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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TIWI ISLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT PIRLANGIMPI ON WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023**

At 10.29am on 22 March 2023 the following members of the Council were in attendance-

Councillor Tipungwuiti – via telephone

Councillor De Santis – via telephone

Councillor Pangiraminni- in person

Councillor Tipuamantumirri- via phone

Councillor Clancy – via phone

(The Mayor was in attendance at 10.15 but left to attend another meeting).

**Postponement of meeting at 10.35am**

The Councillors in attendance agreed to postpone the meeting to 10am on Monday 27 March 2023 in Wurrumiyanga.

**Resolved:**

- a. That the meeting be postponed to 10am on Monday 27 March 2023 at Wurrumiyanga.
- b. That a charter be organized to transport Councillors from Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi.

## Opening of postponed meeting at 10.10am on 27 March 2023

**1.1.1 & 2; Opening and welcome.** The meeting opened at 10.10am

### 1.1.1 Appointment of Chair

The Mayor who was attending via telephone suggested that it would be better for another member to chair the meeting. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Tungutalum Chaired the meeting

### 1.1.2 Present

Mayor Pirrawayingi	By Phone
Councillor Pius Tipungwuti	By Teams
Councillor Lynette De Santis	By Teams
Deputy Mayor Leslie Tungutalem	In person
Councillor Luke Tipuamantumirri	In person
Councillor Jennifer Clancy	By phone
Councillor Therese Wokay Bourke	By phone
Councillor Joseph G Pangiraminni	By phone- 11.20 am to 2pm
Councillor Stanley Tipiloura	In person
Councillor Francis Xavier Kurrupwu	In person
Staff	
Temporary CEO Allan McGill	In person
CFO Bala Donepudi	By phone
Community Engagement Manager Bill Toy	By phone
Town Services Manager, Dave Ciosmak	By phone
Peter Cole, Acting Infrastructure Manager	In person

### 1.1.3 Apologies

*An apology for nonattendance was received from Councillor Paniraminni who advised that he might be able to attend the meeting at certain stages of the meeting*

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**Moved Cr Kurrupwu**

**Seconded : Cr Tipuamantumirri**

- A.** That the apology from Councillor Pangiraminni be accepted and Leave of absence be granted.
- B.** That the Council note that Councillors Kantilla and Ullungura were both absent without permission pursuant to Section 47(1),(10) of the Local Government Act 2019.

- C.** That the CEO take the necessary actions to notify both the Members absent without permission pursuant to Regulation 101 of the Local Government (General Regulation)

**CARRIED**

**1.1 4 Leave of absence: Nil**

**1.1 .5 Declarations of interest : Nil**

**1.1.6 Confirmation of previous minutes: (22/2/23 and 6/3/23)**

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 22 February 2023 and 6 March 2023 were presented to the meeting noting that the draft minutes attached to the agenda were not in fact the completed draft minutes.

A copy of the final draft minutes was tabled at the meeting.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved: Cr Kurrupwu**

**Seconded: Cr Tipiloura**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2023 and 6 March 2023, as tabled at the meeting on 27 March be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**2. Business arising from the minutes. Nil**

**3. Visitors and presentations.**

**3.1 Catholic Care - from 11.05am to 11.55am**

The following visitors attended on behalf of Catholic Care to brief the Council on the "NO More "campaign- Veronica Johan, Narelle Gosstray and Shane Kerinua.

The visitors outlined the current plans for "No MORE" and the possibility of introducing a random breath testing system for players in the Tiwi Islands Football League. It was noted that TIFL would need to support such a measure and that all other agencies could support such a program .It was agreed that Catholic Care would approach TIFL to discuss the matter and report back to the Council.

During the discussions Catholic Care sought permission to place No More signage around the ovals , guidance on how to attract more volunteers and “community Champions” to support the No More campaign. This might also include a “rally” and an awareness expo.

**Resolved:**

**It was agreed that-**

- **Catholic Care would liaise with TIFL regarding a breath testing system.**
- **That Catholic Care has permission to erect NO More signage around Council ovals.**

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **4.1: Office of Township Leasing-(OTL)**

An email from the OTL dated 22 February 2023 was tabled. The email sought the Council’s comments in relation to current applications and whether those applications would progress in the next year or will be withdrawn.

The Council noted the schedule of applications but asked that Management review the list and provide a response to OTL.

##### **RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Cr Kurrupwu

**Seconded:** Cr Tipuamantumirri

That the schedule of current applications be reviewed by management and that the CEO provide a response to OTL.

**CARRIED.**

#### **5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

##### **5.1 Reinstatement of Councillor Tungutalum.**

The CEO tabled a report in relation to the reinstatement of Leslie Tungutalum as a member of the Council following his resignation to contest the Arafura By-Election.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Cr Kurrupwu

**Seconded:** Cr Tipuamantumirri

- A. That Council note that Councillor Leslie Tungutalum has been reinstated as a member of the Council and to the position of Deputy Mayor as from 22 March 2023.**
- B. That the appointment of Councillor De Santis as Deputy Mayor on 6 March 2023 be rescinded given that Councillor Tungutalum has been reinstated to that position in accordance with Section 55 of the Local Government Act 2019.**

**CARRIED.**

**5.2 Human Services report – February 2023**

Harsha Wijesinghe, Manager Organisational Development and Change presented his report for February 2023.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Cr Tipiloura

**Seconded:** Cr. Kurrupwu

That the Human Services report for February 2023 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**5.3 Community Engagement Report**

Bill Toy General Manager Community Engagement presented his report for February 2023.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Cr. Kurrupwu

**Seconded:** Cr Tipiloura

That the Community Engagement Report for February 2023 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

#### **5.4 Town Services Report**

Dave Ciosmak, Town Services Manager presented his report for February 2023.

During discussion on this report, members of the Council expressed their collective frustration at the lack of action taken to repair and maintain roads.

The CEO advised the Council that a roads program would be presented to the April meeting of the Council outlining available funds, the scope and nature of roadworks and a program showing where and when the works would take place,

A question was also asked in relation to what road construction equipment the Council owns. Mention was also made of a grader that was for sale.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Cr. Kurrupwu

**Seconded:** Ct Tipuamantumirri

That the Town Services Report for February 2023 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

#### **5.5 Infrastructure Report**

Peter Cole, Acting Infrastructure Manager, presented his report for the month of February 2023

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Cr Tipiloura

**Seconded:** Cr Tipuamantumirri

That the Infrastructure Report for February 2023 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

#### **5.6 Finance End of Month Report – February 2023**

Bala Donepudi, Chief Financial Officer presented the monthly financial report for February 2023.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

Unconfirmed Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 22 and 27 March 2023.

**Moved:**Cr Kurrupwu

**Seconded:** Cr Tipungwuti

That the Financial report for February 2023 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

### **5.7 Second Budget review 22/23**

Bala Donepudi, Chief Financial Officer presented a second budget review as at February 2023, for the 22/23 financial year.

During discussion the need for road funding and a works program for road works was identified as a priority.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Cr. Kurrupwu

**Seconded:** Cr Tipiloura

That the second budget review for 22/23 ne noted.

**CARRIED**

## **6. Reports for decision**

### **6.1 Council Higher Duties Policy**

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Mayor Pirrawayingi

**Seconded:** Cr Bourke.

That the policy regarding higher duties be endorsed and adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **6.2 Policy Review- Accounting Policy and Manual.**

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Cr Tipiloura

**Seconded:** Cr Tipuamantumirri

That the Accounting Policy and Manual as tabled and the meeting and as amended on the recommendation of the Auditor be endorsed and adopted.

**CARRIED.**

### **6.3 Council Drug and alcohol policy**

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Cr Tipuamantumirri

**Seconded:** Cr Kurrupwu

That the Drug and Alcohol Policy as presented be endorsed and adopted.

**CARRIED.**

## **7. Business arising from Local Authorities.**

The Council noted that the minutes of the Milikapiti LA meeting on 21 February and the Pirlangimpi LA meeting held on 21 March 2023 had not been circulated and would be included on the agenda for the April Ordinary meeting of the Council

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1 : Yirriwinarri Festival – 2023**

An email dated 6 March 2023 from Stefan Carrillo from Artbacknt, regarding the Yirriwinarri festival planned for Pirlangimpi from 30 April to 1 May 2023, was tabled. It was noted that the email was also discussed at the Pirlangimpi LA meeting on 21 March 2023

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Kurrupwu

**Seconded:** Cr Tipuamantumirri

A. That the Council support the Yirriwinarri Festival with free use of Unconfirmed Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 22 and 27 March 2023.



- Council facilities and other support in kind.  
B. That the Council develop an events calendar for the Tiwi Islands.

**CARRIED.**

**8.2 Animal control issues- dogs, pigs and buffaloes:**

The meeting noted that there was an increasing community health and safety problem with dogs, pigs and buffaloes in the three Communities.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved:** Cr Kurrupwu

**Seconded:** Cr Tipuamantumirri

That the Council develop an animal management plan to deal with stray and sick dogs, pigs and buffaloes.

**CARRIED.**

## **Adjournment at 2.15pm**

The meeting adjourned to enable confidential matters to be discussed in a closed session.

**Moved:** Cr Kurrupwu

**Seconded:** Cr. Tipuamantumirri

- A. That pursuant to Sections 93 and 293 of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (1),(a) and 51, (c),(iv) of the Local Government (General Regulations ) 2021, the meeting be closed to the public to enable confidential business to be considered.**
- B. That it be noted that the business related to the employment of a staff member and matters that might prejudice the Council.**

**CARRIED.**