

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN DARWIN ON  
THURSDAY, 4 JULY 2019 AT 9:30AM  
(MEETING POSTPONED FROM 26 JUNE 2019)

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Mayor Wilson declared the meeting open at 9:50am and welcomed all in attendance.

**PRESENT**

John Wilson	Mayor
Terry Sams	Deputy Mayor
Wally Minjin	Councillor
Ralph Narburup	Councillor
Mark Martin	Councillor

**Staff**

Shaun Hardy	Chief Executive Officer
Steve Horton	Director of Council and Community Services
Rebecca Purser	Manager Corporate
Ramesh Pudasaini	Senior Financial Consultant (CouncilBiz)
Michael Fitisemanu	Community Services Manager Wadeye
Scott Page	Community Services Manager Nganmariyanga
Steve Loring	Community Services Manager Peppimenarti
Georgie Barnett	Manager Aged Care

**Guests**

Anjali Palmer	Department of Local Government Community Housing and Development
Ethan Redshaw	Department of Local Government Housing and Community Development
Michaela Vaughan	Department of Local Government Housing and Community Development
Peter Taylor	Cowling Consultants
Carmel Nagas	Cowling Consultants

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Apology received from Cr. Mark Tunmuck-Smith

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That** Council accepts the apology from Cr. Mark Tunmuck-Smith.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Martin  
Carried: Unanimously

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**

There were no declarations of interest at this Council meeting.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 May 2019**

#### **088/2019 RECOMMENDATION:**

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

Moved: Cr. Narburup

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams

Resolution: Unanimously

## **CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

## **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

10:10am – Ethan Redshaw and Michaela Vaughan joined the meeting

### **1) Presentation from the Department of Local Government Housing and Community Development regarding the Draft Local Government Bill**

Ethan Redshaw from the Department of Local Government Housing and Community Development provided Council with a presentation regarding the Draft Local Government Bill.

Matters discussed were:

- New Arrangements for Elected Members
- Changes to meetings and reporting requirements
- Principal Members
- New representation review panel.
- Elected member appointments to LA's
- Financial Controller appointment
- LGANT Incorporation
- Interests, gifts and donations
- CEO eligibility and changes in senior staff
- Rates
- Prescribed Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Proceedings and Complaints
- New Offences – misleading information

10:45am – Ethan Redshaw and Michaela Vaughan left the meeting

### **2) Chief Executive Officer's Report**

The Chief Executive Officer spoke to his written report.

#### **08 Motion:**

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- 1. That Council adopt the Regional Plan 2019-20, as approved by Council in May 2019, with final amendments to be actioned by the Chief Executive Officer.**

**2. That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's report.**

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

**3) Director of Council and Community Services Report**

Director of Council and Community Services spoke to his written report.

Action	Person Responsible
Correspondence to the Australian Government regarding Council's request for a time frame and consultation process regarding commitment of \$60m for the upgrade of the Port Keats Road	CEO
Consultation with the Department of Health required regarding the benefits of a swimming pool versus the benefits of a water park	Director of Council and Community Services.

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**Motion:**

**1. That Council receives and notes the Director of Council and Community Services report.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

11:00am – Mayor Wilson closed the meeting for morning tea break  
11:10am – Mayor Wilson resumed the meeting.

**Presentation from Cowling Consultants regarding Aged Care Transition**

11:12am – Brett Cowling from Cowling Consultants dialled into the meeting.

Mr Cowling acknowledged the Traditional Owners and thanked them for allowing his participation in the meeting.

Mr Cowling advised that Cowling and Associates would be proactive in ensuring the sustainable services for the future of the Aged Care Facility. He committed that Council would be involved in the decision with regards to incoming service providers for the facility. There are cost saving strategies that Cowling and Associates are working on immediately in conjunction with Council's Manager Aged Care.

Mr Cowling further advised that the Commonwealth has a substantial amount of funding available for equipment upgrades and improvements to the environment of the facility. Continued care delivery is essential and it is a priority that the new Aged Care Standards implemented from 1 July 2019 are adhered to. A high level clinical specialist has also been assigned to assist both Council's Manager Aged Care and Cowling and Associates Endorsed Enrolled Nurse who is already on site.

Action	Person Responsible
A "wish list" for equipment and environmental improvements is to be prepared and provided to Cowling and Associates.	Manager Aged Care

11:30am – Brett Cowling left the meeting.

11:31am – Aged Care Manager presented her report.  
11:50am – Peter Taylor and Carmel Nagas left the meeting.

**4) Financial Report - May 2019**

Senior Financial Consultant (CouncilBiz) spoke to his written report.

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- 1. That the Council receives and notes Financial Report for May 2019.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

**5) Rates Declaration - 2019/20**

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- 1. That Council receives and approves the Rates Declaration 2019/20.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

**6) 2019/20 Council Budget**

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- That Council received and approves the budget for 2019/20.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams

Seconded: Cr. Narburup

Resolution: Unanimously

**7) Fees & Charges - 2019/20**

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- 1. That the Council approves the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2019/20.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin

Seconded: Cr. Martin

Resolution: Unanimously

**8) Elected members Allowances 2019/20**

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- 1. That the Council propose to adopt the maximum Allowances for the FY**

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**2019/20.**

2. **That the Council propose to adopt the daily rate of \$260.04 to Act as Principal Member (Mayor) up to maximum of 90 days.**
3. **That the Council propose to adopt the extra meeting allowance of \$260.04 for a Councillor to attend extra meeting as per guideline 2.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**9) Local Authority Allowances 2019/20**

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**Motion:**

1. **That the Council approves the allowance to Local Authority members for the 2019/20 financial year as (if eligible):  
Chair: \$173 per meeting; Eligible member: \$129 per meeting**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

12:16pm – Mayor Wilson closed the meeting for lunch

12:54pm – Mayor Wilson resumed the meeting

**10) Elected Members Attendance Records**

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**Motion:**

1. **That Council receives and notes the Elected Members' attendance records.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**11) Local Authority Minutes and Recommendations**

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**Motion:**

- **That Council receives and notes the Local Authority minutes from Nganmariyanga and Peppimenarti held on 18 June 2019 and Wadeye on 19 June 2019.**

**Nganmariyanga Recommendations:**

Nil

**Peppimenarti Recommendations:**

**That Council approves the Local Authority recommendation that:**

- **the amount of \$132 be allocated for the installation of the television**

in the Clinic which was donated by Local Authority;

- the Local Authority Membership Nomination received from Chelsea Collins be accepted;
- Council approve the project for the cover over the basketball court subject to funding being secured.

**Wadeye Recommendations:**

That Council approves the Local Authority recommendation that:

- an amount of up to \$50,000 be allocated for Speed Humps and bollards for Kolumboort Street, Bantham Street, Chicken Oval and Kuluntuktuk Street.
- an amount of up to \$1000 be allocated for the purchase of two commercial stainless steel cooking pots to be utilised by Manthathpe Store for the cooking of food associated with Thamarrurr Movie Nights.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Martin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**12) Action Items Update**

Chief Executive Officer and Director of Council and Community Services provided additional updates as to the progress on various action items which were completed post publication of the Agenda.

Action	Person Responsible
Signage required advising that visitors to the homelands and communities are required to be in possession of a valid NLC Permit for either recreation or work purposes.	Homelands Coordinator

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**Motion:**

1. That Council receives and notes the Action Items Update.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Martin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**13) Invitation from West Arnhem Regional Council**

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**Motion:**

1. That Council accepts the invitation from West Arnhem Regional Council to attend their Ordinary Council Meeting in Jabiru on 11 September 2019.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams

Seconded: Cr. Martin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**14) Special Purpose Grant Offer - 2018-19 Round Two**

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**Motion:**

1. That Council accepts the Special Purpose Grant (SPG) for 2018-19 Round 2 from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development, amounting to \$265,565 to purchase a new loader to be used across communities and homelands to improve local government service delivery for roads, waste management, civil and municipal services.

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

**15) Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) Programme - NAIDOC Week Funding - WDRC NAIDOC 2019 Celebrations**

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**Motion:**

1. That Council accepts the NAIDOC Week 2019 Funding from Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**16) Variation No.1 of 2018-2020 Homelands Extra Allowance Funding Agreement NR10035C-HEA - Round 3**

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**Motion:**

1. That Council accepts the Variation and approves the use of the common seal on Variation No.1 of 2018-2020 Homelands Extra Allowance (HEA) Funding Agreement NR10035C-HEA - Round 3.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**17) Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Grant Offer - 2018-19**

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**Motion:**

That Council accepts the Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Grant from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development amounting to \$96,556 towards streetlight upgrades in

**Wadeye by replacing 70 existing lights with 240V LED streetlights across local streets; and \$68,533 to upgrade existing lights to LED lights in Council offices at Wadeye, Nganmariyanga and Peppimenarti and the installation of shade sails over carparks at the Council office and visiting quarters in Wadeye.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Minjin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**18) National Agents & Access Points Program 2019-2020**

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- 1. That Council accepts the contract and the schedule of contract payments between the Department of Human Services and West Daly Regional Council amounting \$176,831.28 GST exclusive.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**19) Community Postal Agency Agreement 13 June 2018 to 12 June 2021**

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- 1. That Council accepts the Community Postal Agency Agreement for Nganmariyanga (Palumpa) and Peppimenarti for the period 13 June 2018 to 12 June 2021.**

Moved: Cr. Narburup  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

**20) Human Resources Report**

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- 1. That Council receives and notes the Human Resources report.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Martin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**21) Aged Care Manager's Report**

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- 1. That Council receives and notes the Aged Care Manager's report.**



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

**22) Homelands Coordinator's Report**

Director of Council and Community Services spoke to the written report and further advised that we have received funding by NLC for the access road for Papagnella Works are to be completed by 9 August 2019.

Action	Person Responsible
Council to provide assistance to Yantjarrwu with information for compilation of a Special Purpose Grant for a mobile booster at Emu Point.	Grants Manager

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**Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Homelands Coordinator's report.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Narburup  
Resolution: Unanimously

**COMMUNITY REPORTS**

**23) Community Services Manager's Report, Wadeye**

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**Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Wadeye Community Services Manager's Report.**

Moved: Cr. Minjin  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

**24) Night Patrol Report**

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**Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Community Night Patrol report.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Seconded: Cr. Martin  
Resolution: Unanimously

**25) Community Services Manager's Report - Nganmarriyanga**

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**Motion:**

- 1. That Council receives and notes the Nganmarriyanga Community**

### **Service Manager's report.**

Moved: Cr. Martin  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams  
Resolution: Unanimously

#### **26) Community Services Manager's Report, Peppimenarti**

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- 1. That Council receives and notes the Peppimenarti Community Services Manager's Report.**

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT**

#### **27) Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence**

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- 1. That Council accept the correspondence**

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

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

### **DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Wilson closed the meeting and moved to the confidential agenda.

The meeting closed at 2:55pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 9 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Meeting of Council HELD ON Thursday 4 July 2019 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 24 July 2019.