

Public Attendance At Council Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to attend all formal Council meetings.

All visitors that attend are bound by the *Goondiwindi Regional Council Standing Orders Policy*.

Are there any guidelines I have to follow?

Yes, during the meeting:

- Visitors must remain quiet at all times.
- Visitors are permitted silent use of their mobile phones for texting or emailing. However, they are not permitted to use phones for recording, photography, talking, or any other usage that generates noise.
- If requested by the Chairman of the Council, any person/s asked to leave must do so immediately.

Can I talk during a meeting?

Unfortunately, no.

If a person interrupts or obstructs the proper conduct of the meeting, the Chairperson of the meeting may ask the person to withdraw from the meeting place.

Generally, members of the public will only be permitted to speak at formal Council meetings with prior consent. Please put your request to speak at a Council meeting in writing to the CEO.

Is there anything else I need to know?

To deal with confidential agenda items, the Council may resolve to go into a closed session which requires all visitors to vacate the meeting room until the meeting is again opened. Council cannot make any decisions when a meeting is closed to the public and must reopen the meeting before doing so.