



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NGANMARRIYANGA
ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023
AT 10:00 AM

Meeting opened at 9:16am by Deputy Mayor Harris with a quorum present.

PERSONS PRESENT

Elected members:

Name	Title	Present	Apology	Absent
Ralph Narburup	Mayor		X	
Wilfred Harris	Deputy Mayor	X		
Mark Tunmuck-Smith	Councillor	X		
John Wilson	Councillor	X		
Terry Sams	Councillor	Arrived 10:10am		
Jake Clark	Councillor	X		

Staff:

Name	Title	Present	Apology	Absent
Matthew Eastham	Chief Executive Officer	X		
Andrew Everingham	Chief Operations Officer	X		
David Glover	Executive Director Corporate Services	X Via phone		
Sharon Binns	Governance	X		
Julianne Wylie	EA to CEO and Mayor	X		

Guests:

Chris Moore – Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

There were no declarations of interest at this Council Meeting.

CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business matters were raised to be covered in confidential business.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1) Confirmation of previous minutes

035/2023 Sharon spoke to the report.

Motion:

- 1. That Council approve the Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes of 27 April 2023 as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Harris
Seconded: Cr. Wilson
Resolution: Unanimously

REPORTS

2) Finance Report - April 2023

036/2023 Matt spoke to the report and referred to David Glover for his financial expertise and input.

Motion:

- 1. That Council notes and approves the Finance report for month ending April 2023.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Harris
Seconded: Cr. Wilson
Resolution: Unanimously

Cr Jake Clark left the meeting, the time being 09:53 AM

Cr Jake Clark returned to the meeting, the time being 09:54 AM

3) DRAFT Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023/34

037/2023 Matt spoke to the report and referred to David Glover for his financial expertise and input.

Matt stated there are 2 new charges with animal management charge and an environmental charge which will cover matters that Council have been expending without recoup.

Motion:

- 1. That Council notes and approves the DRAFT Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023/24 for inclusion in the DRAFT Regional Plan 2023-24.**
- 2. That Council notes that the final Declaration of Rates and Charges 2023/24 will be put before Council for approval at the June OCM.**

Moved: Cr. Wilson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harris
Resolution: Unanimously

4) Headstone replacement and Grave identification Wadeye/Nilinh sites

038/2023 Sharon spoke to the report. At the meeting where this matter was presented to Council, the information was in the body of the report but was not transferred to the motion, therefore presented to Council for decision.

Motion:

- 1. That Council note that the Wadeye Local Authority minutes excluded the request for approval for \$50,000 being Headstone Replacement and Grave identification.**
- 2. That Council approve the Wadeye Local Authority to fund \$50,000 for Headstone replacement and Grave identification for Wadeye/Nilinh sites.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Harris
Seconded: Cr. Tunmuck-Smith
Resolution: Unanimously

5) JLT Public Sector Risk Report

039/2023 The CEO spoke to the report.

Motion:

- 1. That Council note the JLT Public Sector Risk Report.**

Moved: Cr. Clark

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harris

Resolution: Unanimously

6) Meeting dates period ending June 2024

040/2023 Sharon spoke to the report.

Motion:

- 1. That Council note and approve the meeting schedule for Elected Members for the period ending June 2024.**
- 2. The Council notes and accepts that as the year progresses the meetings dates may change due to circumstances beyond Councils control.**
- 2. Elected Members note that an apology for non-attendance at any meeting is with three (3) days-notice to the CEO or Mayor otherwise recorded as absent.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Harris

Seconded: Cr. Clark

Resolution: Unanimously

7) Draft Regional Plan 2023-24

041/2023 Julieanne spoke to the report.

Deputy Mayor Harris advised regarding Homelands he would like to suggest:

- Emergency contingencies and supplies during natural disasters and
- Food security through wet season

The CEO advised that Homelands funding is very strict and can seek additional funding as all tied monies. If there is anything that we are aiming for, Council can seek assistance through grant funding.

Out of the 14 Homelands Council services, each can make a request to Council to maintain dangerous trees and request for services.

Motion:

- 1. That Council authorises the release of the draft 2023-24 Regional Plan and Budget for public consultation.**
- 2. That Council approves the draft 2023-24 Regional Plan pending ongoing minor edits.**
- 3. That Council authorises the publishing of a notice on its website and in the NT News inviting written submissions on the draft Regional Plan and Budget 2023-24 for a period of 21 days.**

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

Deputy Mayor Wilfred Harris left the meeting, the time being 10:12 AM

Deputy Mayor Wilfred Harris returned to the meeting, the time being 10:13 AM

8) Service Delivery

042/2023 Andrew spoke to the report.

Andrew stated that Council is struggling to employ local people in the Civil works area and asked Elected members if they knew of anyone seeking employment and if so, please refer to the CSM in the region.

Cr Clark informed that Norforce (Defence) came to the community and there is interest in people joining, so will promote WDRC employment to those who are attracted in getting regular work.

Roadworks will hopefully be completed by the wet season with our team working to fix potholes but there is much more to do.

Motion:

1. That Council receive and note the Service Delivery report.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Harris

Seconded: Cr. Wilson

Resolution: Unanimously

Cr John Wilson left the meeting, the time being 10:39 AM

Cr John Wilson returned to the meeting, the time being 10:40 AM

Cr Jake Clark left the meeting, the time being 10:48 AM

Cr Jake Clark returned to the meeting, the time being 10:49 AM

9) Chief Executive Officer Report

043/2023 CEO spoke to the report.

All our VOQ and Staff Housing in Peppimenarti has been broken into a number of times. This has caused trauma to a number of staff and had to make emergency payments to assist as valuables were stolen.

The Council office in Peppimenarti is collapsing and an engineer report is being done in the next few days. We are looking at a grant for a new building, which will take time. We may have to bring in demountables for a council office if the building deteriorates further.

Motion:

1. That Council notes and accepts the CEO report and acknowledges the invitation for Councillors to ask questions of the CEO regarding the report.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Harris

Seconded: Cr. Wilson

Resolution: Unanimously

Cr Mark Tunmuck-Smith left the meeting, the time being 10:51 AM

Cr Mark Tunmuck-Smith returned to the meeting, the time being 10:58 AM

LATE AGENDA ITEM

21) Elected Member Commitment Statement

044/2023 Julieanne spoke to the report and advised of key behaviours. Each Elected Member present agreed to sign the statement after the meeting.

Motion:

- 1. That Council approve the Elected Member Commitment Statement and make a commitment to signing the Statement.**

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT

10) Correspondence Report

045/2023 Julieanne spoke to the report. There is no attachment to the report as the folder with the correspondence was provided should Council wish to peruse.

Motion:

- 1. That Council notes and accepts the correspondence report for the period April 2023 to May 2023.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Harris
Seconded: Cr. Wilson
Resolution: Unanimously

The meeting closed for lunch at 11:00am.

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

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 listed come within the following provisions:-

- 11 Confirmation of previous confidential minutes** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest. (Confidential matters).*
- 12 Appointment of new Auditor for WDRC** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an*

obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity. (Confidential Discussion - RFQ - Appointment of new Auditor).

- 13 Diminin Cemetery Project 2023** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity. (Confidential Contract agreement).*
- 14 2022-23 Capital Grant Funding agreement** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity. (Confidential).*
- 15 Invitation to extend NT Government contract Remote Tenancy** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity. (Confidential Contract).*
- 16 Tender Approval Period Contract - Civil Works** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity. (Confidential).*
- 17 Tender Approval - Wadeye Swimming Pool** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity. (Confidential).*
- 18 Mayors Work Vehicle** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(c)(iv) (d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity. (Legal Advice - Mayors Vehicle).*
- 19 Grant - Removal of Abandoned vehicles - Common Seal** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity. (Confidential).*
- 20 Grant - Fossil Head shelter upgrades - Common Seal** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51(1)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity. (Confidential).*