



# **Goondiwindi Regional Council**

## **Ordinary Meeting**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

Meeting held at the Inglewood Civic Centre  
Elizabeth Street, Inglewood QLD 4387

**Wednesday, 27 August 2025**

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**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM declared the meeting open at 9.01am.

**2. ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

Mayor: Hon. Cr LJ (Lawrence) Springborg AM

Councillors: Cr RJ (Rob) Mackenzie  
Cr PG (Phil) O'Shea  
Cr SK (Susie) Kelly  
Cr JA (Julia) Spicer OAM  
Cr JN (Jason) Watts  
Cr KR (Kym) Skinner

Council Officers: Chief Executive Officer, Mr Carl Manton  
Director of Corporate and Community Services, Mr Jason Quinnell  
Director of Engineering, Mr Dion Jones  
Legal Officer/Minutes Secretary, Mrs Krista Roberts

**3. OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. John Rolley from the Anglican Church Goondiwindi, delivered the Opening Prayer.

**4. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

**5. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**6. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**7. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES**

The Mayor extended condolences to the family of Mrs Adele Dowling. Mrs Dowling was a valued employee of the former Inglewood Shire Council and Goondiwindi Regional Council for a combined period of 44 years.

**8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****8.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 23 July 2025**

The unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 23 July 2025, were tabled for Council's confirmation and endorsement.

**RESOLUTION OM-093/25**

*Moved: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*Seconded: Cr JA Spicer*

*That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 23 July 2025, be confirmed and adopted.*

*Carried*

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nil

**10. REPORTS – EXECUTIVE OFFICE****10.1 EX-021/25 - Request For Council's Approval for Structures Within Council Easement**

Council has been contacted by Mr Graeme Scheu requesting permission to build a retaining wall, earthworks, steps and a partial fence on the easement at the back of his property on Lot 79 SP301363, 11 Billabong Drive, Goondiwindi. The retaining wall, earthworks, steps and a partial fence are proposed to be located within the easement, which is Council owned land.

**RESOLUTION OM-094/25**

*Moved: Cr PG O'Shea*

*Seconded: Cr KR Skinner*

*That Council resolves to approve the requested Authorised Works which will involve earthworks and the construction of a retaining wall, steps, a partial fence, on freehold land described as Lot 79 on SP301363, subject to the following conditions:*

- 1. That a design of the Authorised works be submitted to Council for approval prior to construction.*

*Carried*

**10.2 EX-022/25 - New Community Benefit Agreements for Queensland Renewables Projects**

The Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 commenced on 18 July 2025, making Social Impact Assessments and Community Benefit Agreements a pre-condition to lodging development applications for wind farms and solar farms over 1MW. The intent of the reforms is about ensuring renewable energy projects have social licence with affected communities before development approval is sought. Council is requested to consider delegating authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into Community Benefit Agreements with relevant proponents.

**RESOLUTION OM-095/25**

*Moved: Cr JN Watts*

*Seconded: Cr PG O'Shea*

*That Council resolves to delegate authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into Community Benefit Agreements (CBA) with relevant proponents in accordance with the requirements of the Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, which makes Social Impact Assessments and Community Benefit Agreements a pre-condition to lodging development applications for wind farms and solar farms over 1MW.*

*Carried*

**10.3 EX-023/25 – Enterprise Bargaining Agreement**

Negotiations for Goondiwindi Regional Council's Certified Enterprise Bargaining Agreements for both indoor and outdoor staff are being progressed.

**RESOLUTION OM-096/25**

*Moved: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*Seconded: Cr KR Skinner*

*That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise negotiations in consultation with the Mayor and enter into the Certified Enterprise Bargaining Agreements for both indoor and outdoor staff on behalf of Council.*

*Carried*

**10.4 General Business – Executive Officer**

Nil

**11. REPORTS – COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES****11.1 CCS-033/25 - Finance Report Ending 31 July 2025**

Finance Report CCS-033/25 for period ending 31 July 2025 is provided for Council's endorsement.

**RESOLUTION OM-097/25**

*Moved: Cr SK Kelly*

*Seconded: Cr PG O'Shea*

*That Council resolves to receive Finance Report CCS-033/25 for the period ending 31 July 2025 and accepts the budget amendments contained therein.*

*Carried*

**11.2 CCS-034/25 - Community Grants Program – Texas Arts Council Inc.**

Texas Arts Council Inc. have submitted a community grant application requesting financial support towards 'Bus Hire for Pub Choir'.

**RESOLUTION OM-098/25**

*Moved: Cr SK Kelly*

*Seconded: Cr PG O'Shea*

*That Council resolved to approve \$400.00 (excl. GST) to Texas Arts Council Inc. towards bus hire for the Pub Choir.*

*Carried*

**11.3 General Business - Community Services**

Nil

**12. REPORTS – DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES****12.1 ES-019/25 – Application to Install Grid on Thornton Road**

This report has been prepared to allow Council to consider an application for the installation of a grid on Thornton Road, in accordance with Council's Gates and Grids Policy.

**RESOLUTION OM-099/25**

*Moved: Cr JN Watts*

*Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*That Council approve an application for a grid on Thornton Road in accordance with Council's Gates and Grids Policy and at the expense of the applicant.*

*Carried*

## **12.2 ES-020/25 - COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - April 2024 Flood Restoration Works – Multiple Roadworks Packages**

Council has recently called tenders for four (4) separate roadworks packages from the April 2024 flood event. Due to the scope of the works, the results of the evaluations of each tender and the physical capability of tenderers to complete more than one package of the works this report is for Council to consider the tenders under one report rather than separately.

### **RESOLUTION OM-100/25**

*Moved: Cr JN Watts*

*Seconded: Cr SK Kelly*

*That Council resolves to accept the revised pricing from Everest Civil Pty Ltd RFT 2425-130 Flood Restoration Works – April 2024 Event – Road Work Talwood and RFT 2425-131 Flood Restoration Works – April 2024 Event – Road Work Toobeah as it was shown that the original submission included calculation errors.*

*Carried*

### **RESOLUTION OM-101/25**

*Moved: Cr JN Watts*

*Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*That Council resolves to accept the tender from S & L Girard Grader Hire for RFT 2425-130 Flood Restoration Works – April 2024 Event – Road Work Talwood for the amount of \$4,780,937.81 (incl. GST).*

*Carried*

### **RESOLUTION OM-102/25**

*Moved: Cr SK Kelly*

*Seconded: Cr KR Skinner*

*That Council resolves to accept the tender from WTC Group Aust Pty Ltd for RFT 2425-131 Flood Restoration Works – April 2024 Event – Road Work Toobeah for the amount of \$2,967,153.76 (incl. GST).*

*Carried*

### **RESOLUTION OM-103/25**

*Moved: Cr PG O'Shea*

*Seconded: Cr JA Spicer*

*That Council resolves to accept the tender from Everest Civil Pty Ltd for RFT2526-027 GRC Road Work – Yelarbon Area – Flood Restoration for the amount of \$5,037,124.31 (incl. GST).*

*Carried*

**RESOLUTION OM-104/25***Moved: Cr RJ Mackenzie**Seconded: Cr KR Skinner*

*That Council resolves to accept the tender from FGH Civil for RFT2526-028 GRC Road Work – Texas Area – Flood Restoration for the amount of \$3,726,228.79 (incl. GST).*

*Carried***RESOLUTION OM-105/25***Moved: Cr JN Watts**Seconded: Cr SK Kelly*

*That Council resolves to delegate all powers to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the contractual arrangements with the successful tenderers for RFT 2425-130, RFT 2425-131, RFT2526-027 and RFT2526-028 and also authorise any variations to those contracts on behalf of Council.*

*Carried***12.3 General Business – Department of Engineering Services**

Nil

**13. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Nil

**14. RECEPTION OF NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING**

Nil

**15. ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING**

Nil

**16. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**17. CONFIRMATION OF DATES AND TIMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was noted that the following meeting will be held: -

- Ordinary Meeting of Council, to be held on Wednesday 24 September 2025 commencing at 9.00am at the Council Chambers, 4 McLean Street, Goondiwindi QLD 4390.

**18. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.47am.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hon Cr LJ Springborg AM  
MAYOR

Date: \_\_\_\_\_