



**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
18 SEPTEMBER 2014**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL  
COUNCIL HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL, 64 FITZROY STREET, WARWICK AT  
2.03PM**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Present: Crs Blundell (Chair), Bartley, Gow, Ingram, Mackenzie, McNally, Meiklejohn, and Rees.

Officers: David Tuxford (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Peter See (Director Engineering Services), Tim O'Brien (Acting Director Planning & Environment) and Marion Seymour (Minute Secretary)

**2. APOLOGIES**

**MOVED CR R BARTLEY**

**SECONDED CR J MACKENZIE**

THAT THE APOLOGY OF CR PENNISI BE RECEIVED AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE BE GRANTED.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Item Precis</b>	<b>Nature of Conflict</b>
4.2	BCS- Supplementary Rates Notices	Cr Meiklejohn declared a real conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> ) due to his joint ownership of his family home at 20 Condavale Drive, Warwick and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public and move 'into Committee' to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

**Meeting In Camera**

**Resolution**

**Moved Cr N Meiklejohn**

**Seconded Cr D Ingram**

The Meeting moved into closed session at 2.04pm.

**Carried**

## Meeting Out Of Camera

### Recommendation

THAT the meeting resume in open session at 2.21pm.

## 4.1 Recruitment Process for Chief Executive Officer's Position

### Resolution

**Moved Cr J Mackenzie**

**Seconded Cr D Ingram**

THAT Council source expressions of interest from recruitment firms for the recruitment of a Chief Executive Officer for Southern Downs Regional Council.

**Carried**

Cr Meiklejohn declared a real conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*) due to his joint ownership of his family home at 20 Condavale Drive, Warwick and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter. Cr Meiklejohn left the meeting at 2.24pm.

## Meeting In Camera

### Resolution

**Moved Cr N Meiklejohn**

**Seconded Cr D Ingram**

The Meeting moved into closed session at 2.24pm.

**Carried**

## Meeting Out Of Camera

### Recommendation

THAT the meeting resume in open session at 2.55pm.

## **4.2 BCS - Supplementary Rates Notices**

### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J Mackenzie**

**Seconded Cr R Bartley**

THAT Council

1. Grant a concession to those rate payers who are adversely affected by the supplementary rates, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the report, raised for the years 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 for those properties that received a new valuation from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNR&M); effective date being 14 August 2012 as the affected rate payers will suffer hardship within the scope of Section 120(1)(c) of the Local Government Regulations 2012 (Regulations).
2. Continue to lobby State Government to have Sections 111 and 115 of the Regulations changed so that they do not conflict with each other.
3. Prepare a policy for issuing future Supplementary General Rates.
4. Council write to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines raising Council's concerns with the issues caused by the time taken to issue those revaluations, and suggest that the Department's processes need to be reviewed to enable a prompt timeframe to be followed.

**Carried**

### **4.2.1 Clarification on Local Government Regulations 2012**

#### **Resolution**

**Moved Cr J Mackenzie**

**Seconded Cr R Bartley**

THAT Council make further written representations to the Minister of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience and the Local Government Association of Queensland Inc., including 2015 LGAQ Conference resolutions in relation to Sections 107, 111 and 115 of the Local Government Regulations 2012. In particular, Council seeks to clarify a limit of twelve (12) months on any changes to rates as a result of changes to Unimproved Capital Valuations (UCV).

**Carried**

### **MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.00pm