appropriate physical distancing, and health, and hygiene requirements.

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes only.

Natasha Chapman

Acting Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLUTION: 2026/08/15/004

That the Public Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 20th July 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: **Clr Strettles**

Seconded: **DP Whatley** **Carried**

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WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 20th JULY 2026

The President of the Council, Mr. Ross McGorman declared the meeting open at 9:17 am and welcomed all in attendance.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land commonly referred to as Coomalie. I pay my respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

3. PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Ross McGorman
Deputy President	Chris Whatley
Councillor	Sharon Beswick
Councillor	Mae Mae Morrison
Councillor	Alan Roe (via electronic means)

STAFF PRESENT

Acting Chief Executive Officer	Natasha Chapman
Executive Services Coordinator	Terrill Forrest

VISITORS PRESENT

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Date:	20th July 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**Nil.**

PURPOSE

This report is to table for Council's record any apologies and requests for leave of absence received for the Finance Committee Meeting held on 20th July 2026.

RESOLUTION: 2026/07/20/001

That Council

a) receives and notes the apology of Clr Strettles; and

b) notes the late arrival of Clr. Morrison for the Finance Committee Meeting held 20th July 2026.

Moved:	**DP Whatley**	
Seconded:	**President McGorman**	**Carried**

5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date:	20th July 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**Nil.**

PURPOSE

This report is to table, for Council's record, any requests, and permissions for Electronic Attendance.

RESOLUTION: 2026/07/20/002

That Council acknowledges and accepts Clr Roe's attendance to the meeting of 20th July 2026 via electronic means.

Moved:	**Clr. Beswick**	
Seconded:	**DP Whatley**	**Carried**

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Date:	20th July 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**Nil.**

PURPOSE

Members and Staff are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by the Council at a meeting of the Council by:

1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised. Under disclosure, the member or staff member must abide by the decision of Council on whether he/ she shall remain in the meeting and/ or take part in the issue. The Council may elect to allow the member or staff member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

RESOLUTION: 2026/07/20/003

That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed for the Finance Committee Meeting held 20th July 2026.

Moved:	**Clr. Beswick**	
Seconded:	**DP Whatley**	**Carried**

7. MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

Date:	20th July 2026
Author:	Luke Ackland, Acting Corporate Services Manager
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

To provide a summary of the financial position of Council for the period ending 30 June 2026. In accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 – Part 2 Division 7,* the preceding month's financial report must be presented to Council. Regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* requires a monthly report from the Chief Executive Officer to provide council with the actual income and expenditure for the year to date; the most recently adopted annual budget; and details of any material variances between the most recent actuals and the most recently adopted annual budget.

RESOLUTION: 2026/07/20/004

That Council;

a) notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) certifies to the best of their knowledge, information, and the belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council;

b) receives and notes the monthly financial report for June 2026; and

c) requests the answers to the items taken on notice to be communicated to members via email before the next OGM.

Moved: **DP Whatley**

Seconded: **Clr. Beswick** **Carried**

Procedural Note:

Clr. Morrison arrived at 9:22am.

Discussion Points:

- Rates and Charges 25/26 – changes to rateability or changed waste charges Table 1.1 – difference in income
- Consultant fee unspent is related to WaRM grant 2025/26 project for Rehabilitation of Adelaide River site – A/CEO to provide resolution to members
- Investment funds – clarification of movement from investment accounts and what is grant money component.

- Tied funds and untied funds variance from previous month – A/CEO took on notice to provide further information.
- Road maintenance works undertaken with breakdown of period contract, grant funded works and wet season repairs – A/CEO took on notice to provide full details to members.
- General queries relating to suppliers Council has engaged and made payments to throughout the month.
- Status of NTG reimbursement or repairs for damages from emergency management works undertaken across the shire to accommodate evacuees. A/CEO to provide additional information out of session.

<u>Procedural Note</u>:

Clr Morrison left the meeting at 9:31am and returned to the meeting at 9:31am.

8. NEXT MEETING.

The next Finance Committee Meeting of Council is TBC.

The next Ordinary General Meeting is scheduled to be held on **Saturday 15th August 2026 at 10:00am.**

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at 9:52am.