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Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 17 September 2026

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**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
HELD AT THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
ON THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 8:02 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Cathy White (Mayor), Cr Tina Elliott (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jacob Mutton, Cr Adrian Lenton, Cr Julie Dorries, Cr Nathan Brotherton

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Church (Interim Chief Executive Officer), Shannon Van Bael (Executive Manager Community Services), Linda Gingborn (Executive Manager Corporate Services), Sean Askew (Acting Director Works), Caitlyn Elliott (Finance Officer), Kerry Patch (Minutes Secretary),

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONDOLENCES

Council paid respects to the family and friends of the late Neville Potter, Murray Tranby-White, Gary Oldfield and Robert Cupitt.

3 DECLARATION OF PERSCRIBED AND DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Mayor invited Councillors to declare any relevant Conflicts of Interest in respective agenda items.

Cr Elliott - Item 19.4 - Rate Remission - Assessment Number 00065-00000-000

Cr Elliott informed the meeting that she has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in Item 19.4, "Rate Remission - Assessment Number 00065-00000-000", in accordance with Section 150EQ of the Local Government Act. The nature of the Councillors interest is that a related party has applied for a general rates remission for property in Winton for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 financial years, in accordance with Councils Rates Concession Policy (WSC-FIN-POL-008 Version 10). Councillor Elliot advised the meeting that she will remove herself from the meeting room and not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

4 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION 2026/297

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 August 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 6-0

5 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cr Elliott referred to a question raised at a previous meeting as to when the Economic Development Strategy would be brought to a Council workshop. It was noted that the Economic Development Strategy had only recently been adopted by Council and was not due for review at this stage. Cr Elliott clarified that her request relates to discussing the implementation of the Strategy. It was agreed that it would be scheduled for an upcoming Workshop.

Cr Elliott referred to her Question Without Notice from the August 2026 meeting. This was discussed by Council with reference to the dollar amount that has been substantiated.

6 MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Start Date	Subject	Required Attendees
24/08/2026	Operation Opal - Pitch for 2032 Olympics – Jess – (Dominique Lamb) (representative)	Mayor, CEO, Deputy Mayor, QBOA president, Geoff McDonald
25/08/2026	RAPAD F2F Meeting Brisbane - Royal on the Park 152 Alice Street Brisbane	Mayor, CEO, Deputy Mayor
26/08/2026	INVITATION WQAC ASSEMBLY 2026 BRISBANE 25-27 AUGUST 2026	Mayor, CEO, Deputy Mayor
25/08/2026	RAPADWSA Strategic Group Quarterly Meeting	Mayor, CEO, Deputy Mayor
25/08/2026	ORRTG Strategic Group Quarterly Meeting	Mayor, CEO, Deputy Mayor
25/08/2026	Minister Last – land matters	Mayor, CEO & Deputy Mayor
26/08/2026	CUC RAPAD CWQ Board Meeting	Mayor
27/08/2026	Minister Mander-Opal pitch for the 2032 Olympics	Mayor, CEO & Deputy Mayor, QBOA president, Geoff McDonald
27/08/2026	OQTA Special General Meeting	Mayor
31/08/2026	OQTA Board Meeting	Mayor
1/09/2026	Mayor/Deputy/CEO Catchup	Mayor, CEO & Deputy Mayor
2/09/2026	QPWS RAPAD - Weona	Mayor, Deputy Mayor & Economic Development Officer, QPSW
4/09/2026	WORKSHOP	Mayor CEO, Councillors and Senior Leadership Team (SLT)
7/09/2026	Small Town Reinvention Longreach	Mayor, Economic Development Officer
8/09/2026	RAPAD skilling discussion	Mayor & CEO
9/09/2026	WORK CAMP Correctional Facilities Committee Meeting	Mayor, CEO, Deputy Mayor, Cr Brotherton, Cr Lenton

9/09/2026	Mental Health Awareness Breakfast/Black Dog Ride	Mayor
9/09/2026	Small Town Conference - Winton	Mayor, CEO, WMC Staff, Economic Development Officer, WHS president- Robyn Stephens
10/09/2026	Wild Dog and Pest Management Advisory Committee	Mayor, CEO, Deputy Mayor, Cr Dorries
10/09/2026	Rural Lands and Agriculture Advisory	Mayor, CEO & Deputy Mayor, Cr Dorries, Cr Lenton
10/09/2026	RADF Meeting	Mayor, CEO, Deputy Mayor, Cr Lenton
11/09/2026	Saleyards discussion	Mayor, CEO, Deputy Mayor
13/09/2026	QBOA- Monthly meeting - Opalton	Mayor, Deputy Mayor
14/09/2026	Mayor/Deputy/CEO Catchup	Mayor, CEO, Deputy Mayor
14/09/2026	QPS - Operation Outreach	Mayor, CEO
16/09/2026	Official Opening of 2026 Winton Junior Bush Poetry Competition	Mayor
17/09/2026	Council Meeting	Mayor CEO, Councillors and Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

MAYORS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/298

Moved: Cr Cathy White

Seconded: Cr Nathan Brotherton

That the Mayors report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

7 MAYOR'S BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

8 QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

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

AUGUST MEETING

9.1 REVIEW OF DISASTER RELATED AND FIRE/FLOOD/STORM EMERGENCY EXPENSES**RESOLUTION 2026/299**

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Julie Dorries

Cr Tina Elliott asked how the review of disaster-related and the fire/flood/storm emergency expenses is proceeding as per her Question Without Notice at the July Ordinary Meeting?

Answer - The 2025/26 flood events claim for Counter Disaster Operations (CDO) has almost been completed and will be lodged within the next 2 weeks. At this stage approximately \$124,000 has been substantiated and agreed to by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority. It was originally thought that up to \$190,000 may be claimable however this cannot be fully substantiated.

CARRIED 6-0

SEPTEMBER MEETING**9.2 CAVEATS ON THE HOSPITAL ESTATE BLOCK OF LAND**

Cr Tina Elliott asked whether Council will be following up on the caveats that were placed on the sales of land known as "The Hospital Estate", regarding the commencement of building on all land within the agreed time frame.

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

12 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

Nil

13 DECISION REPORTS**14.1 ART ACQUISITION OUTBACK REGIONAL GALLERY****SUMMARY**

This report requests Council to consider acquisitions for the Outback Regional Gallery from the current exhibition "The Song from the Bush" by artist Katie Jones.

RESOLUTION 2026/300

Moved: Cr Julie Dorries

Seconded: Cr Nathan Brotherton

That the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2026/301

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That Council endorse acquiring the artwork "Bull Dust Jockeys", valued at \$1,500, from the exhibition "The Song from the Bush" by artist Katie Jones.

CARRIED 6-0

14.2 WINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2030**SUMMARY**

The **Winton Public Library Strategic Plan 2026–2030** provides a four-year direction for the continued development and delivery of library services across the Winton Shire.

The Plan recognises the Library as more than a traditional lending service, with an important role in lifelong learning, digital inclusion, early childhood development, community connection and the preservation of Winton's local and family history.

The Plan establishes clear goals, strategies and measurable outcomes to guide future library programs, collections, facilities, technology and partnerships.

RESOLUTION 2026/302

Moved: Cr Jacob Mutton

Seconded: Cr Julie Dorries

That the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2026/303

Moved: Cr Nathan Brotherton

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

1. THAT Council adopt the Winton Shire Council Library Strategic Plan 2026-2030.

CARRIED 6-0

14.3 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the proposed shutdown arrangements for Council operations over the 2026/2027 Christmas and New Year period.

Each year, Council reviews operational requirements for the Christmas and New Year period to allow forward planning. This process ensures essential services are maintained while providing staff with a break during a traditionally quiet time, maximising efficiency and reducing operational costs.

RESOLUTION 2026/304

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

That the report be received.

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2026/305

Moved: Cr Julie Dorries

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

1. THAT Council endorse the following shutdown arrangements for the 2026-2027 Christmas and New Year period -
 1. **Roads and Construction Crews:** Last day of Work **Friday 18 December**; reopening **Monday 4 January 2027**.
 2. **Waltzing Matilda Centre:** Open throughout the period, except **Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day**.
 3. **All other Council Departments:** Closed from **1:00pm, Thursday 24 December 2026**; reopening **Monday 4 January 2027**.

CARRIED 6-0

Attendance: Shannon Van Bael departed the chamber at 8.52 am.

14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

15.1 MINUTES OF THE WORK CAMP CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/306

Moved: Cr Nathan Brotherton

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

1. That the Minutes of the Work Camp Correctional Facility Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 September 2026 be received.

CARRIED 6-0

Attendance: Caitlyn Elliott entered the chamber at 8.54am

15.2 MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENTG FUND (RADF) ASSESSMENT PANEL MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/307

Moved: Cr Adrian Lenton

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

1. That the Minutes of the RADF Assessment Panel Meeting held on 10 September 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Recommendations –

- THAT funding of \$2,574.00 for the Mini Mulkadee to be run by St Patrick's School Winton be approved.
- THAT funding of \$6,300.00 for the Silversmith Workshop run by Rodney Hammond be approved.
- THAT funding of \$1,787.65 for a Charcoal Workshop hosted by Winton Creative Arts

Group be approved.

CARRIED 6-0

15 CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2026/308

Moved: Cr Cathy White

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

1. That the Correspondence be received.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer follow up with the Department of Transport and Main Roads regarding correspondence about the extension to regional aviation services.

CARRIED 6-0

16 LATE CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 LATE CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2026/309

Moved: Cr Jacob Mutton

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

1. That the Late Correspondence be received.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer seek further information with regards to State Government funding being offered for Queensland Day events.

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2026/310

Moved: Cr Julie Dorries

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That the order of business be amended to defer consideration of Item 18.1, Executive Manager Community Services Monthly Report, until the relevant Manager has returned to the chambers.

CARRIED 6-0

17 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

18.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of activities undertaken during

the month of August, within the following functions:

- Office of the CEO
- Waltzing Matilda Centre
- Economic Development
- Organisational Work Health Safety

RESOLUTION 2026/311

Moved: Cr Julie Dorries

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

That the Chief Executive Officers Monthly Report is received.

CARRIED 6-0

Attendance: Shannon Van Bael returned to the chamber at 9.28 am.

Adjournment: Council adjourned for morning tea at 9.58 am and returned at 10.18 am with all in attendance.

18.1 EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/312

Moved: Cr Nathan Brotherton

Seconded: Cr Julie Dorries

That the Executive Manager Community Services Monthly Report is received.

CARRIED 6-0

18.3 FINANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/313

Moved: Cr Adrian Lenton

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

That the Finance Monthly Report for August 2026 is received.

CARRIED 6-0

18.4 EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RESOLUTION 2026/314

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That the Executive Manager Corporate Services Monthly Report is received.

CARRIED 6-0

18.5 DIRECTOR WORKS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/315**

Moved: Cr Julie Dorries

Seconded: Cr Nathan Brotherton

That the Director Works Monthly Report is received.

CARRIED 6-0

MOTION**RESOLUTION 2026/316**

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

That the Meeting is closed to the public, the time being 11.22 am, to discuss the following items which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 254J(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, for the reasons indicated as follows:

19.1 Package 11 - Concrete Works DRFA Tender Award

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J (3) - g of the Local Government Regulation. Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;.

19.2 Rates Remission - Assessment number 00474-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J (3) - d of the Local Government Regulation. Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

19.3 Rates Remission - Assessment number 00428-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J (3) - d of the Local Government Regulation. Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

19.4 Rates Remission - Assessment number 00065-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J (3) - d of the Local Government Regulation. Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

CARRIED 6-0

Attendance:

In accordance with Section 150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor T Elliott informed the meeting that she has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in Item 19.4, "Rate Remission - Assessment Number 00065-00000-000 ". The nature of Councillor Elliotts Conflict is that a related party has applied for a general rates remission for property in Winton for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 years, in accordance with Councils Rates Concession Policy (WSC-FIN-POL-008 Version 10). Councillor Elliott removed herself from the meeting room at 11.25 am and did not participate in discussion on the matter

Attendance:

Councillor Elliott returned to the meeting room at 11.26 am after discussion on Item 19.4 had concluded.

RESOLUTION 2026/317

Moved: Cr Julie Dorries

Seconded: Cr Nathan Brotherton

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council, the time being 11.26 am.

CARRIED 6-0

19 CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**19.1 PACKAGE 11 - CONCRETE WORKS DRFA TENDER AWARD****SUMMARY**

This report recommends awarding contract WSCQ-2526-24, FY 2023-24 & 2024-25 REPA Works, Package 11 - Concrete Works, to J.P KENNEDY & J.O WHITE (Flat as Concrete & Construction) for \$362,941.95 excluding GST, subject to completion of the Section 230 consideration-plan process. The works cover drainage, floodway, concrete, pipe and rock protection infrastructure across 15 local roads to reconstruct damage from Tropical Cyclone Kirrily and associated rainfall and flooding, and reduce the risk of future damage. Construction and project management are funded through Queensland Reconstruction Authority, and the works must be completed by 30 March 2027.

RESOLUTION 2026/318

Moved: Cr Nathan Brotherton

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That the report is received.

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2026/319

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That Council:

- (a) accept the recommendation of the evaluation panel;
- (b) resolve, under section 230(1)(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), to prepare a Quote or Tender Consideration Plan for contract WSCQ-2526-24, to support proceeding without a further public tender process;
- (c) award contract WSCQ-2526-24, FY 2023-24 & 2024-25 REPA Works, Package 11 - Concrete Works, to J.P KENNEDY & J.O WHITE (Flat as Concrete & Construction) for \$362,941.95 excluding GST; and

- (d) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and enter into the contract with J.P KENNEDY & J.O WHITE (Flat as Concrete & Construction) .

CARRIED 6-0

19.2 RATES REMISSION - ASSESSMENT NUMBER 00474-00000-000

SUMMARY

The purpose of this Report is to seek Council's approval to grant a general rates remission under Council's Rates Concession Policy (WSC-FIN-POL-008, Version 10.0 dated 16 July 2026) to an eligible first homeowner applicant in Winton.

RESOLUTION 2026/320

Moved: Cr Julie Dorries

Seconded: Cr Tina Elliott

That the report is received

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2026/321

Moved: Cr Adrian Lenton

Seconded: Cr Julie Dorries

That Council grant a general rates remission for a maximum period of two (2) years to the eligible first homeowner applicant under Assessment Number 00474-00000-000, noting that the first year of remission is 2026-2027 and the second year will be 2027-2028. Also noting that the approximate total general rates remission (without discount) across two years is \$1,564 (based on the rates per Revenue Statement 2026-2027).

CARRIED 6-0

19.3 RATES REMISSION - ASSESSMENT NUMBER 00428-00000-000

SUMMARY

The purpose of this Report is to seek Council's approval to grant a general rates remission under Council's Rates Concession Policy (WSC-FIN-POL-008, Version 10.0 dated 16 July 2026) to an eligible first homeowner applicant in Winton.

RESOLUTION 2026/322

Moved: Cr Nathan Brotherton

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

That the report is received.

CARRIED 6-0

RESOLUTION 2026/323

Moved: Cr Tina Elliott

Seconded: Cr Adrian Lenton

That Council grant a general rates remission for a maximum period of two (2) years to the eligible first homeowner applicant under Assessment Number 00428-00000-000, noting that the first year of remission being 2026-2027 and the second year being 2027-2028. Also noting that the approximate total general rates remission (without discount) across two years being \$1,564 (based on the rates per Revenue Statement 2026-2027).

CARRIED 6-0

Attendance:

In accordance with Section 150EQ of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor T Elliott informed the meeting that she has a Declarable Conflict of Interest in Item 19.4, "Rate Remission - Assessment Number 00065-00000-000". The nature of Councillor Elliotts Conflict is that a related party has applied for a general rates remission for property in Winton for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 years, in accordance with Councils Rates Concession Policy (WSC-FIN-POL-008 Version 10). Councillor Elliot removed herself from the meeting room at 11.31 am and did not participate in the vote on the matter.

19.4 RATES REMISSION - ASSESSMENT NUMBER 00065-00000-000

SUMMARY

The purpose of this Report is to seek Council's approval to grant a general rates remission under Council's Rates Concession Policy (WSC-FIN-POL-008, Version 10.0 dated 16 July 2026) to an eligible first homeowner applicant in Winton.

RESOLUTION 2026/324

Moved: Cr Nathan Brotherton

Seconded: Cr Julie Dorries

That the report be received.

CARRIED 5-0

RESOLUTION 2026/325

Moved: Cr Julie Dorries

Seconded: Cr Jacob Mutton

That Council grant a general rates remission for a maximum period of two (2) years to the eligible first homeowner applicant under Assessment Number 00065-00000-000, noting that the first year of remission is 2026-2027 and the second year will be 2027-2028. Also noting that the approximate total general rates remission (without discount) across two years being \$1,564 (based on the rates per Revenue Statement 2026-2027).

CARRIED 5-0

Attendance: Cr T Elliott returned to the chambers at 11.32 am.

2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Meeting 15 October 2026

The Meeting closed at 11.33 am.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting held on 15 October 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON