

MINUTES

FIRST ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

4th JULY, 2014

**12.00 noon, Friday 4 July 2014, Peppimenarti
Club, Peppimenarti.**

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daly', with a checkmark at the end.

Signed: Acting Chief Executive Officer

MINUTES

OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT THE PEPPIMENARTI CLUB

ON 4TH JULY, 2014

COMMENCING AT 12.00 noon

The Project Director Regional Governance Department Local Government and Regions; Mr Shaun Hardy declared the meeting open and welcomed all in attendance.

1 OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS FOR THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Welcome to Country	Councillor Harold Wilson
An invitation extended to the Minister Local Government and Regions Hon David Tollner MLA to officiate Councillors "Taking of the Oath"	Mr Shaun Hardy
Councillors "Taking of the Oath"	Minister Local Government and Regions; Hon David Tollner MLA

Councillors Wilson, Brown, Minjin, Nganbe, Martin took the Oath of Office in the presence of the Minister Local Government and Regions; Hon David Tollner MLA.

An invitation extended to the Member for Daly, Garry Higgins MLA to be the Returning Officer for the election of the WDRC Mayor and Deputy Mayor.	Mr Shaun Hardy
Call for nominations for WDRC Mayor and Deputy Mayor	Member for Daly, Garry Higgins MLA
Welcome by the WDRC Mayor	Newly elected WDRC Mayor
Council meeting adjourned	Newly elected WDRC Mayor

1.1 SPEECHES

Address by Minister Local Government and Regions	Hon David Tollner MLA
Address by Member for Daly	Mr Garry Higgins MLA
Address by Chairman Transition Committee, Local Government Association of the NT	Mr Tony Jack
Addresses by Councillors/Community Members	
Official proceedings closed	Mr Shaun Hardy

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor	Harold Wilson
Councillor	Andrew Brown
Councillor	Wally Minjin
Councillor	Tobias Nganbe
Councillor	Mark Martin

STAFF PRESENT

Regional Service Manager Wadey	Peter Curwen-Walker
Regional Service Manager Palumpa	Fred Graham
Regional Service Manager Peppimenarti	Rose Peckham

PERSONS PRESENT

Minister Local Government and Regions	Hon David Tollner MLA
Member for Daly	Garry Higgins MLA
Project Director Regional Governance	Mr Shaun Hardy
Chairman Transition Committee, Local Government Association of the NT	Mr Tony Jack

3 APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF PRINCIPAL MEMBER (AND DEPUTY)

Applicant:	N/A
Location/Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	
Date:	4 th July, 2014
Author:	Acting Chief Executive Officer Lee Farrell
Attachments:	NIL

SUMMARY

As stated in the Local Government Act the council must appoint one of its members to be the principal member and the other to be the deputy principal member of the council.

Council must appoint a Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the West Daly Regional Council.

Garry Higgins MLA called for nominations for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the West Daly Regional Council. Clr Wilson was nominated for Mayor and Clr Andrew Brown was nominated for Deputy Mayor. There were no further nominations.

Garry Higgins MLA declared Clr Harold Wilson Mayor and Clr Andrew Brown Deputy Mayor.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Not applicable.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Part 4.3 Principal member of Council

42 Mayor or President

(1) The principal member of a municipal council is to have the title Mayor.

(2) However:

(a) in the case of the Darwin City Council, the principal member is to have the title Lord Mayor; and

(b) in the case of the Litchfield Council, the principal member is to have, at the election of the council, the title President or Mayor.

(3) The principal member of a regional council or a shire council is to have, at the election of the council, the title President or Mayor.

43 Role of principal member (and deputy or acting principal member)

(1) The role of the principal member of a council is:

(a) to chair meetings of the council; and

(b) to speak on behalf of the council as the council's principal representative; and

(c) to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the principal member.

(2) The role of the deputy principal member of a council is to carry out any of the principal member's functions when the principal member:

- (a) delegates the functions to the deputy; or
 - (b) is absent from official duties because of illness or for some other pressing reason; or
 - (c) is on leave.
- (3) If the principal member is absent from official duties on leave or for some other reason, and there is no deputy principal member or the deputy is not available to act in the principal member's position, the council may, by resolution, appoint some other member of the council to act in the principal member's position for a specified period or until the principal member resumes official duties.

45 Appointment or election of principal member (and deputy)

- (1) If appointment is the basis of filling the office of the principal member of a council, the council must, at the first meeting of a council to be held after a general election, appoint one of its members to be the principal member, and another to be deputy principal member, of the council.
- (2) If election is the basis of filling the office of the principal member:
 - (a) the office is to be filled at each general election; and
 - (b) the council must, at the first meeting of the council to be held after each general election, appoint one of its members to be deputy principal member.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RESOLUTION 04/07/2014/01

Garry Higgins MLA called for nominations for the Mayor of the West Daly Regional Council. Clr Wilson was nominated. There were no further nominations.

Garry Higgins MLA declared Clr Harold Wilson Mayor for the period ending March 2016.

That Councillor Harold Wilson be appointed to be the principal member and have the title of Mayor of the West Daly Regional Council.

Moved: Clr. Brown

Seconded: Clr. Martin **Carried**

RESOLUTION 04/07/2014/02

Garry Higgins MLA called for nominations for the Deputy Mayor of the West Daly Regional Council. Clr Brown was nominated. There were no further nominations.

Garry Higgins MLA declared Clr Andrew Brown Deputy Mayor for the period ending March 2016.

That Councillor Andrew Brown be appointed to be the deputy principal member and have the title of Deputy Mayor of the West Daly Regional Council.

Moved: Clr. Wilson

Seconded: Clr. Minjin **Carried**

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Applicant:	Clr Gary Ariuu
Location/Address:	Palumpa
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Date:	4 July 2014
Author:	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Lee Farrell
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

This report is to table, for Council's record, any apologies and requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for the Ordinary General Meeting held 4th July, 2014.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

As per the Local Government Act s.39 (1) A person ceases to hold office as a member of a council if the person:
(d) is absent, without permission of the council, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

RESOLUTION 04/07/2014/03

That Council receive and notes apologies and grants a leave of absence to Clr Gary Ariuu for the Ordinary General Meeting held 4th July, 2014.

Moved: Clr. Brown

Seconded: Clr. Wilson

Carried

5 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

8 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary General Meeting of West Daly Regional Council will be held on Wednesday July 16th 2014 at Wadeye Council Office.

9 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.30 pm

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 16th July 2014 at 12.30 pm at Wadeye Council Office.