



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

15 May 2025

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON THURSDAY, 15 MAY 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr John Ferguson (Mayor), Cr Glyn Dare (Deputy Mayor), Cr Stewart Morton,
Cr Russell Ferguson, Cr Maurice Parker

IN ATTENDANCE: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer and Zoe Forge (Minute Taker)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9:02am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Bulloo Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting is being held, and pay respects to their elders, past and present.

3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Mr David Warriner

5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Pursuant to section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009, a councillor who has a material personal interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees
 - (a) must disclose the interest to the meeting; and
 - (b) must not be present at or take part in the meeting while the issue is being considered or voted on.
- A councillor who is barred from a meeting under subsection (1) must not be in the chamber where the meeting is being conducted, including any area set apart for the public.

Councillors	COI	Meeting Item
Nil		

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**6.1 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 7 MARCH 2025****RESOLUTION 2025/61**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Friday 7 March 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

6.2 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 20 MARCH 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/62**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 March 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

6.3 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 14 APRIL 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/63**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Monday 14 April 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

6.4 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 24 APRIL 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/64**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 24 April 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11 MAYORAL REPORTS**11.1 MAYORS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2025/65**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of March & April 2025.

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2025/66**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of March & April 2025.

CARRIED

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**14.1 MARCH 2025 FLOOD RECOVERY****RESOLUTION 2025/67**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

- a) receives and notes the contents of this report; and
- b) endorses the allocation of up to \$2,000,000 from Council Reserves to support the restoration and/or rebuilding of council buildings and public assets,
 - i. acknowledging that Queensland Reconstruction Authority Category C and D funding is not retrospective, and that Council must cover these costs while waiting for QRA funding to be approved; and
 - ii. recognising that external grants may not fully cover the restoration or rebuild costs.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Council adjourned for morning tea at 9:59am.

Council recommenced the meeting at 10:14am.

14.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-2025 PROGRESS REPORT - 31 MARCH 2025 (Q3)**RESOLUTION 2025/68**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the January – March 2025 quarterly report for the Operational Plan 2024-2025 in accordance with s174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED

14.3 INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION BY LOCAL CLUBS AT COUNCIL OWNED VENUES**RESOLUTION 2025/69**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council adopt the 'Infrastructure Installation by Local Clubs at Council-Owned Venues' policy, as presented

CARRIED

14.4 STUDENT BURSARY POLICY REVIEW**RESOLUTION 2025/70**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council adopt the amended Student Bursary Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

14.5 FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25 AMENDMENT - ANIMAL OFFENCE**RESOLUTION 2025/71**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council amend the Fees and Charges 2024/2025, as presented, in accordance with Chapter 4 Part 2 Sec 97 of the Local Government Act 2009.

Animal Offence Fees

Short Common Description of Offence	
Keeping of an animal without a current permit	322.60
Contravening the conditions of a permit	322.60
Failure to register an animal for which registration is required	322.60
Failure to wear registration tags	161.30
Use of land for pet shop, cattery, kennel without permit	806.50
Failure to comply with minimum standards for keeping of animals	806.50
Animals within a public place not under effective control	322.60
Bringing a dog on heat into a public place	322.60
Allowing a dog to defecate in a public place without removing the faeces in a sanitary way	322.60
Failure to keep a proper enclosure so as to prevent an animal's escape from land and wandering	322.60
Animal found wandering at large	322.60
Failure to comply with a notice regarding specific action required to prevent further breaches of Local Laws or to dispose of the animal	322.60
Encouraging, permitting or causing a dog to attack or worry another animal or person	1613.00
Failure to exercise effective control of the regulated dog in a public place —for a penalty of 10 penalty units	1613.00
Failure to comply with the conditions for regulated dogs imposed under Animal Management Act, schedule 1, sections 2, 2A, 3 and 5, and Animal Management Regulation sections 9, 9A, 11 and 12—for a penalty of 15 penalty units	2419.50
Non-compliance with conditions for sale of animals	322.60
Possession, manufacture or sale of identifying tags designed to be confused with the identifying tags required for animals within Bulloo Shire	322.60

Abandonment of animals	483.90
Penalty Units cost per unit	161.30
A penalty unit is the basis for determining the penalty value associated with offences under most state laws, local government laws and Penalty Infringement Notices (PINs) issued under these laws.	

CARRIED

Attendance

Tasha O'Shannessy, Acting Admin & Finance Manager and Leanne Smith, Accountant, entered the meeting at 10:30am.

14.6 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/72

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Administration & Finance Services Report for April 2025.

CARRIED

14.7 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/73

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 30th April 2025 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

CARRIED

14.8 RESIDENTIAL ACTIVATION FUND ROUND 1 APPLICATION

RESOLUTION 2025/74

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council endorse the submission of two applications under the Residential Activation Fund – Round 1 for

- i. replacement of Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP); and
- ii. the Thargomindah Trunk Infrastructure Project

*note in the applications that STP is the priority

CARRIED

14.9 T2024-2025-109 ICT MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT SERVICES

RESOLUTION 2025/75

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council

- a) award the ICT tender to Fourier Technologies for the next three years for a total contract value of \$295,018.92 (inc GST); and
- b) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract.

CARRIED

14.10 T2024-2025-208 FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS RESTORATION - WARRI GATE ROAD

RESOLUTION 2025/76

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council:

- a) Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd for the sum of \$3,972,288.58 ex GST to complete T2024-2025-208 Flood Damaged Roads – Warri Gate Road contract; and
- b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract in the form proposed.

CARRIED

14.11 T2024-2025-210 FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS RESTORATION - WOMPAH GATE ROAD AND TICKALARA ROAD

RESOLUTION 2025/77

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council:

- a) Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by SC & KG Bowen for the sum of \$2,164,540.55 ex GST to complete T2024-2025-210 Flood Damaged Roads – Wompah Gate Road & Tickalara Road contract; and
- b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract in the form proposed.

CARRIED

Attendance

Tasha O'Shannessy, Acting Admin & Finance Manager and Leanne Smith, Accountant, left the meeting at 11:05am.

Tamie Warner, Manager Community, Culture & Places, entered the meeting at 11:09am.

14.12 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/78**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Community, Culture & Places report for the month of April 2025.

CARRIED

Attendance

Tamie Warner, Manager Community, Culture & Places, left the meeting at 12:08am.

Adjournment

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:09pm.

Council recommenced the meeting at 12:33pm.

Attendance

Donna Hobbs, Manager Rural & Town Services, entered the meeting at 12:33pm.

14.13 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/79**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for March & April 2025.

CARRIED

Attendance

Donna Hobbs, Manager Rural & Town Services, left the meeting at 1:08pm.

14.14 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/80**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Operational Services Report for April 2025.

CARRIED

Attendance

Donna Hobbs, Manager Rural & Town Services, entered the meeting at 1:14pm.

15 LATE ITEMS

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 2025/81**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

CLOSURE OF MEETING**RECOMMENDATION**

That pursuant to Section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the meeting be closed to the public at 12:55pm to discuss the confidential matters listed below:

16.1 Thargomindah Town Common Boundary Fences and Future Operation

This matter is considered to be confidential pursuant to Section 254J(3)(1) (e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as it deals with legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

To be discussed:

Discuss legal advice in regards to Councils management of the Pastural Reserve.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2025/82

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 1:08pm.

CARRIED

16.1 THARGOMINDAH TOWN COMMON BOUNDARY FENCES AND FUTURE OPERATION

RESOLUTION 2025/83

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council investigate the cost of reinstating the existing fence and installing new fencing, to allow further consideration of the matter..

CARRIED

Donna Hobbs, Manager Rural & Town Services, left the meeting at 1:34pm.

FUNDRAISER AT KLEINS COFFEE BAR AND GRILL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the Mayor & Deputy Mayor to attend the Flood Relief Western Queensland Fundraiser at Kleins Coffee Bar and Grill.

17 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 19 June 2025.

18 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 1:40pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 June 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON