



CONFIRMED MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON MONDAY 28TH APRIL 2025
COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM

Confirmed at General Meeting held 21 May 2025

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
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ATTENDANCE

Mayor Barry Hughes
Cr. Laurell Royes
Cr. Ian Tincknell
Cr. Seven Ryan
Cr. Ian Carroll (via Teams)

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services
Mrs. Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Karen Luck, Executive Assistant

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:29am and welcomed all in attendance.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to 254C of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that the meeting proceed as Councilors are agreeable to waiving the notice of the Meeting and Agenda being less than 2 days, as follows:

- Due to oversight by the CEO to provide notice and agenda items.
- All business to be considered including non-urgent matters.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.01
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DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Royes declared a prescribed conflict of interest in the closed agenda item being ESC 2024-024 Replacement of Security Fencing at Mount Surprise & Einasleigh Air Strips, as she is Secretary of the Einasleigh Race Club Inc which shares a common boundary fence with the Einasleigh Airstrip and my related party operates a contract fencing business.

Cr Ryan may have a perceived conflict in Agenda Item #1 due to a potential applicant being a relative.

RESOLUTION

Pursuant to section 150ER of *Local Government Act 2009*, Cr Ryan may participate and vote in agenda Item #1.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.02
4/0**

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Nil

BUSINESS ARISING

RESOLUTION

That Council immediately amend the Unconfirmed December Minutes as per the resolution in January to include the following amendments:

- Item #11 be recorded as procedural motion moved by Cr Royes and voted upon.
- Item #11 should be resolution 24.12.20.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.03
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

**1. Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management – NQ
Weather Events Feb & Mar 2025**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to Council's requirements to undertake damage assessments and project management resulting in the declared events being the North and Far North Tropical Low – commencing 29 January 2025 and the Western Queensland Surface Trough & Associated Rainfall & Flooding – commencing 21 March 2025.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to section 226 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, tenders be called for Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management to cover the North and Far North Tropical Low – commencing 29 January 2025 and the Western Queensland Surface Trough & Associated Rainfall & Flooding – commencing 21 March 2025.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

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Crs Royes, Ryan and Carroll requested their votes be recorded against the motion. Mayor Hughes requested to have his vote recorded as an affirmative vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:54pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:24 pm.

2. Third Quarter Budget Review 2024-2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council must have an annual budget as part of its suite of financial planning documents. Council's budget was adopted on 28th July 2024 and compiled with the requirements of section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

A review of Council's budget has been completed as of 31st March 2025. It is proposed that Council amend its budget to address any organisation change that has occurred since its adoption. Section 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* allows Council to amend its budget any time before the end of the financial year.

RESOLUTION

That Council, in accordance with section 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, amend its 2024-2025 budget, as recommended.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That consideration of the Third Quarter Budget Review 2024-2025 lay on the table pending further information.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.04
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3. ***Draft FY2025-2026 Operational Plan***

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is currently preparing the FY2025-2026 annual budget in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, including budget priorities from Councillors, Executive Management Team and the Corporate Plan Objectives (2025-2029). A draft FY2025-2026 Operational Plan has been developed based on community consultation undertaken in late 2024 for the Corporate Plan. The Operational Plan is the basis upon which the annual budget is formed for Council's operations for the 2025-2026 Financial Year.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the Draft FY2025-2026 Operational Plan and refer to the budget workshop.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.05
5/0

REQUEST FOR MOTION

Cr Royes sought permission from the chair to move a motion without notice as it pertains to item #1 on the agenda being consideration of tenders for damage assessments and project management resulting in the declared events being the North and Far North Tropical Low – commencing 29 January 2025 and the Western Queensland Surface Trough & Associated Rainfall & Flooding – commencing 21 March 2025.

Pursuant to Standing Orders, the Chair allowed the motion to be moved.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

That Council investigate an alternate DRFA Management structure pursuant to the strategic intent of Council's discussion on 26th February 2025.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.06
5/0

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Considering Council's alternative DRFA management strategic intent, tenders be called for Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management to cover the North and Far North Tropical Low – commencing 29 January 2025 and the Western Queensland Surface Trough & Associated Rainfall & Flooding – commencing 21 March 2025.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.07
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Royes declared a prescribed Conflict of Interest as she is the Secretary of the Einasleigh Race Club Inc which shares a common boundary fence with the Einasleigh Airstrip and my related party operates a contract fencing business.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Royes left the meeting at 3:13pm

RESOLUTION

That Council go into Closed Session at 3:14pm, pursuant to section 254J(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to discuss Tender ESC 2024-024: Replacement of Security Fencing at Mount Surprise & Einasleigh Air Strips.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.08
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RESOLUTION

Council resolved to come out of closed session at 3:40pm.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.09
4/0

4. *Tender ESC 2024-024: Replacement of Security Fencing at Mount Surprise & Einasleigh Air Strip*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the tender of the ESC 2024-024: Replacement of security fencing at Mount Surprise & Einasleigh Air Strips.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Steele Contracting Pty Ltd for Contract 2024-024- Replacement of security fencing at Mount Surprise for \$364,202.52 (ex-GST) in accordance with the contract provisions, schedule of rates and section 4C of Council's Procurement Policy relating to the development of competitive local business and industry.
2. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Steele Contracting Pty Ltd for Contract 2024-024- Replacement of security fencing at Einasleigh Air Strip for \$413,600.92 (ex-GST) in accordance with the contract provisions, schedule of rates and section 4C of Council's Procurement Policy relating to the development of competitive local business and industry.
3. Signs and seals the contracts in the form proposed; and
4. Resolves that this report, its attachments and all discussions in relation to this matter remain confidential, but the resolution be made public immediately.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.10
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ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:41 pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 3:52 pm.

5. *Third Quarter 2024-2025 Budget Review*

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That Council resolve to bring the previously presented matter being the Budget Review 2024/25, off the table.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.11
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RESOLUTION

That Council, in accordance with section 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, amend its 2024/2025 budget with the following recommendations:

WIP - March 2025 – 3rd Quarter Budget Review	
Forsyth & Mt Surprise – Learning	- 10,000.00
Forsyth – Seating, Signage & Fitness Equipment	25,000.00
LRCI Phase 4 – Recon & Seal Oak Park Road (Bagstowe Homestead)	- 79,698.00
Recon & Sealing – Oak Park Road Bridge to Intersection (ch 23.8km to 25.30km excl bridge)	
LRCI Phase 4 – Design and reseal for Hayman	- 42,100.00
Mt Surprise Remedial Street Drainage (LRCI Variation Req.)	60,000.00
Electronic Noticeboards (LRCI Variation Req.)	52,000.00
Washdown Bay Electrical Works (LRCI Variation Req.)	90,000.00
Washdown Bay Avdata System (LRCI Variation Req.)	4,800.00
Washdown Bay Pump & Water Tank (LRCI Variation Req.)	18,000.00

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.12
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6. Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management – NQ Weather Events Feb & Mar 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council considered its decision in agenda item #1 – Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management – NQ Weather Events Feb & Mar 2025, and sought to record its decision that was inconsistent with the recommendation.

RESOLUTION

Pursuant to 254H *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council record its decision for not following the recommendation in agenda item#1 in the report. The reason being that the recommendation was not aligned with the background information listed.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.13
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CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:24pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on 21st May 2025.