

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MILIKAPITI on
Wednesday the 22nd of February, 2023 at 10.15am.**

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Opening

The meeting opened at 10.25am at which time members of the Council were in attendance.

1.1.1 Appointment of Acting Chair

The Mayor, who was attending via telephone suggested that it would be better for another member to chair the meeting. Councillor De Santis was appointed to Chair the meeting.

1.2 Present

Mayor Pirrawayingi	By Phone
Councillor Pius Tipungwuti	In person
Councillor Lynette De Santis	In person
Councillor Jeffrey Ullungura	In person
Deputy Mayor Leslie Tungutalem	By phone
Councillor Luke Tipuamantumirri	By phone
Councillor Jennifer Clancy	By phone
Councillor Therese Wokay Bourke	By phone
Councillor Joseph G Pangiraminni	By phone
Councillor Stanley Tipiloura	Absent
Councillor Peter Kantilla	Absent
Councillor Francis Xavier Kurrupwu	Apology
Staff	
Temporary CEO Allan McGill	In person
CFO Bala Donepudi	In person
Town Services Manager, Dave Ciosmak	In Person
Community Engagement Manager Bill Toy	In person

1.3 Apologies

<p>Apologies – An apology for Non-Attendance was received from Councillor Kurrupwu</p>
<p>1 RESOLUTION <i>Moved: Lynette DeSantis</i> <i>Seconded: Jeffrey Ullungura</i></p> <p>1. That the apology from Councillor Kurrupwu be accepted and Leave of Absence granted.</p> <p>B. That the Council note that Councillors Kantilla and Tipiloura were absent without permission to Section 47(1)(10) of the Local Government Act 2019.</p>

CARRIED

1.4 Leave of Absence

NIL

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

NIL

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

1.6.1 Ordinary Meeting 14/12/2022

RESOLUTION

Moved: Jeffrey Ullungura

Seconded: Pius Tipungwuti

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December, 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

1.6.2 MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING - 10/2/2023

4 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti

Seconded: Jeffrey Ullungura

That the minutes of the Special meeting held on 10th of February, 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING

NIL

3. VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

NIL

4. CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The Chairperson suggested that there be a single motion to note all information reports.

5.1 FLEET / WORKSHOP MANAGER'S REPORT – 2022

5.2 TOWN SERVICES – MONTHLY REPORT

5.3 HUMAN RESOURCES – MONTHLY REPORT

5.4 REMOTE PASSENGER TRANSPORT GRANT – OFFER OF GRANT

5.5 EOM – NOVEMBER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

ADJOURNMENT AT 11.11AM

RESOLUTION

Moved: Lynette DeSantis

Seconded: Jeffrey Ullungura

- A. That the meeting be adjourned until 10.30 on Friday 24th of February 2023 at Wurrumiyanga.
- B. That a Charter be arranged to transport Councillors to the meeting on 24/02/2023.

CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF MEETING AT 10AM ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 2023 at WURRUMIYANGA

RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Tipiloura

Seconded: Councillor Pius Tipungwuti

That the meeting be resumed, noting that the intended resumption date of 24 February 2023 was not possible due to adverse weather conditions.

CARRIED

PRESENT:

Mayor Pirrawayingi	Teams
Councillor Pius Tipungwuti	Teams
Councillor Lynette De Santis	Teams
Councillor Jeffrey Ullungura	Absent
Councillor Luke Tipuamantimirri	In person
Councillor Jennifer Clancy	Telephone
Councillor Therese Wokay Bourke	Teams
Councillor Joseph G Pangiraminni	Telephone
Councillor Stanley Tipiloura	In person
Councillor Peter Kantilla	Absent
Councillor Francis Xavier Kurrupwu	In person
Staff	
Temporary CEO Allan McGill	In person
Town Services Manager, Dave Ciosmak	Teams
CFO Bala Donepudi	Teams
Community Engagement Manager Bill Toy	Teams

The CEO reminded the meeting that this was the resumption of the meeting that was adjourned on 22 February 2023 and pointed out that Councillor De Santis chaired the meeting on 22/2/23

The meeting was asked to consider appointing a Chairperson give the communication link with the Mayor at Pirlangimpi was not all that good and that at the moment there wasn't a Deputy Mayor.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Tipungwuti

Seconded: Councillor Tipuamantimirri

That Councillor De Santis be appointed Chairperson of the meeting.

CARRIED

Apologies:

There were no apologies but Councillor Kantilla and Councillor Ullungura were absent without permission.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Kurrupuwu

Seconded: Councillor Tipungwuti

That the Council note that Councillors Kantilla and Ullungura were absent without permission to Section 47(1)(10) of the Local Government Act 2019.

CARRIED

The meeting then resumed consideration of the items on the agenda.

- 5.3 Information Technology – report on poor ITC
- 5.4 Tiwi Islands Football League 2023- fixture
- 5.5 Community engagement report for December 2022 and January 2023.
- 5.6 Monthly Financial Report for December 2022
- 5.7 Monthly Financial Report for January 2023
- 5.8 Infrastructure report for January 2023

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Kurrupuwu

Seconded: Councillor Tipuamantumirri

- A. That the reports for information be received and noted.
- B. That the Council supports the Tiwi Islands Football League be provided with access to ovals and facilities at no charge but the Costs of the ferry will apply.

CARRIED

6. Reports for Decision:

- 6.1 Confirmation of the TIRC meeting calendar for 2023

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Tipungwuti

Seconded: Councillor De Santis

That the Council endorses the meeting calendar as presented for 2023.

CARRIED

6.2 Waste grant application

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Tipiloura

Seconded: Councillor Bourke

That the Council supports the grant application.

CARRIED

6.3 Report on process when absent without permission

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Tipungwuti

Seconded: Councillor Tipiloura

- A. That the Council note the process for dealing with a Councillor absent from Council meetings without permission, must be followed.
- B. That the CEO ensure that the process is followed and that an appropriate notification is given to a person, within 7 days of that person being absent without permission for the first of two meetings.

CARRIED

6.4 NAIDOC funding

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mayor Pirrawayingi

Seconded: Councillor Bourke

That the Council supports the proposal to seek approval to reuse unspent NAIDOC funding.

CARRIED

6.5 TITEB training and job creation

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Bourke

Seconded: Mayor Pirrawayingi

That the Council supports participating in the TITEB Trialing Pathways program with the creation of 15 new training and employment positions hosted by the Council.

- a. That the Council authorize the CEO to negotiate with TITEB and to finalise appropriate arrangement.

CARRIED

6.6 Business case- Wurrumiyanga Multi Purpose Hall

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Tipuamantamirri

Seconded: Councillor Kurrupuwu

That the Council supports the business case for the change of scope of works for the Wurrumiyanga Multipurpose hall.

CARRIED

6.7 Security patrols at Wurrumiyanga 22/23

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Tipiloura

Seconded: Councillor Kurrupuwu

That the Council note that a security patrol service was provided in December and January at a total cost of \$53,790 and that this expenditure be referred to the next budget review.

CARRIED

6.8 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Tipuamantamirri

Seconded: Councillor Kurrupuwu

That Council-

- A. Note the Report.
- B. Approves the following two amendments to the CEO employment agreement-
 - **Clause 10.3 (d) - Relocation:**

“If, after the date of completion, the Employee

 - Elects to leave the Tiwi Islands; and
 - Has not been offered relocation assistance by a future employer (if applicable)
 - The Employer will negotiate an amount for relocation to Mount Barker”.
 - **Clause 10.2- Benefits:**

(d) That an amount of \$3000 per annum be nominated for professional development.
- C. That the Council note that the new CEO is expected to commence duties on about 23 March and that Allan McGill will remain as the Temporary CEO until that time.
- D. That pursuant to Section 165 of the Local Government Act 2019, and in accordance with Regulation 109 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, the Council hereby appoints Gina McPharlin to be the Council’s Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

6.9 Project – Love – Tiwi event

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Pangiraminni

Seconded: Councillor Bourke

- a. That the Council supports the proposal to host Project Love in 2023 and that a more detailed program be developed with the view to a Tiwi Community event being held in June/July at a time that doesn’t clash with bush holidays.
- b. That the CEO prepare a further report detailing a program and funding.

CARRIED

7. Business arising from Local Authorities

Nil

8. General Business:

8.1 Top End Regional Organisation of Councils

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Bourke

Seconded: Councillor Tipuamantumirri

That the Council seek membership of the Top End Regional Organisation of Councils.

CARRIED

8.2 Roads

Councillor Clancy expressed her strong concerns about the condition of roads on Melville Island and the fact that contractors had been using the road even though the roads were closed to traffic.

8.3 Flooding issue at Pirlangimpi

Councillor Bourke raised a concern with a pedestrian area that flooded when it rained.

8.4 Drainage

Councillor Kurrupuwu raised a concern about the lack of regular maintenance of drains pointing out that the poor drainage was a health problem.

8.5 Local Community Radio

Councillor Kurrupuwu asked for an update on the local radio station.

The CEO reported that the stations are operating at Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi and that a job has been advertised for a person to operate the Wurrumiyanga station.

8.6 Wurrumiyanga pool

Councillor Clancy asked that information on the current situation with the pool be placed on the Council web site and the Community notice board to let the community know what is being planned.

8.7 Personal development and self-improvement program

The Mayor informed the Council that he was developing a program to help encourage self-improvement across the Tiwi community and that although this was a project that he was undertaking himself, he would welcome any contributions from others.

8.8 Resignation of Councillor Tungutalum

The CEO reported that Councillor Tungutalum had resigned from Council so he could contest the by election for the seat of Arafura on 18 March 2023.

The CEO explained that, should he be unsuccessful, he can apply to be reinstated to the Council.

The CEO referred to an email that he sent to Councillors on 27/2/23 advising them of the resignation.

8.9 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

In view of the resignation of Councillor Tungutalum and the fact that he was the Deputy Mayor, the Council was of the view that a new deputy Mayor should be appointed.

Nominations were invited with Councillor Tipuamantamirri and Councillor De Santis being nominated.

A ballot was held with Councillor De Santis being elected.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Councillor Bourke

Seconded: Councillor Tipiloura

That Councillor De Santis be appointed as the Deputy Mayor.

CARRIED

Adjournment of Meeting at 12.10 pm

Moved: Councillor Tipiloura

Seconded: Councillor Tipungwuti

That the meeting be adjourned and closed to the public to enable confidential business to be considered.

CARRIED

Resumption of Meeting at 12.16pm

The meeting resumed at 12.16 pm.

9. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS DECISIONS

1. Confirmation of Aboriginality – Cora Johnston

Moved: Councillor Kurrupuwu
Seconded: Councillor Tipiloura

That the Council confirms that Cora Johnston is of Tiwi decent and Aboriginality.

CARRIED

2. Catholic Diocese of Darwin – rate exemption.

Moved: Councillor Kurrupuwu
Seconded: Councillor Tipungwuti

That that the following properties owned by the Catholic Diocese of Darwin be exempt from Council rates on the grounds they are being used for charitable or community purposes –

- **Lot 246 Milikapiti**
- **Lot 261 Pirlangimpi**
- **Lot 611 Wurrumiyanga**

CARRIED

10. Next meeting: Wednesday 22 March 2023 at Pirlangimpi.

11. The meeting closed at 12.21pm