Goondiwindi Regional Council
Ordinary Meeting

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting held at the Goondiwindi Regional Council Chambers
4 McLean Street, Goondiwindi QLD 4390

Wednesday, 20 May 2026

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

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

Father Salvadore from the Catholic Church Goondiwindi, delivered the Opening Prayer.

4. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

5. APOLOGIES

Nil

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to report number EX015/26 – Inland Rail Update.

7. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

Nil

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

8.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 22 April 2026

The unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 22 April 2026, were tabled for Council's confirmation and endorsement.

RESOLUTION OM-049/26

Moved: Cr RJ Mackenzie *Seconded: Cr PG O'Shea*

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 22 April 2026, be confirmed and adopted.

Carried

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

10. REPORTS – EXECUTIVE OFFICE

10.1 EX-014/26 - Extension of Residential Housing Incentive to Rural Properties

Council is requested to consider whether the residential housing incentives will also apply to residential development outside of the town water and sewer network.

RESOLUTION OM-050/26

Moved: Cr LJ Springborg *Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

That Council resolves to update the waiving of water connection, plumbing and drainage, and building application fees for new residential dwellings to the following conditions:

i. The waiving of fees only applies where the Building Application is received between 1 July 2026, and 30 June 2027; and

ii. If applicable the water connection fee will only be waived where a Building Application is also received within the prescribed incentive timeline; and

iii. The incentive only applies to residential dwellings, including duplexes, units, granny flats and townhouses; and

iv. The incentive does not apply to short-term accommodation, or temporary dwellings.

Carried

Declaration of Interests:

The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Report 015/26 – Inland Rail Project on the basis that part of the Inland Rail project may affect a small area (.39ha) of land which he has a freehold interest in and a small portion of land which he has an interest in, being a forestry lease.

The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM has previously made similar declarations of interests after being made aware of proposed changes to the Inland Rail Route. The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM informed the meeting that he is one of many dozens of landholders affected by the proposed project. Discussions with Inland Rail are ongoing and he has recently been advised that Inland Rail is wishing to put forward a revocation application to the State Government for a very a small portion of his forestry lease. The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM informed the meeting that he was in the process of entering into a Deed of Surrender with the State of Queensland in relation to the resumption of a very small area of his forestry lease and he had also recently entered into a Land Access Agreement with Inland Rail/ARTC regarding access to his land, as landholders all along the rail corridor have similarly done so.

Although he noted a declarable conflict of interest, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM did not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias as a result of the circumstances regarding his interests (leasehold and freehold) in the land which is the subject of the proposed Inland Rail Route due to the size and nature of the proportion of land impacted. The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM did not believe that the circumstances would prevent him from acting in the public interest, given the widespread impact of the Inland Rail on the community in general and the importance of the advocacy role of elected members to represent the interests of the whole community. In light of the above circumstances, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM advised that his ability to act in the public interest and continue to advocate for the whole community was not compromised. The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM advised that he would accept the decision of the meeting on whether he could remain and participate in the decision.

The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM voluntarily left the meeting at 9.09am and the Deputy Mayor, Cr RJ Mackenzie, assumed the role of Chairman at 9.09am.

RESOLUTION OM-051/26

Moved: Cr PG O'Shea *Seconded: Cr SK Kelly*

That Council resolves that it is in the public interest that The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM:

1. remains in the meeting and participates and votes on Report EX 015/26– Inland Rail Project; and

2. continues to play an advocacy role on behalf of Council and the wider community in relation to the Inland Rail project as a whole;

based on the reasons provided in his Declaration of Interests, and that a reasonable person would trust that the final decision is made in the public interest.

Carried

Notation: all Councillors, with the exception of the Mayor, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM who had left the meeting, voted in favour of the motion.

The Mayor, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM returned to the meeting and resumed the role of Chairman at 9.11am.

10.2 EX-015/26 – Inland Rail Project

An update to Council on the Inland Rail Project was provided for endorsement.

RESOLUTION OM-052/26

Moved: Cr JA Spicer *Seconded: Cr JN Watts*

That Council:

1. *notes the report of the Chief Executive Officer providing an update on the Inland Rail Project;*
2. *endorses the need for ongoing collaboration between ARTC, Inland Rail Pty Ltd and Council; and*
3. *acknowledges that elected representatives of Council will continue to play an advocacy role on behalf of Council and the wider community in relation to the Inland Rail Project.*

Carried

Notation: all Councillors, voted in favour of the motion.

10.3 EX-016/16 – Change of Date – June Ordinary Meeting

The Ordinary Meeting of Council in June will require a change of date due to the fact that some Councillors will be attending the National General Assembly in Canberra 23-25 June 2026.

RESOLUTION OM-053/26

Moved: Cr KR Skinner *Seconded: Cr JN Watts*

That Council resolves to reschedule the Ordinary Meeting of Council in June 2026 to Wednesday, 17 June, commencing at 9.00am, to be followed by the Special Budget Meeting at 11.00am, to be held at the Council Chambers, 4 McLean Street, Goondiwindi, and that it be advertised accordingly.

Carried

10.4 General Business – Executive Officer

Nil

11. REPORTS – COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES

Attendance: Council's Finance Manager, Mr Bradley Pyle attended the meeting to present the Finance Report.

11.1 CCS-014/26 – Finance Report Ending 30 April 2026

The Finance Report CCS-0014/26 for the period ending 30 April 2026 is provided for Council's Endorsement.

RESOLUTION OM-054/26

Moved: Cr RJ Mackenzie *Seconded: Cr PG O'Shea*

That Council resolves to receive Finance Report CCS-0014/26 for the period ending 30 April 2026 and accepts the budget amendments contained therein.

Carried

11.2 CCS-015/26 - Financial Policies 2026/2027

Goondiwindi Regional Council (GRC) is required under legislation, the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012 to prepare Financial Policies for adoption in sufficient time to enable the preparation of a budget consistent with the policies. This report sets out the proposed Revenue Policy, Investment Policy and Debt Policy for the 2026/2027 financial year, for consideration by Council.

RESOLUTION OM-055/26

Moved: Cr PG O'Shea *Seconded: Cr KR Skinner*

*That Council adopts the **Revenue Policy 2026/2027**, identified as Policy Number GRC0012, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012.*

Carried

RESOLUTION OM-056/26

Moved: Cr SK Kelly *Seconded: Cr KR Skinner*

*That Council adopts the **Investment Policy 2026/2027**, identified as Policy Number GRC0041, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012.*

Carried

RESOLUTION OM-057/26

Moved: Cr PG O'Shea *Seconded: Cr JN Watts*

*That Council adopts the **Debt Policy 2026/2027**, identified as Policy Number GRC0021, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012.*

Carried

11.3 CCS-016/26 - Review of Water and Sewerage Service Areas

Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 affords Council the power to make and levy utility charges. Council is required to define the Water and Sewerage Service Areas for the local government area to support the application of the Utility Charges set out in the Revenue Statement.

RESOLUTION OM-058/26

Moved: Cr JA Spicer *Seconded: Cr JN Watts*

*That Council resolves to declare the **water supply service areas** for the towns of*

1. *Bungunya*
2. *Goondiwindi*
3. *Inglewood*
4. *Talwood*
5. *Texas*
6. *Toobeah*
7. *Yelarbon*

as per the maps tabled in report CCS-016/26. Such areas are to be effective from 01/07/2026 until amended by a subsequent resolution of Council.

Carried

RESOLUTION OM-059/26

Moved: Cr JA Spicer *Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*That Council resolves to declare the **sewerage service areas** for the towns of*

1. *Goondiwindi*
2. *Inglewood*
3. *Talwood*
4. *Texas*
5. *Yelarbon*

as per the maps tabled in report CCS-016/26. Such areas are to be effective from 01/07/2026 until amended by a subsequent resolution of Council.

Carried

11.4 CCS-017/26 - Procurement Policy 2026/2027

Council is required to prepare and adopt a Procurement Policy to establish the procurement principles that Council will apply to all of its procurement activities for the financial year 2026/2027.

RESOLUTION OM-060/26

Moved: Cr SK Kelly *Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*That Council resolves to adopt the **Procurement Policy 2026/2027** identified as Policy Number GRC0004, as tabled, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009.*

Carried

11.5 CCS-018/26 - Sale of Land – Arrears of Rates

Council has six (6) rateable property assessments that have been in arrears for three (3) years or more and subsequently, in accordance with Council Revenue Statement and the provision of the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012, was subject to the commencement of proceedings to recover outstanding rates and charges.

RESOLUTION OM-061/26

Moved: Cr SK Kelly *Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

That Council resolves to proceed with the sale of land for arrears of rates for those properties listed below, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Assessment Number	*Total Outstanding*	*Real Property Description*	*Parcel Address*	*Area*
20037-00000-000	*$4,640.96*	*Lot 517 CP D6752*	*Brosnan Street, Daymar*	*0.1012 ha*
20104-00000-000	*$17,801.30*	*Lots 9-10 CP T53913*	*55 Main Street, Talwood*	*0.2024 ha*
20108-00000-000	*$18,289.46*	*Lots 2, 11-13 CP T53913*	*64 Recreation Street, Talwood*	*0.4036 ha*
20140-00000-000	*$6,709.73*	*Lot 3 CP T53911*	*10 Rae Street, Talwood*	*0.1012 ha*
20141-10000-000	*$11,076.28*	*Lot 5 CP T53911*	*6 Rae Street, Talwood*	*0.1012 ha*
20419-50000-000	*$17,216.64*	*Lot 32 SP101420*	*60607 Leichhardt Highway, Goondiwindi*	*1.012 ha*

And that the Chief Executive Officer is delegated to set the reserve price and auction date.

Carried

11.6 CCS-019/26 - Goondiwindi Regional Council Cemeteries Plan 2026-2030

To shape the development, maintenance and services of cemeteries in the Goondiwindi region, the Goondiwindi Regional Council Cemeteries Plan 2026–2030 has been prepared for adoption.

RESOLUTION OM-062/26

Moved: Cr SK Kelly *Seconded: Cr KR Skinner*

That Council endorses the Goondiwindi Regional Council Cemeteries Plan 2026-2030, as tabled.
Carried

11.7 General Business – Corporate and Community Services

Nil

12. REPORTS – DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

12.1 ES-014/26 - Commercial in Confidence - Plant Committee Meeting 13 May 2026

The minutes of the Plant Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2026 are tabled for Council's consideration and endorsement.

RESOLUTION OM-063/26

Moved: Cr JN Watts *Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

That Council resolves to:

a) receive the minutes of the Plant Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2026 as tabled; and

b) Endorse the committee's recommendation that the best scoring tender from Hastings Deering be accepted for the supply and delivery of one (1) new 2026 CAT140-JOY3 Next Gen Grader for RFT 2526-08 for $533,500.00 incl. GST.

Carried

12.2 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 17 June 2026 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 9.52am.

Confirmed: ______________________ **Date:** ________________

Hon Cr LJ Springborg AM
MAYOR