

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE TIWI ISLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL DARWIN OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2024 AT 10:00 AM

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1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 10am.

The Mayor welcomed Councillors and staff.

1.2 **Present and Apologies**

Present

COUNCILLORS	
Mayor Lynette De Santis	Milikapiti Ward
Deputy Mayor Leslie Tungutulum	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Stanley Tipiloura	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Luke Tipuamantimirri	Bathurst Ward
Councillor John Ross Pilakui	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Therese Bourke	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Joseph (Gideon) Pangiraminni	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Deanne Rioli	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Pius Tipungwuti	Milikapiti Ward
STAFF	
Gina McPharlin	Chief Executive Officer
Jayesh Vasandani	Acting Chief Financial Officer
Bill Toy	Manager Community Engagement
David Ciosmak	Operational Manager Melville Island
Paul O'Connor	Manager Housing & Assets Manager
GUESTS	
Nil	

Apologies

COUNCILLORS

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Councillor Jennifer Clancy	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Jeffrey Ullungura	Milikapiti Ward

OCM/51 RESOLUTION

Moved:	Luke Tipuamantumirri
Seconded:	Stanley Tipiloura

That Council:

- 1. Notes the members listed above are present and that quorum has been achieved.
- 2. Notes the absence of Jennifer Clancy and Jeffrey Ullungura
- 3. Notes the apology received from Jennifer Clancy and Jeffrey Ullungura

CARRIED



1.3 Declaration of Interest of Members

Councillor Therese Bourke declared her Conflict of Interest for item number 7.1 - Is employed by Catholic Care.

Councillor Pius Tipungwuti declared his conflict of Interest for item number 9.2 - Jilamara Arts Centre Rates Waiver.

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes held on 14 November 2024

OCM/52 RESOLUTION

Moved: Deanne Rioli Seconded: John Pilakui

That Council:

1. Confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 November 2024 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

3 REPORTS FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES

3.1 Local Authorities - minutes and business arising

OCM/53 RESOLUTION

Moved:Luke TipuamantumirriSeconded:Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni

That the minutes of the Local Authority minutes be noted.

- 1. Wurrumiyanga Local Authority held on 12 November 2024.
- 2. Milikapity Local Authority held on 15 October 2024.
- 3. Pirlangimpi Local Authority held on 17 September 2024.

CARRIED

4.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1. Receive and note the report.

Background

- 1. The TIRC Mayor and CEO will be travelling to Canberra next week during the November Parliamentary Sittings to meet with Marion Scrymgour, Member Lingiari, and various Ministers regarding the following:
- Tiwi Islands Waste Management.
- Wurrumiyanga Community Sporting Precinct, and
- Wurrumiyanga Recreation Hall/Cyclone Shelter.



2. The CEO is asked to confirm the date of the 2024 Christmas Club payment and send an email to advise TIRC employees and councilors.

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5 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

6 CORRESPONDENCE

OCM/54 RESOLUTION

Moved:Deanne RioliSeconded:Therese Bourke

That Council receives the attached items of incoming and outgoing correspondence.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Chief Executive Officer Report

OCM/62 RESOLUTION

Moved:John PilakuiSeconded:Pius Tipungwuti

That the report entitled CEO report be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.2 Projects Report

OCM/63 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Pilakui *Seconded:* Pius Tipungwuti

That Council notes the report entitled Projects report.

CARRIED

7.3 Finance report

OCM/55 RESOLUTION

Moved:Joseph Gideon PangiraminniSeconded:Therese Bourke



That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report for the reporting period leading up to the 30th of November 2024.

CARRIED

8 **REPORTS FOR DECISION**

8.1 Waste and resource management grant (WARM)

OCM/56 RESOLUTION

Moved: Luke Tipuamantumirri *Seconded:* Deanne Rioli

That Council agrees to spending \$30,533.19 to remove the rubbish from Cape Fourcroy / Wurrumiyanga Road and relocate it to the landfill.

CARRIED

8.2 Delegations Manual 2024/2025

OCM/57 RESOLUTION

Moved:Therese BourkeSeconded:Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni

That Council:

- 1. Takes note of the amendments made to the Delegations manual.
- 2. Adopts the Delegations manual.

CARRIED

8.3 Policy Review - Gifts and Benefits Policy

OCM/58 RESOLUTION

Moved: Luke Tipuamantumirri *Seconded:* Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni

That Council accepts and adopts the Gifts and Benefits Policy.

CARRIED

8.4 Policy Review - Corporate Credit Card Policy



OCM/59 RESOLUTION

Moved:Luke TipuamantumirriSeconded:John Pilakui

That Council reviews and endorses the Corporate Credit Card Policy No (014).

CARRIED

8.5 Policy Review - Revocation of the Travel and accommodation policy

OCM/60 RESOLUTION

Moved:Therese BourkeSeconded:John Pilakui

That Council revoke the Travel and Accommodation Delegation Policy No (15).

CARRIED

8.6 Conflicts of Interest Register

OCM/61 RESOLUTION

Moved:Deanne RioliSeconded:Stanley Tipiloura

That Council:

- 1. Declares conflicts of interest.
- 2. Accepts the conflict-of-interest register.

CARRIED

8.7 In - Kind Use of TIRC Facilities for Tiwi Islands School Holiday Programs December 2024 – January 2025

OCM/64 RESOLUTION

Moved: Deanne Rioli Seconded: Therese Bourke

That Council provide an in-kind donation to the Tiwi Islands School Holiday Planning Action Group through the waiver of facility fees for the December 2024-January 2025 school holiday program only, with the following conditions

- The program is delivered across all three (3) communities (Wurrumiyanga, Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi)
- All areas are cleaned after use, and
- Council is provided with a program and a report of what has been delivered.

CARRIED



9 QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Question - Councillor Therese Bourke

• Councillor Bourke informed Council that there is flooding in the town area and asked what is being done about it.

Response

The flooding is coming from the airport area. TIRC do not have the machinery to grade the drain. a contractor will be engaged to do the work.

- 10 GENERAL BUSINESS Nil
- 11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Adjournment of Open Meeting at 2pm.

Moved into Confidential Session at 2pm.

OCM/65 RESOLUTION

Moved: Deanne Rioli *Seconded:* Luke Tipuamantumirri

That pursuant to Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider a Confidential matter.

CARRIED

11.2 Confirmation of Aboriginality Applications for Colin Heenan-Puruntatameri & Walter Brooks

OCM/66 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Pilakui *Seconded:* Luke Tipuamantumirri

That Council approve the application of Colin Heenan - Puruntatameri and Walter Brooks, approve for the Council Common seal to be applied on the application.

CARRIED

11.3 Jilamara Art Centre Rates Waiver



OCM/66 RESOLUTION

Moved:John PilakuiSeconded:Luke Tipuamantumirri

The report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) (51(b)) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 (s.51). It contains subject to sub-regulation 51(3) – information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

12 NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

13 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 3pm.