



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT Council Chambers Winnellie NT
ON Thursday 26 June 2025
AT 10:00 am

The Meeting Commenced at 10:18.

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

West Daly Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of the lands on which we live and work, paying our respect to Elders past, present and in the future.

2 PRESENT APOLOGY AND ABSENT

ELECTED MEMBERS	POSITION	PRESENT	APOLOGY	ABSENT
John Wilson	Mayor	x		
Terry Sams	Deputy Mayor	x		
Mark Tunmuck-Smith (Teams Wadeye)	Councillor	x		
Peter Cumaiyi	Councillor			x

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

John Thomas (Teams Wadeye)

Karen Parry (Teams Wadeye)

Karen Oldaker (Teams Wadeye)

Alston George

Michelle Griffin

Shoshana Hill

Nauman Zaland Ahmad

POSITION

Chief Executive Officer

Director of Corporate Services

Director of Service Delivery

A/People and Culture Manager

Executive Manager

Governance Officer

Capital Works and Infrastructure Manager

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE

Ruth Brebner
Hanion Rehman

REPRESENTING

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APOLOGY ACCEPTANCE

Resolution: **OCM-2025/41**

1. That the members present achieve quorum.
2. That the members present accept the resignation received for Cr. Peter Cumaiyi.
3. That the position of Cr. Peter Cumaiyi will remain vacant until the next general election in accordance with Section 54 (2) (b) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2019.

Moved: *Mayor John Wilson*

Seconded: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Carried 3 / 0

Council Chambers held a minute's silence in respect of deceased Elder.

Action: Write to NTEC to notify of Cr. Peter Cumaiyi resignation

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting

4 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**4.1 Department Briefing on Trache 2 Amendments LGA 2019**

Resolution: **OCM-2025/42**

1. That the Council receives and notes the Departments presentation on the Local Government Amendments.

Moved: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Seconded: *Mayor John Wilson*

Carried 3 / 0

Cr. Mark Tunmuck-Smith left the room at 10:52 and returned at 10:52

Cr. Terry Sams left the room at 11:12 and returned at 11:15

Cr. Mark Tunmuck-Smith left the room at 11:13 and returned at 11:23

Meeting went on a break for lunch at 12:21

Visitors Ruth Brebner and Hanion Rehman left the meeting at 12:21

The meeting returned from break for lunch at 12:57

At the request of Councillors, the confidential items on the agenda were brought forward addressed first.

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The meeting moved to closed session at 12:59.

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda:-

Moved: *Mayor John Wilson*

Seconded: *Councillor Terry Sams*

11.1 CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

11.1.1 Confidential session of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 May 2025

Regulation 51(1)(c)(i) - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

11.2 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

11.2.1 Ratification of the Common Seal document, Grant Agreement for Remote Jobs, and Economic Development (RJED) Program

Regulation 51(1)(d) - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

11.2.2 Ratification of the Common Seal document, Grant Variation to Project Agreement for Community Night Patrol

Regulation 51(1)(d) - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

11.2.3 Ratification of the Common Seal, Active Regional and Remote Communities "Sports and Rec" Program 2025-2029

Regulation 51(1)(d) - *The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

11.2.4 Supplemental Report: Ratification of the Common Seal, Homelands and Housing Infrastructure Program - Papangala and Uminyuluk

Regulation 51(1)(d) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

11.2.4 Update on recruitment of Independent ARMC Chair

Regulation 51(1)(a) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(a). It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

11.3 CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

11.3.1 Confidential Correspondence

Regulation 51(1)(c)(iv) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(iv). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 May 2025

Resolution: **OCM-2025/43**

- 1. That the Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 May 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

Moved: Mayor John Wilson

Seconded: Councillor Terry Sams

Carried 3 / 0

6 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Action Items Report

Resolution: **OCM-2025/44**

- 1. That the Council notes the progress reports on outstanding actions from the previous minutes.**
- 2. That the Council agrees for completed and no further action items be removed from the action items list.**

Moved: Councillor Terry Sams

7 REPORTS FOR DECISION**7.1 Finance report for month ending 31 May 2025**Resolution: **OCM-2025/45**

- 1. That the Council receives and approves the Finance Report dated 31st May 2025.**

Moved: *Councillor Terry Sams*Seconded: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*

Carried 3 / 0

7.2 2025-26 Declaration of Rates and ChargesResolution: **OCM-2025/46**

- 1. That Council declares the rates and charges for the 2025–26 financial year as outlined in Attachment 1, in accordance with Sections 237 and 238 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.**
- 2. That Council notes the single submission received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development during the consultation period, and the rectification of the related rateable land values.**

Moved: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*Seconded: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Carried 3 / 0

7.3 2025-26 Budget AdoptionResolution: **OCM-2025/47**

- 1. That Council adopts the 2025–26 Annual Budget as detailed in Attachment 1, in accordance with Section 203 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.**

Moved: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*Seconded: *Mayor John Wilson*

Carried 3 / 0

7.4 2025-26 Regional Plan AdoptionResolution: **OCM-2025/48**

- 1. That Council Adopts the 2025–26 Regional Plan in accordance with Section 35(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.**

2. That Council notes the submission received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development and endorses the actions taken in response.
3. That Council acknowledges that the 2025–26 Regional Plan is consistent with the objectives of Council's 2024–27 Strategic Plan.

Moved: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Seconded: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*

Carried 3 / 0

Action: remove image on page 22

Action: write to CEO of Agency Providing Regional Plan

7.5 Call for nominations - Local Government Code of Conduct Panel

Resolution: **OCM-2025/49**

1. That the Council nominates Mark Tunmuck-Smith to serve a two (2) year term on the Local Government Code of Conduct Panel Pool.

Moved: *Councillor John Wilson*

Seconded: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Carried 3 / 0

8 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Infrastructure and Technical Services Report

Resolution: **OCM-2025/50**

1. That the Council receives and notes the infrastructure and technical services report for June 2025.

Moved: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*

Seconded: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Carried 3 / 0

8.2 People and Culture Report

Resolution: **OCM-2025/51**

1. That the Council receives and notes the People and Culture Report for June 2025

Moved: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Seconded: *Mayor John Wilson*

Carried 3 / 0

Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith left the room 14:55 and returned at 14:56

8.3 Service Delivery Report

Resolution: **OCM-2025/52**

1. That the Council review and note the Service Delivery Report.

Moved: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Seconded: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*

Carried 3 / 0

8.4 WARM Grant Acquittal FY 2023-2024 certificate

Resolution: **OCM-2025/53**

1. That the Council receives and notes the Waste and Resource Management Grant Acquittal.

Moved: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Seconded: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*

Carried 3 / 0

Meeting took a break at 14:57

Meeting re-opened at 15:06

8.5 Local Government Elections - Nominations update

Resolution: **OCM-2025/54**

1. That the Council receive and note the report.

Moved: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Seconded: *Mayor John Wilson*

Carried 3 / 0

9 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Correspondence Report

Resolution: **OCM-2025/55**

1. That Council notes and accepts the correspondence.

Moved: *Councillor Terry Sams*

Seconded: *Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith*

Carried 3 / 0

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Peppi Clean up:

- Port Keats Mob cleaning up Peppimenarti
- Mayor disagrees with Port Keats cleaning Peppimenarti

Action: John Thomas to visit Peppimenarti to review recruitment in the region.

12 NEXT MEETING

24th July 2025

13 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 15:32.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the unconfirmed minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26th June 2025.