



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE
WURRUMIYANGA OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2013 AT 11:00 AM**

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 11:30 am.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed councillors and staff.

1.2 Present

Deputy Mayor: Cr Marius Puruntatameri

Councillors: John Naden (via phone), Barry Puruntatameri, Leslie Tungutalum, Crystal Johnson, Brian Tipungwuti, Gawin Tipiloura.

Officers: Alan Hudson (CEO), Rosanna De Santis (Director Corporate & Community Services)

Public: Nil

Minutes: Bruce Moller (Governance Manager)

1.3 Apologies

Accepted: Mayor Lynette De Santis (Sick – Medical Certificate provided).
Councillors Therese Bourke (Dr Appt), Anita Moreen (no transport due to Mayor being sick), Emmanuel Rioli (Dr Appt and other meetings).

Staff – Bruce Moller (Flight from Darwin to Bathurst Island cancelled by Fly Tiwi).

Not Accepted: Cr Peter Rioli

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil.

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Nil.

1.6 Election of Chairperson Deputy Mayor – Cr Marius Puruntatameri

1.7 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Special Meeting - 8 July 2013

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 8 July 2013 were confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 July 2013.
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2 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

3 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1 **MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE 13/14 SHIRE PLAN AND DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES.**

This report is to advise Council of comments on the draft shire plan and seeks Councillor's ratification of the report to include amendments.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Crystal Johnson

Seconded: John Naden

That Council endorses inclusion of the above assessment of the impact of the social and economic effects of its rating policy in its budget and the Shire Plan.

CARRIED

5.2 **COUNCIL POLICY ON THE ACCEPTENCE OR REJECTION OF APOLOGIES FOR ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

This paper asks Councillors to adopt a policy to clarify the 'acceptance and rejection' protocols for Councillor attendance at Council meetings.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Barry Puruntatameri

Seconded: Brian Tipungwuti

That Council adopts as policy the following protocols in relation to Councillors attendances at meetings;

Acceptable reasons for being absent (provided that the Mayor is notified before the relevant meeting

- 1. Sick (preferably with a certificate subsequently provided)**
- 2. Attendance at a funeral (where culturally important, e.g. family, relative)**
- 3. Grieving after a death in their family**
- 4. Endorsed to represent Council elsewhere whilst that meeting is held.**
- 5. A known leave of absence away from the Shire**
- 6. Unavailability where a meeting has been changed at short notice**

Unacceptable reasons for being absent

- 1. Other meetings (store, committees etc)**
- 2. In Darwin or elsewhere on personal business**
- 3. The same reason repeatedly where it is felt that the Councillor could have attended.**
- 4. Where a Councillor is consistently very late for meetings**

A table of Councillor attendances classified by the nature of the meetings held is now to be tabled at every meeting.

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6 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION Nil

7 Next Meeting

8 Closure The meeting closed at 12:30 pm.