



**SOUTH BURNETT**

**REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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**Ordinary Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 14 February 2024**

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**MINUTES OF SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE WARREN TRUSS CHAMBER, 45 GLENDON STREET, KINGAROY  
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 9:00AM**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:**

Cr Gavin Jones (Acting Mayor), Cr Jane Erkens, Cr Danita Potter, Cr Kirstie Schumacher, Cr Kathy Duff, Cr Scott Henschen

**Council Officers:**

Mark Pitt (Chief Executive Officer), Susan Jarvis (General Manager Finance & Corporate), Aaron Meehan (General Manager Infrastructure), Leanne Petersen (Acting General Manager Liveability), Kerri Anderson (Manager Finance & Sustainability), Debra Moore (Manager Community & Lifestyle), Adam Branch (Acting Manager Water and Wastewater), Tiarna Hurt (Executive Assistant)

**1 OPENING**

Acting Mayor Jones opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

**2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES**

Acting Mayor Jones noted Mayor Otto's leave of absence.

**3 PRAYERS**

A representative of Murgon Church of Christ, Pastor Glen Vonhoff offered prayers for Council and for the conduct of the Council meeting.

**4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

Cr Duff acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting took place.

**5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nil

**6 DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS**

Nil

**7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**7.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2024**

**RESOLUTION 2024/273**

Moved: Cr Danita Potter

Seconded: Cr Jane Erkens

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 January 2024 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**8 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**9 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

**Attendance:**

At 9:12am, Acting Manager Water and Wastewater Adam Branch entered the meeting.

**9.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLUTION 2024/274**

Moved: Cr Scott Henschen

Seconded: Cr Jane Erkens

That the Business Outstanding table for the Ordinary Council Meeting be received for information.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**9.1.1 QUESTION ON NOTICE - PIGGERY ROAD UPGRADES**

QUESTION ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLOR DUFF:

IS THERE AN UPDATE ON WHEN UPGRADES TO MORGANS ROAD AND KRATZMANN'S ROAD WILL OCCUR AS THE ROADS ARE COMMONLY USED FOR THE PIGGERY?

**9.1.2 QUESTION ON NOTICE - MEETING WITH LINDA DOBE**

QUESTION ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLOR SCHUMACHER:

HAS THERE BEEN ANY PROGRESS ARRANGING A MEETING WITH ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURING AND WATER (DRDMW), LINDA DOBE?

**10 PORTFOLIO - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & STRATEGY, PEOPLE & CULTURE, COMMUNICATION & MEDIA, FINANCE & SUSTAINABILITY, ICT & BUSINESS SYSTEMS, COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY, 2032 OLYMPICS & PARALYMPICS**

**10.1 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALL FOR MOTIONS - 2024**

**RESOLUTION 2024/275**

Moved: Cr Kathy Duff

Seconded: Cr Scott Henschen

That South Burnett Regional Council resolves to submit the following resolutions to the National General Assembly of Local Government;

1. A bond is held from start of project with guaranteed finance in place to cover decommissioning and full project removal, disposal and rehabilitation of costs at end of life;
2. appropriate regulations are in place to protect threatened and endangered species;
3. large scale renewable projects are subject to full state government approval processes and be made impact-assessable not code-assessable;
4. an appropriate land access framework to protect the environment, cultural heritage and existing land users is established;
5. minimal impact upon existing rate payers is negotiated;
6. Australia's food security is protected by prohibiting large scale renewable projects on prime agricultural land; (See Paris Agreement Article 2 (1) (b))
7. all large scale renewable projects comply with the same regulations that apply to agriculture, mining and gas;
8. large scale renewable projects are added as a trigger to the EPBC Act;
9. a mandatory code of conduct is established to govern the renewable energy sector and renewable energy proponents' conduct with affected communities;
10. Local Council be notified prior to negotiations along with all interested parties of any renewable projects within their region;
11. National campaign for dedicated support for Local Government Councillors;
12. Funding to establish circle of economy in regional areas;
13. Housing support to address ageing infrastructure that is stifling residential development opportunities;
14. Assistance with urban water supply

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**10.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**RESOLUTION 2024/276**

Moved: Cr Jane Erkens  
 Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the monthly Financial Report including Capital Works and Works for Queensland (W4Q4) as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**ADJOURN MORNING TEA**

**RESOLUTION 2024/277**

Moved: Cr Gavin Jones  
 Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the meeting adjourn for morning tea.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**RESUME MEETING**

**RESOLUTION 2024/278**

Moved: Cr Gavin Jones  
 Seconded: Cr Scott Henschen

That the meeting resume at 10:40am

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**11 PORTFOLIO - INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING, WORKS (CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE), WATER & WASTEWATER, PLANT & FLEET**

Nil

**12 PORTFOLIO - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ARTS & HERITAGE AND LIBRARY SERVICES**

Nil

**13 PORTFOLIO - NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, RURAL SERVICES, AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION, COMPLIANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

**13.1 SYSTEMATIC INSPECTION PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION 2024/279**

Moved: Cr Scott Henschen  
 Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That Council approve a Systematic Inspection Program for properties within the South Burnett Regional Council’s jurisdiction in accordance with section 113 of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* to monitor compliance with the requirements of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, more specifically the requirement to register dogs.

The properties to be included in the Systematic Inspection Program are potentially all properties within the South Burnett area.

The Systematic Inspection Program will be conducted between the hours of 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday, commencing on Monday 4 March 2024 and concluding on Friday 31 May 2024.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**14 PORTFOLIO - DISASTER MANAGEMENT, WASTE AND RECYCLING MANAGEMENT**

Nil

**15 PORTFOLIO - RURAL RESILIENCE & DISASTER RECOVERY, PARKS & GARDENS, PROPERTY & FACILITY MANAGEMENT, FIRST NATIONS AFFAIRS**

Nil

**16 PORTFOLIO - TOURISM & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES, SPORT & RECREATION AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES**

Nil

**17 PORTFOLIO - REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, COMMUNITY & SOCIAL HOUSING**

Nil

**18 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Attendance:**

- At 11:12am, Manager Finance & Sustainability Kerri Anderson left the meeting.
- At 11:14am, Manager Finance & Sustainability Kerri Anderson returned to the meeting.
- At 11:20am, Acting Manager Water & Wastewater Adam Branch left the meeting.
- At 11:34am, Councillor Danita Potter left the meeting.



At 11:36am, Councillor Danita Potter returned to the meeting.

## 18.1 QUESTION ON NOTICE - INFRASTRUCTURE

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### RESOLUTION 2024/280

Moved: Cr Kathy Duff

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the response to the questions on notice be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

## 19 INFORMATION SECTION

Nil

## 20 CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

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### RESOLUTION 2024/281

Moved: Cr Scott Henschen

Seconded: Cr Kathy Duff

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

#### 20.1 Development of 1 Pound Street, Kingaroy

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - g of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

#### 20.2 Murgon Visitor Information Centre

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - g of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

#### 20.3 Proposal to write-off special rates charges on assessments 12927-29000-001, 12921-75000-001, 12905-16000-001

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - d of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

### Attendance:

At 12:02pm, General Manager Infrastructure Aaron Meehan left the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2024/282**

Moved: Cr Gavin Jones  
Seconded: Cr Scott Henschen

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

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**20.1 DEVELOPMENT OF 1 POUND STREET, KINGAROY**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/283**

Moved: Cr Scott Henschen  
Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That Council resolve to amend Resolution 2023/434 by inserting a requirement for Council to develop an expression of interest to divest of 1 Pound Street, Kingaroy Lot 13 on RP814986 as part of the tender process, prior to inviting written tenders for a proposed mixed-use development of commercial and/or residential use.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher and Scott Henschen

Against: Cr Kathy Duff

**CARRIED 5/1**

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**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Kathy Duff  
Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That Council resolve to amend Resolution 2023/434 by inserting a requirement for Council to develop an expression of interest to divest of 1 Pound Street, Kingaroy Lot 13 on RP814986 as part of the tender process, prior to inviting written tenders for a proposed mixed-use development of commercial and/or residential use or alternative community use.

In Favour: Crs Danita Potter and Kathy Duff

Against: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Kirstie Schumacher and Scott Henschen

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**20.2 MURGON VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/284**

Moved: Cr Kathy Duff  
Seconded: Cr Jane Erkens

That South Burnett Regional Council lift Murgon Visitor Information Centre from the table.

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In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**RESOLUTION 2024/285**

Moved: Cr Kathy Duff  
Seconded: Cr Jane Erkens

That South Burnett Regional Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate, finalise and execute an appropriate arrangement with Murgon Business and Development Association Inc. on terms and conditions that the Chief Executive Officer considers are reasonable to Council for the co-location to the Murgon Visitor Information Centre on a 12-month trial.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**20.3 PROPOSAL TO WRITE-OFF SPECIAL RATES CHARGES ON ASSESSMENTS 12927-29000-001, 12921-75000-001, 12905-16000-001**

**RESOLUTION 2024/286**

Moved: Cr Jane Erkens  
Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That Council receive the report for information.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 6/0**

**21 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Meeting closed at 12:44pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 6 March 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON