



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
1 JUNE 2015**

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 1 JUNE 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL, 61 MARSH STREET, STANTHORPE AT 1:00PM

1. ATTENDANCE

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

Officers: David Keenan (Chief Executive Officer), Peter See (Director Engineering Services), Ken Harris (Director Planning & Environment), David Tuxford (Director Business & Community Services), Cheree Noble (Minute Secretary)

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution

Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

Seconded Cr D Ingram

THAT the apology from Cr Vic Pennisi be received and that a leave of absence be granted.

Carried

2.1 ITEMS TABLED

The following items from Cr V Pennisi were tabled via email.

Hi Mr Mayor

I respect that this is your budget and I formally advise you that I will not be supporting what is being proposed in the special council (budget) meeting on Monday. The principals I will support are

1. A rate rise of no more than 3%
2. A return to ten% discount if annual notices are sent
3. I would possibly consider keeping the discount at 7.5% if sent twice per year.
4. A reduction in the plant and equipment budget
5. The only levies I would consider are those that are short term. I would not consider any of the levies proposed other than a bridge levy. I would consider a disaster levy at some stage.
6. A budget that focuses us on what our core business is and begins to reduce what is not
7. A budget that gives us parity.

Given that none of the options in place reflect my sentiment I reserve the right not to support any or all of the recommendations.

Mr Mayor I would like my sentiments tabled and recorded.

Regards

Vic Pennisi

COUNCILLOR

Southern Downs Regional Council

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item No	Item Precis	Nature of Conflict
4.1	BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Fees and Charges	<p>Cr Mackenzie declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>), may exist as he sells cattle at the Saleyards and the draft Fees and Charges include saleyard fees.</p> <p>Cr Mackenzie dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that his personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr Mackenzie participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.</p>
4.1	BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Fees and Charges	<p>Cr Bartley declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>), may exist as he sells cattle at the Saleyards, and the draft Fees and Charges include saleyard fees. Cr Bartley dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that his personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest.</p> <p>Cr Bartley participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.</p>
4.1	BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Fees and Charges	<p>Cr Mackenzie declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>), may exist as he has recently paid overtime fees to Council for a weekday funeral. Cr Mackenzie dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that his personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest, as the recommendation is that the weekday overtime fees be removed from the 2015/2016 Fees and Charges. Cr Mackenzie participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.</p>

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.

Recommendation

THAT the meeting be closed to the public and move into committee to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following, as indicated:

4.1 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Fees and Charges

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government budget.

4.2 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Capital Works Program

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government budget.

4.3 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Operating Budget

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government budget.

4.4 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Levies

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government budget.

Meeting In Camera

Resolution

Moved Cr D Ingram

Seconded Cr J McNally

THAT the meeting move into closed session.

Carried

The Meeting moved into closed session at 1.04 pm.

01:50 PM Cr R Bartley left the meeting.
01:51 PM Cr R Bartley rejoined the meeting.
02:00 PM Cr G Rees left the meeting.
02:02 PM Cr G Rees rejoined the meeting.
02:15 PM Cr N Meiklejohn left the meeting.
02:20 PM Cr N Meiklejohn rejoined the meeting.
02:52 PM Cr R Bartley left the meeting.
02:52 PM Cr J Mackenzie left the meeting.
02:56 PM Cr J Mackenzie rejoined the meeting.
02:56 PM Cr R Bartley rejoined the meeting.
03:08 PM Cr N Meiklejohn left the meeting.
03:08 PM Cr N Meiklejohn rejoined the meeting.
03:17 PM Cr C Gow left the meeting.
03:22 PM Cr C Gow rejoined the meeting.

Meeting Out Of Camera

Resolved

THAT the meeting resume in open session.

Carried

The meeting resumed in open session at 4.03 pm.

Cr J Mackenzie declared that a perceived conflict of interest in relation to Item 4.1 BCS - DRAFT 2015/2016 Fees and Charges, (as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009), may exist as he sells cattle at the Warwick Saleyards and the draft Fees and Charges include saleyard fees. Cr J Mackenzie dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was his determination that his personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to him making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr J Mackenzie participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.

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ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTE ITEMS
for the
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

1 JUNE 2015

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