

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PIRLANGIMPI
BOARD ROOM ON TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2022 AT 10.00AM**

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10.29 am

The Mayor welcomed councillors and invited Councillors and staff to join him in a minute's silence to remember those who have passed away.

1.2 Present

COUNCILLORS	
Mayor Pirrawayingi	Pirangimpi Ward – In person
Deputy Mayor Leslie Tungutalem	Bathurst Ward – In person
Councillor Francis Xavier Kurrupwu	Bathurst Ward – In person
Councillor Jennifer Clancy	Bathurst Ward - By Phone
Councillor Lynette De Santis	Milikapiti Ward – By phone
Councillor Jeffrey Ullungura	Milikapiti Ward – By Phone
Councillor Pius Tipungwuti	Milikapiti Ward – In person
Councillor Luke Tipuamantumirri	Bathurst Ward – In person
Councillor Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni	Pirangimpi Ward – In person
Nil Apologies / Nil LOA	
Councillor Peter Kantilla	Bathurst Ward – No apology received
Councillor Stanley Tipiloura	Bathurst Ward – No apology received
STAFF	
Allan Mc Gill	Interim Chief Executive Officer
Bala Donepudi	Chief Financial Officer
Fay Summers	Governance Co-ordinator
Bill Toy	Manager – Community Engagement
GUESTS	
Nil	

Minuter:

Governance staff

1.3 Apologies

Apologies from members who were absent from the meeting

Councillor Therese Bourke

Pirangimpi Ward

66 RESOLUTION

Moved: Joseph (Gideon) Pangiraminni

Seconded: Luke Tipuamantumirri

That members

- 1. Accept the acknowledgement from the members that they were unable to attend the meeting.**
- 2. Approve the applications from the members for leave of absence from the**

meeting.

The Mayor called for apologies noting that Councillor Bourke had submitted an apology to the CEO and also to the Pirlangimpi Local Authority Meeting 05/12/2022.

It was noted that Councillors Tiploura and Kantilla were absent and hadn't submitted an apology through the accepted process of advising the Mayor or the CEO.

It was also noted that Councillor Kantilla was absent without an apology or Leave of Absence from the previous meeting of the Council held 27/10/2022.

The need to follow procedures was discussed and that apologies needed to be submitted through the correct method and not by way of casual conversations.

Resolution:

- A. That the apology from Councillor Bourke be accepted and LEAVE OF ABSENCE BE GRANTED .
- B. That it be noted that Councillor Tipiloura was absent without apology.
- C. That it be noted that Councillor Kantilla was absent without an apology.
- D. That the CEO review the status of Councillor Kantilla given he has been absent without an apology or leave of absence for two consecutive meetings.
- E. CARRIED

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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67 RESOLUTION

Moved: Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu
Seconded: Pius Tipungwuti

Resolution :

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 27th of October and the 6th November 2022 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings the meeting.

CARRIED

1.6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (A) THE MAYOR PROVIDED AN ORAL REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT THE LGANT CONFERENCE AND MENTIONED A BRIEFING ON ICAC AND A MEETING WITH THE NT CABINET .COUNCILLOR ULLUNGURA RESPONDED TO THE UPDATE EXPRESSING FRUSTRATIONS AND CONCERNS THAT HE HAD ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION , ASKED TO BE INCLUDED AS A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON SUCH MEETINGS, BUT HIS REQUESTS WERE IGNORED AND NO RESPONSE. HE COMMENTED FURTHER ON HIS VIEWS ON HOW THE COUNCIL OEPRATES AND HE NO LONGER WISHED TO BE CONSIDERED AS A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON EXTERNAL GROUPS AND WOULD FOCUS ON BEING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ADVOCATE FOR HIS ELECTORATE.

AN ISSUE AT LGANT RELATED TO YOUTH AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS WERE RAISED.

The need for greater security

1. Train Tiwi people to be security officers
2. The same group of young people are the repeat offenders

Resolved: That the CEO examine options for the improved security over the holiday period.

2 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

3 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 TOWN SERVICES/INTER-ISLAND FERRY/AERODROME/CIVIL WORKS/OUTSTATIONS OCTOBER 2022 REPORT

The Council considered the report from the Town Services Manager dated October , 2022.

- A. That the report be noted
- B. That the Town Services Manager attend further meetings of the Council and Local Authorities .
- C. That the CEO provide further information on the following :
 - A road program for the year for Township roads as well as major connector roads .
 - Why local workforce is not used .
 - Why is TIRC equipment parked at Pickataramon.
 - Where are the two trucks recently purchased through the City of Darwin.

68 RESOLUTION

Moved: Leslie Tungatulum

Seconded: Pius Tipungwuti

69 RESOLUTION

- A. That the Council note and endorse the Closure of Council Offices from the Close of Business on the 23rd of December 2022 and re-opening on the 3rd of January, 2023 with all operational services being provided by a reduced

workplace during the closure period.

B. That the CEO make arrangements to :

- Increase security for buildings and assets
- Ongoing security service to boost community safety
- Seeking NIAA approval for community patrols to also cover assets .

Moved: Joseph (Gideon) Pangiraminni

Seconded: Pirrawayingi Pirrawayingi

**CARRIED
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5.2 CHRISTMAS 2022- OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council note and endorse the closure of Council offices from the close of business on 23 December 2022 and reopening on 3 January 2023 with all operational services being provided by a reduced workforce during the closure period.

5.3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EOM REPORT - OCTOBER 2022

70 RESOLUTION

Moved: Luke Tipuamantumirri

Seconded: Joseph (Gideon) Pangiraminni

Resolution :

A That the report for October 2022 be noted.

B That installation of tracking devices be examined with a report on what information is recorded and what maintenance will be involved.

CARRIED

5.4 CEO REPORT - OCTOBER 2022

The CEO presented an oral report as follows :

A. Staff vacancies :

- Interviews for Youth Diversion Officer arranged
- Interviews for Community Safety Co-ordinator arranged.
- Casual receptionist being recruited for Pirlangimpi
- CEO recruitment process – at the point of shortlisting of candidates for interview is scheduled for 9/12/22.

B. Councillors IT :

Phones and Tablets have been arranged if individual Councillors would like to upgrade items they will need to so at their expenses.

B. TIRC Wheel of issues :

The CEO presented a sketch on the white board highlighting that there were a number of problems included . Very poor IT and communications, housing, roads , staff and unspent government grants.

71 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Luke Tipuamantumirri*
Seconded: *Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu*

Resolution : That the report be noted .

CARRIED

Adjournment for Lunch : 12.10pm
Resumption at 12.53 - Councillor Jeffrey did not attend.

5.5 HUMAN SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT OCTOBER 2022**72 RESOLUTION**

Moved: *Lynette DeSantis*
Seconded: *Pirrawayingi Pirrawayingi*

During the Discussion the Council was briefed by Councillors on a community dispute on 05/12/2022 noting that Council employees were involved and instigated some of the aggressive behaviour.

Resolution :

- A. That the HR report for October 2022 be noted**
- B. That the CEO conduct an investigation into Community incident at Wurrumiyanga on 05/12/2022 to establish which TIRC staff were involved and to take appropriate action**

C. CARRIED

5.6 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - OCTOBER 2022

The Chief Financial Officer presented and spoke to the Financial Report . The release of Christmas savings was discussed.

73 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu*
Seconded: *Luke Tipuamantumirri*

- A. That the report be noted**
- B. That the payment of Christmas savings be made on the 15th of December, 2022.**

CARRIED

5.7 FLEET/ WORKSHOP MANAGERS REPORT OCTOBER 2022**74 RESOLUTION**

That the report be noted .

Moved: Luke Tipuamantumirri
Seconded: Joseph (Gideon) Pangiraminni

CARRIED

5.8 REPORT FROM PIRLANGIMPI LA

The minutes of the meeting of the PLA held on the 5th of December , 2022 where tabled.

Resolution : That the recommendations requiring Council decision from the PLA be approved as follows

18. Recommendation:

- A. That the \$35,000.00 allocated to Public Toilets be re-allocated to purchase a suitable Trailer or modified Truck suitable for the transportation of the new Excavator.
- B. That the PLA projects list be noted and that priority action be taken to install the lights of the swimming pool.
- C. That the regular report to the Local Authority on Community Projects include a new section detailing a progress report/comment on each project and who has been tasked to action each project.
- D. That the PLA re-affirms previous decisions that equipment purchased from PLA funds is only to be used at Pirlangimpi.

19. Recommendation :

- A. That the Review report be noted .
- B. That it be a recommendation to the Council that the following comments be included in the Council's response to the Review Report.
 - (i) That the commitment by the Council to Listening to the LA and to actioning projects be clarified ,
 - (ii) That for transparency, greater information be provided on matters such as quotations for equipment.
 - (iii) That project funding be more flexible and capable of being extended beyond a particular date or re-allocated for other projects.
 - (iv) Develop strategies to engage with all stakeholders such as Land Council, NGO's and Government Agencies
 - (v) Provision of ongoing training is essential.
 - (vi) Develop protocols on processes for dealing , in a culturally appropriate manner, with code of conduct breaches to ensure firm action is taken against offenders and "To be seen to be doing the right thing"
 - (vii) That the Local Authority become more of an advocate for the Community on issues raised by the community.

20. Recommendation:

- A. The Local Authority considered two applications for the appointment to the PLA and agreed that the two applicants should be appointed.
- B. That it be recommended to the Council that Bernard George Pangiraminni and John Vianney Tipungwuti be appointed members of the Pirlangimpi Local Authority

21. Recommendation:

That a recommendation to the Council that an amount of \$2000.00 be allocated from unexpended projects for the school concert presentation night.

22. Recommendation:

- A. That the purchase of a new Ride On Mower be considered as an urgent matter.
- B. That the PLA would prefer to continue to use John Deere equipment given past performance and familiarity with that equipment.

- C. That available funds from PLA projects be allocated to purchase a new ride on mower.
- D. That the Chairperson be authorised to review a quotation for a John Deere ride on mower and to recommend acceptance of the quotes to the Council.

75 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pirrawayingi Pirrawayingi
Seconded: Luke Tipuamantumirri

CARRIED

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 FEASIBILITY STUDY - PARU BARGE LANDING UPGRADES

SUMMARY

Decision is required to endorse the application for funding from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet's Local Government Immediate Priority Grants 2022-23 to procure an engineering consultant to complete a Feasibility Study – Paru barge landing upgrades.

76 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti
Seconded: Joseph (Gideon) Pangiraminni

Resolution : That the Council supports the application for funding for the feasibility study for the Paru Barge landing upgrades .

CARRIED

6.2 NT CEMETERIES ACT- 28/11/22

77 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti
Seconded: Luke Tipuamantumirri

That Council the Council note the Report and that a new Burial and Cremation Act 2022 will commence on 28 November 2022.

CARRIED

6.3 BIMA WEAR - AND OCCUPANCY OF COUNCIL PROPERTY

78 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Lynette DeSantis*
Seconded: *Luke Tipuamantumirri*

That the Council note the current arrangements it has with Bima Wear and authorise the CEO to enter into negotiations with the Bima Wear Association to formalise an occupancy arrangement for the next 5 years.

CARRIED

6.4 UNEXPENDED GOVERNMENT GRANTS-

79 RESOLUTION : That the Council

Moved: *Luke Tipuamantumirri*
Seconded: *Leslie Tungatulum*

That Council note the list of unexpended government grants and notes that the CEO is reviewing all such grants to ensure the funds remain available or to be " Re-purposed " .

CARRIED

6.5 RATES DEBT MANAGEMENT FOR MINERAL PETROLEUM TITLES

This matter was deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Council .

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Cyclone preparation : Councillor Clancy asked if the pre-cyclone clean up and preparation were taking place . The meeting was advised that a clean-up in each community was taking place . It was noted that there isn't an approved cyclone shelter on the islands.

7.2 Community disturbance Wurrumiyanga : The Council noted with concern the public disturbance that took place at Wurrumiyanga on the 5th of December, 2022 and that Council employees were involved in the disturbance , were in TIRC uniforms and drove to the area in the Council vehicles. Members of the Council expressed their concerns that employees were involved and the Council should have no tolerance for behaviour such as this. The Council noted that other organisations such as TITEB had a no tolerance policy for behaviour such as this .

Adjournment at 2.20 pm

The Open section was adjourned at 2.20pm to enable the Confidential Section of the meeting to commence .

8 RESOLUTIONS 1,3,4 TO BE MOVED INTO OPEN SECTION OF THE MEETING

80 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Pius Tipungwuti*

Seconded: *Luke Tipuamantumirri*

CARRIED

Resumption at 2.38 pm
The meeting resumed to consider matters from the Confidential Section.

8 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 14 December 2022

9 Closure 2.40 pm

Confirmed at OCM on the 14th of December by Mayor/Chair

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The Chairperson /Mayor