

**PRESENT**

**Elected Members**

Andrew Brown Deputy Mayor  
Mark Martin Councillor  
Wally Minjin Councillor  
Ralph Narburup Councillor

**Staff**

Shaun Hardy Chief Executive Officer  
Rebecca Purser Governance Officer  
Steve Horton Regional Services Manager Palumpa  
Scott Page Community Operations Manager Wadeye

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Apology received from Mayor Wilson and Ramesh Pudasaini.

**MOTION:**

Council receives and notes the apology from Mayor Wilson and Acting Deputy CEO, Ramesh Pudasaini, and grants a leave of absence.

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Moved: Cr. Minjin

Seconded: Cr. Narburup

Resolution: Unanimously

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**

There were no declarations of interest at this Special Council Meeting.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 May 2017**

068/2017 **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That** the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Moved: Cr. Minjin

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

## CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

## REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 1) Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO spoke to his report and highlighted the matters raised therein.

#### 06 Motion:

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1. That Council receive the report from the CEO.
2. That Council authorises the CEO to undertake a business case assessment of the Thamurrurr Aged Care facility.
3. That Council authorises the CEO to undertake an organisation structure review.
4. That Council authorises the CEO to progress negotiations for a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement.

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Martin  
Resolution: Unanimously

### 2) Budget 2017-18

#### 07 Motion:

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1. That Council receives the budget as part of draft regional plan 2017-18.

Moved: Cr. Martin  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

### 3) Draft Regional Plan - 2017/2018

#### 07 Motion:

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1. That Council authorises the release of the draft Regional Plan and Budget 2017-18 (as tabled) for public consultation.
2. That Council authorises the publishing of a notice on its website,

**social media and in the NT News inviting written submissions on the draft Regional Plan and Budget 2017-18 within a period of 21 days.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

#### **4) Financial Report - May 2017**

CEO spoke to the report in the absence of the Acting Deputy CEO. There is a quite a significant amount of unspent grants which are committed for a particular purpose. We will be seeking permission from NTG to roll some over. Managers are to be kept up to date with grant funding so work can progress in a timely manner. Regular management meetings on a fortnightly basis will assist managers along with their attendance at council meetings.

With regards to Homelands, grading of internal roads to be done now whilst dry. Funding is to be proportional – ie: length of road determines funds allocated. Communication with community/homeland residents is paramount to be able to determine what needs to be repaired or replaced.

#### **07 Motion:**

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**1. That Council receives and notes the financial report for May 2017.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

#### **5) Schedule of Fees and Charges 2017/18**

CEO spoke to report and advised that there were no significant changes to the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

#### **07 Motion:**

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**1. That Council receives and notes the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2017/18 as part of draft Regional Plan.**

Moved: Cr. Martin  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

#### **6) Elected members Allowances 2017/18**

ACTION: CEO to confirm that there are no changes to the allowance due to minimal CPI increase.

#### **07 Motion:**

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**1. That Council determine the allowances for elected members for the 2017/18.**

**2. That Council determine the extra meeting allowance for elected members for the 2017/18.**

Moved: Cr. Martin  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**7) Local Authority Allowances 2017/18**

Deputy Mayor Brown asked if we could pay the LA Members in cash on the day of the LA Meeting rather than it being deposited into bank account

ACTION: CEO to investigate pro's and con's of payment of LA allowances in cash.

**07 Motion:**

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**1. That Council receives and notes the Local Authority allowance for 2017/18**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**8) Rates Declaration - 2017/18**

ACTION: CEO in consultation with RSM's to investigate what commercial services there are and what fees WDRC will charge.

**07 Motion:**

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**1. That Council receives and notes the Rates Declaration 2017/18 as part of draft Regional Plan 2017-18.**

Moved: Cr. Martin  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**9) Rates - Write Off**

**07 Motion:**

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**1. That Council agreed to write off interest of \$338.81 for lot 374, Wadey and rates and the interest for FY14/15 (in total) of \$1,480.41 for lot 360, Wadey.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Martin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**10) BBF Program Funding - Department of Education and Training**

07 **Motion:**

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- 1. That Council receives the report on change in funding model and requirement and chose option 2.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**Cr Mark Martin left the meeting, the time being 11:24 AM**

**Cr Mark Martin returned to the meeting, the time being 11:27 AM**

**11) Contract Variation - Sports and Recreation**

ACTION: CEO to seek consent from Australian Government Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to utilise direct the funds towards the re-surfacing of the basketball court in conjunction with Thathangathy and Thamurrurr Development Corporation as a combined project.

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- 1. That Council agrees to accept the variation date in the contract.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**12) Service Agreement with NT Electoral Commission**

08 **Motion:**

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- 1. That Council notes the Agreement between the Northern Territory Electoral Commission and West Daly Regional Council.**

Moved: Cr. Martin  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

Deputy Mayor Brown closed the meeting to the public at 11:40am.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 13 Manthathpe Crossing - Variation - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly***

*disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

- 14 Lease Agreement (for Library) at Rural Transaction Centre, Wadeye** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*

### **RESUMPTION OF MEETING 12:00noon**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the decisions of Closed Session be noted as follows:-

#### **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

##### **13) Manthathpe Crossing - Variation**

08 **Motion:**

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- 1. That Council approves variation of additional \$30,000 to Project "Black Spot - Manthathpe Crossing" using road maintenance budget.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin

Seconded: Cr. Narburup

Resolution: Unanimously

##### **14) Lease Agreement (for Library) at Rural Transaction Centre, Wadeye**

08 **Motion:**

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- 1. That Council authorise CEO to sign the lease agreement on behalf of Council.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup

Seconded: Cr. Minjin

Resolution: Unanimously

The meeting terminated at 12:01 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDING 5 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Special Meeting of Council HELD ON Thursday, 22 June 2017 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 19 July 2017.