



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday, 11 December 2025**

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
ON THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2025 AT 8:00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Cathy White (Mayor), Cr Tina Elliott (Deputy Mayor), Cr Frank Standfast, Cr Jacob Mutton, Cr Adrian Lenton, Cr Julie Dorries.

IN ATTENDANCE: Louise Knol (Chief Executive Officer), Shannon Van Bael (Executive Manager Community Services), Ryan Francis (Director of Works), Kirby Reents (Minutes Secretary), Harish Nair (Executive Manager Finance), Linda Gingborn (Executive Manager Corporate Services).

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND SERVICES

The Mayor recited the Acknowledgement of Country and Services and Gorden

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor invited Councillors to declare any relevant "Interest" to respective items.

4 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2025/191

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 November 2025 and the Special Council Meeting held on 20 November 2025 be confirmed.

- With amendment – Mayor's Business.

CARRIED 6-0

5 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6 MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date	Subject	Attendees
20/11/2025	Council meeting	Mayor, Councillors, SLT
20/11/2025	WMC board meeting/AGM	Councillors, Board members
21/11/2025	Event - Celebration of 2025:	Mayor

	Our Outback Stories - OIL Celebration of 2025 - Qantas Founders Museum from 7pm	
24/11/2025	Telstra in Winton / Group Exec. Networks and Global Technology / 4 November	Michael Dwan; Mayor and CEO
24/11/2025	Beautification and Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting	Advisory Committee Meeting Councillors
25/11/2025	Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Committee	Advisory Committee Meeting Councillors
26/11/2025	Event - Old is Beautiful Winton Exhibition	Community Event
26/11/2025	Community Facilities Users Advisory Committee	Advisory Committee Meeting Councillors
27/11/2025	Event - WORK CAMP BBQ	Mayor and councillors
27/11/2025	Wild Dog and Pest Management Advisory Committee	Advisory Committee Meeting Councillors
27/11/2025	Rural Lands and Agriculture Advisory	Advisory Committee Meeting Councillors
27/11/2025	Longreach DDMG Meeting	Mayor and CEO
28/11/2025	LDMG Meeting Followed - Exercise Training	Committee Members
01/12/2025 -	RAPAD AICD Course Brisbane	Mayor and CEO
01/12/2025	Meeting with Minister Andrew Powell MP	Sean Dillion; Minister Last, Minister Powell, Mayor, CEO, Longreach Mayor, Barcoo Mayor
02/12/2025 – 3/12/2025	RAPAD Board meeting F2F Brisbane	Mayors and CEO's
03/12/2025	Annual General Meeting: Parliament House Brisbane"	Mayors and CEO's
03/12/2025	Sally Anne Atkinson	Mayor and CEO
05/12/2025	Workshop Councillors	Councillors and Senior Leadership Team
05/12/2025	Event - Christmas Street Party and Lighting of the Tree	Community Event
05/12/2025	Event - Winton 150 Book Launch	Mayor, councillors, CEO and staff Community members
08/12/2025	Griffith Uni- Meeting	Chris Carter; Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO
08/12/2025	Event - Sip and paint	Event – Outback Futures Community

10/12/2025	Desert Champions Way - Council Stakeholder Meeting	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO
10/12/2025	Child Safe Organisation Laws	Community Information Sessions
11/12/2025	Monthly Council Meeting	Mayor, Councillors, SLT

MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/192

Moved: Cr Cathy White

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

That the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

7 MAYOR'S BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT NOTICE

NIL

8 QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

8.1 RURAL PROPERTY SIGNAGE PROJECT

RESOLUTION 2025/193

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Julie Dorries

Cr Tina Elliott

1. Can Council please be advised on the progress of the Rural Property Signage Project that has been a Council Project for many years prior to the commencement in the 2022 FY.

DOW Response - The rural signage dataset is currently being rationalised with appropriate tolerance allowances to address existing discrepancies. The majority of implementation is scheduled for delivery in Q3, with full completion anticipated early in Q4.

CARRIED 6-0

8.2 BOUNDARY FENCE 101 CORK STREET

RESOLUTION 2025/194

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Frank Standfast

Cr Tina Elliott

2. Can Council be advised if there is a timeline to engage with the owners of 101 Cork Street to address the issue of the boundary fence.

DOW Response - The deed was executed yesterday, transferring to the incoming resident. The Works Department will liaise with the outgoing resident regarding the required repairs and the agreed joint contribution toward those repairs.

CARRIED 6-0

9 QUESTIONS (WITHOUT DEBATE) FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN

From November Meeting

9.1 150 BOOK LAUNCH

RESOLUTION 2025/195

Moved: Cr Julie Dorries

Seconded: Cr Frank Standfast

Cr Julie Dorries

1. Can council please be advised on the budgeted amount for the proposed book launch as our 150-celebration budget has been exhausted.

04 Dec 2025 12:15pm Reents, Kirby - Completion

Completed by Reents, Kirby on behalf of Knol, Louise (action officer) on 04 December 2025 at 12:15:51 PM –

CEO - Response: The Winton 150 book launch is a low key event focused on celebrating community members highlighted in the book. The cost to council is primarily officer time in arranging the event plus catering for a light afternoon tea which will be drawn from the 2025-26 Operational Budget.

CARRIED 6-0

9.2 YOUTH CENTRE

RESOLUTION 2025/196

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Frank Standfast

Cr Tina Elliott

Can Council be advised what works are required or are planned for completion of works at the back of the Youth Centre

08 Dec 2025 10:22am Francis, Ryan - Completion

Completed by Francis, Ryan (action officer) on 08 December 2025 at 10:22:50 AM –

The Youth Centre project is now complete, and no further works are planned at the rear of the site other than minor landscaping improvements.

CARRIED 6-0

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

12 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

Nil

13 DECISIONAL REPORTS

13.1 FIRST BUDGET REVIEW 2025-26

SUMMARY

Section 170 (3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* states that the local government may, by resolution, amend the budget for the financial year at any time before the end of the financial year.

RESOLUTION 2025/197

Moved: Cr Adrian Lenton

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That the report be received

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025/198

Moved: Cr Adrian Lenton

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

1. Council adopts the First Budget Review 2025-26 as presented
2. Council adopts the revised Financial Statements 2025-26 to 2027-28
3. Council adopts the revised Long Term Financial Statements 2025-35
4. Council adopts the revised Long Term Sustainability Ratios
5. Council adopts the revised Capital Expenditure 2025-26
6. Council adopts the revised Fees and Charges Schedule 2025-26

CARRIED 6-0

13.2 COMMUNITY GRANTS REQUEST

SUMMARY

Council is committed to supporting not-for-profit community organisations that support the needs and liveability of the Winton community. This report asks Council to consider supporting the 2026 Outback Writer's Festival through the Community Grants Program.

RESOLUTION 2025/199

Moved: Cr Jacob Mutton

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

That the report be received

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025/200

Moved: Cr Adrian Lenton

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

2. That Council approve a monetary donation of \$275.00 to the Outback Writers Festival for the hire, delivery and collection of 100 white chairs for the delivery of the Opening Night of the Outback Writers Festival, and a monetary donation of \$981 under the Community Projects & Initiatives Program Stream.

CARRIED 6-0

13.3 RAY HERMANN STATUE - INSTALLATION COSTS

SUMMARY

The Ray Hermann Statue Project has been delivered as a joint initiative between Winton Shire Council and the Diamantina Rodeo & Campdraft Association (DRCA), supported by combined financial and in-kind contributions. As at 31 July 2025, Council has contributed \$90,000 and DRCA \$58,820.12, alongside further in-kind support from both organisations. The statue was unveiled on 23 September 2025, with installation costs amounting to \$8,062.88. It is proposed that Council absorb these installation costs, recognising them as part of Council's total commitment to the project.

DECLARED INTEREST

I Cr Julie Dorries inform this meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in *section 150EN of the Local Government Act 2009*). The nature of my interest is as follows: Husband is Vic President."

I propose to leave and stay away from the place where the meeting is being held while this matter is discussed. Council confirmed that Cr Dorries remain in the meeting while the matter is considered, take no part in debate, and must not vote on any motion relating to this item

RESOLUTION 2025/201

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That the report be received

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025/202

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

2. That Council absorb the installation cost of \$8,062.88 for the Ray Hermann Statue Project as part of Council's overall financial contribution to the project in the 2025-2026 Operational Budget.

CARRIED 4-1

13.4 DONATION OF BANJO PATERSON STATUE FROM ALF AND SHARON CANTRELL**SUMMARY**

Winton Shire Council has been approached by Alf and Sharon Cantrell, formerly of the *Banjo Paterson More Than a Poet Museum* in Yeoval, New South Wales, regarding the donation of a statue of Banjo Paterson in World War I uniform for installation at the Waltzing Matilda Centre. With the permanent closure of the museum, the initial offer was made to members of the Waltzing Matilda Centre Ltd Board, who have subsequently referred the matter to Council for consideration.

It is proposed that the statue be installed in the vicinity of the outdoor Walkway of Honour at the Waltzing Matilda Centre. The project is intended to be funded through the Waltzing Matilda Centre Ltd Board, and subject to Council's support, the proposal will be referred back to the Board for formal ratification.

RECEIVE REPORT

Moved: Cr Adrian Lenton

Seconded: Cr Frank Standfast

That the report be received

RESOLUTION 2025/203

Moved: Cr Adrian Lenton

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

2. That Council accept in principle the offer from Alf and Sharon Cantrell for the donation of the Banjo Paterson statue in World War I uniform and approve the progression of this project as follows:
 - a) endorse the proposed location of the statue within the outdoor Walkway of Honour precinct (open grassed area) at the Waltzing Matilda Centre;
 - b) support the project being funded through the Waltzing Matilda Centre Ltd Board;
 - c) refer the matter to the Waltzing Matilda Centre Ltd Board for formal ratification and progression of installation and associated project arrangements;
 - d) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and execute an acquisition agreement and attend to all necessary legal, ownership and transfer requirements associated with the donation and to arrange appropriate transport of the statue; and
 - e) formally acknowledge and thank Alf and Sharon Cantrell for the generous donation and contribution to preserving the legacy of Banjo Paterson in Winton.

CARRIED 6-0

13.5 LOCATION OF THE WINTON MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY SHED**SUMMARY**

The North Queensland Recovery and Resilience Package (NQRRP) helps local communities recover from, and prepare for, future floods. It supports those affected by the 2019 Monsoon Trough and the 2023 monsoon and flooding events. Winton Shire Council received \$4,547,380 through the NQRRP with the Winton Multi-purpose Community Shed for \$750,000 being one of the approved projects.

With this project planned for commencement, Council is asked to confirm the location for the Community Shed.

RESOLUTION 2025/204

Moved: Cr Frank Standfast

Seconded: Cr Julie Dorries

That the report be received

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025/205

Moved: Cr Frank Standfast

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

- 2) That the Multi-purpose Community Shed, funded through the North Queensland Recovery and Resilience Package, be located adjacent to the Creative Arts Building at 88-90 Vindex Street Winton in the area as indicated in this report, noting the total contribution from Winton Shire Council for this project is the funded amount of \$750,000.00.

CARRIED 6-0

13.6 LGAQ SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 17 DECEMBER 2025 - STATE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO S155 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009

SUMMARY

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) has issued formal notification of a Special General Meeting to be conducted by postal vote, closing 5.00pm 17 December 2025. The purpose of the vote is to seek the views of member councils in response to proposed amendments to section 155 of the *Local Government Act 2009* under the *Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025*.

The proposed amendment would require Mayors and Councillors to automatically vacate their position upon nomination as a candidate for Queensland State Parliament. This represents a departure from the current arrangement, under which office is only vacated if the candidate is successfully elected.

The LGAQ motion proposes to maintain its longstanding member policy position (held since 2012) that Councillors should be able to nominate for State Parliament without resignation. A vote **FOR** supports maintaining this position; a vote **AGAINST** supports the proposed legislative change.

Given the implications for local representation, continuity and democratic participation, this report proposes that Winton Shire Council vote **FOR** the motion.

RESOLUTION 2025/206

Moved: Cr Adrian Lenton

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

That the report be received

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025/207

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

2. **Vote FOR the LGAQ motion** to maintain the existing policy position that Councillors should not be required to vacate office when nominating for Queensland State Parliament, as currently provided under *section 155 of the Local Government Act 2009*, and in response to the proposed amendments under the *Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025*; and
 - a) Authorise the Mayor/CEO to complete and sign the postal voting paper accordingly; and
 - b) Authorise the CEO to return the voting paper to the LGAQ Returning Officer prior to 5.00pm on 17 December 2025.

CARRIED 6-0

13.7 SALE OF LAND BY TENDER - L1/SP335296, 21-25 OONDOOROO STREET WINTON**SUMMARY**

At the November 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council it was resolved to proceed with the sale of the land being L1/SP335296 by Expression of Interest, Resolution Number 2025/161. The *Local Government Regulation 2012 s227* requires that the sale of land will be a disposal of a valuable non-current asset which requires that Council disposes of the land either by way of tender or auction unless a specific exception applies under s236.

Council is not required to pass a resolution to go proceed to tender for the sale of land, however, in the interests of transparency and with Resolution Number 2025/161 providing for the sale by expression of interest this report is presented to council to proceed with a resolution for sale by tender.

RESOLUTION 2025/208

Moved: Cr Jacob Mutton

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

That the report be received

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025/209

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Julie Dorries

2. That Council, subsequent to Resolution Number 2025/161 at the November 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council, proceed with the sale of land by tender being Lot 1/SP335296 21-25 Oondooroo Street Winton.

CARRIED 6-0

13.8 WSQ 2526-09 DRAINAGE WORKS- VARIOUS LOCATIONS (SHIRE WIDE PACKAGE)**SUMMARY**

Council received a single quotation submission for construction of various drainage works under WSCQ 2626-09. This project is funded through the QRA. The sole submission for this tender was submitted by Flat as Concrete, with a total value of \$220,000.00 (excluding GST)

RESOLUTION 2025/210

Moved: Cr Frank Standfast

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That the report be received

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025/211

Moved: Cr Frank Standfast

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

2. That Council awards the quotation WSCQ 2526-09 Drainage Works – Various Locations (Shire Wide Package) to Flat as Concrete Pty Ltd, Restoration of Essential Public Assets (REPA), for the sum of \$220,000.00 (excluding GST); and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and enter into a contract with Flat as Concrete Pty Ltd in the form issued with the request for quotation (as amended by agreement between the parties).

CARRIED 6-0

14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

14.1 MINUTES OF THE TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/212

Moved: Cr Jacob Mutton

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

1. That the Minutes of the Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2025 be received.

CARRIED 6-0

14.2 MINUTES OF THE BEAUTIFICATION AND CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2025

Departure: Cr J Dorries departed the chamber at 9:11am.

Attendance: Cr J Dorries returned to the chamber at 9:12am.

RESOLUTION 2025/213

Moved: Cr Jacob Mutton

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

1. That the Minutes of the Beautification and Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting held on 24 November 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Committee Recommendation -

- That Council consider duplicating existing shade structures and columbarium in the new lawn cemetery in collaboration with the community for comfort during funerals.

CARRIED 6-0

14.3 MINUTES OF THE WILD DOG AND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/214

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Julie Dorries

1. That the Minutes of the Wild Dog and Pest Management Advisory Committee Meeting held

on 27 November 2025 be received and the recommendation therein be adopted.

Committee Recommendation –

- That Council send a letter of thanks to Errol Entriiken for his contributions to the Wild Dog Committee.

CARRIED 6-0

14.4 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES USERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/215

Moved: Cr Adrian Lenton

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

1. That the Minutes of the Community Facilities Users Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2025 be received the recommendation be considered.

CARRIED 6-0

14.5 MINUTES OF THE RURAL LANDS AND AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/216

Moved: Cr Julie Dorries

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

1. That the Minutes of the Rural Lands and Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting held on 27 November 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Committee Recommendation:

- That Council conduct further investigation into the the Middleton Airstrip, including its registration status with the RFDS and potential for emergency use.
- That Council consider the current horse common for alternate uses e.g. cattle.

CARRIED 6-0

14.6 MINUTES OF THE LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/217

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

1. That the Minutes of the Local Disaster Management Group Meeting held on 28 November 2025 be received.

CARRIED 6-0

2.

Adjournment: Council adjourned for morning tea at 9:50am and returned at 11.04am with all in attendance.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

Departure: Cr CW White departed the chamber at 11:27am.

Attendance: Cr CW White returned to the chamber at 11:27am.

15.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2025/218

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That the Correspondence be received and noted.

CARRIED 6-0

16 LATE CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

17 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

17.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Chief Executive Officer's Report provides an overview of the operations of the Office of the Chief Executive during the current reporting period.

RESOLUTION 2025/219

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Julie Dorries

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received and noted.

CARRIED 6-0

17.2 FINANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/220

Moved: Cr Julie Dorries

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That the Finance monthly reports for November 2025 be received.

CARRIED 6-0

17.3 EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/221**

Moved: Cr Frank Standfast

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

That the Executive Manager of Community Services report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

17.4 DIRECTOR OF WORKS

The report reflects the operations of the Department of Works during the reporting period.

RESOLUTION 2025/222

Moved: Cr Frank Standfast

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That the Director of Works report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

17.5 EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES**RESOLUTION 2025/223**

Moved: Cr Frank Standfast

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

That the Executive Manager Corporate Services report for the Corporate Services department's operations be received and noted.

CARRIED 6-0

18 CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

Nil

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Meeting 15 January 2026

The Meeting closed at 11:51am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 January 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON