



Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23 April 2025 at Council Chambers, 83-85 Main Street, Proserpine

Council acknowledges and shows respect to the Traditional Custodian/owners in whose country we hold this meeting.

Councillors Present:

Ry Collins (Mayor/Chair), Michelle Wright (Deputy Mayor), Jan Clifford, Clay Bauman, John Collins, Gary Simpson, and John Finlay

Council Officers Present:

Warren Bunker (Chief Executive Officer); Julie Wright (Director Community Services and Facilitation); Neil McGaffin (Director Regional Strategy and Planning); Jason Bradshaw (Director Corporate Services); Gary Murphy (Director Infrastructure Services); Lisa Maher (Acting Communications and Marketing Manager); Shaun Cawood (Acting Director Commercial Businesses), James Ngoroyemoto (Manager Governance and Administration); Madeleine Bailey (Governance Administration Officer/Minute Taker)

Other Officers Present (Partial Attendance):

Matthew Twomey (Manager Development Assessment)

The meeting commenced at 09:00am

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:30am

The meeting reconvened from morning tea at 10:53am

The meeting concluded at 11:26am

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1 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies/leaves of absence requests for this meeting.

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## 2 CONDOLENCES

To acknowledge and observe a minute silence for the recently deceased throughout the Whitsunday Region.

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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 - Confirmation of Minutes

PURPOSE

At each Council meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting must be confirmed by the councillors present and signed by the person presiding at the later meeting. The Minutes of Council's Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 March 2025 are provided for Councils review and confirmation.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 March 2025.

RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.1

Moved By: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded By: CR J COLLINS

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 March 2025.

MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 7 / 0.

CARRIED

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Note: The Director Corporate Services spoke to the chronology of the minutes and decisions recorded based on a councillor query. No changes were required.

**4 BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising for this meeting.

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5 MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no mayoral minute for this meeting.

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**6 NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notice of motions for this meeting.

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7 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations for this meeting.

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**8 PETITIONS / QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

There were no petitions or questions on notice for this meeting.

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9 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

QUESTION ONE

A question was received from Mr Rogin Taylor on the night of the 22nd of April 2025 regarding the use of land (known as Havengrande) located in an area now identified as Whitsunday Regional Sports Precinct.

The Chief Executive Officer responded and advised that this matter has been resolved by council in recent meetings and will take this question as an operational matter and provide a response to Mr Taylor.

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**10 COMMITTEES REPORTS**

There were no committees reports for this meeting.

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11 OFFICERS REPORTS

11.1 - Corporate Plan Adoption

PURPOSE

To present the newly drafted Corporate Plan 2025-2030 for adoption.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Corporate Plan 2025 – 2030, for implementation from 1 July 2025.

RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.2

Moved By: CR R COLLINS (MAYOR)

Seconded By: CR J CLIFFORD

That Council

1. Adopt the Corporate Plan 2025 – 2030, for implementation from 1 July 2025.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to complete any minor amendments to finalise the Corporate Plan 2025-2030 for publication.

MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 7 / 0.

CARRIED

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**11.2 - 20241308 - Development Application for Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot - One (1) Lot into Five (5) Lots and Easements - 30 Wrights Road, Strathdickie - 13RP734153 - Big Pammy Pty Ltd**

**PURPOSE**

To present the assessment of the development application for a five-lot rural residential subdivision and seek Council's determination.

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the application for Development Application for Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot - One (1) Lot into Five (5) Lots and Easements for Access and Drainage, made by Big Pammy Pty Ltd, on L: 13 RP: 734153 and located at 30 Wrights Road Strathdickie, subject to the conditions outlined in **Attachment 11.2.4**.

**RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.3**

Moved By: **CR G SIMPSON**

Seconded By: **CR J COLLINS**

**That Council approve the application for Development Application for Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot - One (1) Lot into Five (5) Lots and Easements for Access and Drainage, made by Big Pammy Pty Ltd, on L: 13 RP: 734153 and located at 30 Wrights Road Strathdickie, subject to the conditions outlined in Attachment 11.2.4.**

**MEETING DETAILS**

The motion was Carried 7 / 0.

**CARRIED**

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11.3 - Planning Scheme Amendment - Short-term Accommodation - Outcome of State Interest Review

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Advise Council of the outcome of State Interest Review for the Draft Planning Scheme Major Amendment Package A (Short-term Accommodation),
2. Seek endorsement of administrative edits made to the proposed amendment during the State Interest Review period, and
3. Seek direction to commence public consultation for the proposed amendment.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the administrative edits made to Amendment Package A – Short-term Accommodation during the State Interest Review period (**Attachment 11.3.1**).
2. Commence public consultation on the proposed amendment package in accordance with the Community Engagement Plan provided in (**Attachment 11.3.2**).

RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.4

Moved By: CR M WRIGHT

Seconded By: CR C BAUMAN

That Council:

1. Endorse the administrative edits made to Amendment Package A – Short-term Accommodation during the State Interest Review period (**Attachment 11.3.1**).
2. Commence public consultation on the proposed amendment package in accordance with the Community Engagement Plan provided in (**Attachment 11.3.2**).

MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 6 / 1.

CARRIED

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## 11.4 - Request for Sponsorship - Airlie Beach Festival of Music 2025

### PURPOSE

To present the sponsorship request from Airlie Beach Festival of Music for the 2025 event under the Major Festival & Event Support Policy for Council's consideration.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the following financial sponsorship to Airlie Beach Festival of Music for the 2025 event to be held 07 - 09 November 2025:

- a) \$4,000 (ex. GST) cash for the production of the Destination Video featuring a well-known festival ambassador, with Whitsunday Regional Council and Tourism Whitsundays to receive full licencing for use and reproduction rights.
- b) Up to \$5,000 (ex GST) of in-kind support; and
- c) Recommend to Tourism Whitsundays to undertake \$10,000 (ex. GST) of Destination Marketing to be provided under the existing 2024 - 2025 Financial Year Tourism Whitsundays Annual Funding Agreement.

### RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.5

Moved By: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded By: CR G SIMPSON

That Council approve the following financial sponsorship to Airlie Beach Festival of Music for the 2025 event to be held 07 - 09 November 2025:

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- b) Up to \$5,000 (ex GST) of in-kind support; and
- c) Recommend to Tourism Whitsundays to undertake \$10,000 (ex. GST) of Destination Marketing to be provided under the existing 2024 - 2025 Financial Year Tourism Whitsundays Annual Funding Agreement.

### MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 6 / 1.

**CARRIED**

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11.5 - Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) 2024/25 Funding Round 3 - February 2025

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the funding for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grant applications for Round 3 of the 2024/25 Program, as recommended by the RADF Advisory Committee.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive the minutes from the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Local Advisory Committee.
2. Approve the payment of Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grants (subject to conditions) – for Round 3 as recommended to Council by the RADF Advisory Committee to assist the following recipients:
 - a. Catherine Zanevra – Children's Activity Book celebrating the Great Barrier Reef - \$10,000
 - b. Annette Oosterhof – Threads of Connection, a project bringing women together to create connect & craft -- \$8,000
 - c. Connor Hawkins – Rehearsal & Performance of play 'Thom Pain – based on nothing' + workshops - \$6,000

RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.6

Moved By: CR J FINLAY

Seconded By: CR C BAUMAN

That Council:

1. Receive the minutes from the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Local Advisory Committee.
2. Approve the payment of Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grants (subject to conditions) – for Round 3 as recommended to Council by the RADF Advisory Committee to assist the following recipients:
 - a. Catherine Zanevra – Children's Activity Book celebrating the Great Barrier Reef - \$10,000
 - b. Annette Oosterhof – Threads of Connection, a project bringing women together to create connect & craft -- \$8,000
 - c. Connor Hawkins – Rehearsal & Performance of play 'Thom Pain – based on nothing' + workshops - \$6,000

MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 7 / 0.

CARRIED

11.6 - Donations, Sponsorships, In Kind Requests and Grants Approved March 2025

PURPOSE

To advise Council of the donations, sponsorships, in-kind support and grants up to \$20,000 provided for the month of March 2025.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Note the Financial Support for Junior Elite Athlete Grant applications approved for the month of March 2025 to the applicants identified in **Attachment 11.6.1**.
- b) Note the Financial Support for Donation and In-Kind applications approved for the month of March 2025 to the applicants identified in **Attachment 11.6.2**
- c) Note the Financial Support for Sponsorship applications approved for the month of March 2025 to the applicants identified in **Attachment 11.6.3**.
- d) Note the Financial Support for Sport & Recreation Club applications approved for the month of March 2025 to the applicants identified in **Attachment 11.6.4**.
- e) Note the Financial Support for Donations on Council Fee applications approved for the month of March 2025 to the applicants identified in **Attachment 11.6.5**.

RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.7

Moved By: CR M WRIGHT

Seconded By: CR J COLLINS

That Council:

- a) **Note the Financial Support for Junior Elite Athlete Grant applications approved for the month of March 2025 to the applicants identified in Attachment 11.6.1.**
- b) **Note the Financial Support for Donation and In-Kind applications approved for the month of March 2025 to the applicants identified in Attachment 11.6.2**
- c) **Note the Financial Support for Sponsorship applications approved for the month of March 2025 to the applicants identified in Attachment 11.6.3.**
- d) **Note the Financial Support for Sport & Recreation Club applications approved for the month of March 2025 to the applicants identified in Attachment 11.6.4.**
- e) **Note the Financial Support for Donations on Council Fee applications approved for the month of March 2025 to the applicants identified in Attachment 11.6.5.**

MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 7 / 0.

CARRIED

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## 11.7 - Office of the Mayor & CEO Quarterly Report

### PURPOSE

To provide an overview of the activities of the Office of the Mayor and CEO Directorate for the quarter January to March 2025.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Office of the Mayor and CEO quarterly report for January to March 2025.

### RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.8

Moved By: CR R COLLINS (MAYOR)

Seconded By: CR J CLIFFORD

That Council receive the Office of the Mayor and CEO quarterly report for January to March 2025.

### MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 7 / 0.

**CARRIED**

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11.8 - Corporate Services Quarterly Report

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview the key outcomes and statistics for the Corporate Services Directorate for the Quarter three of the 2024/25 financial year.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Corporate Services Quarterly Report for Quarter three for the 2024/25 financial year.

RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.9

Moved By: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded By: CR M WRIGHT

That Council receive the Corporate Services Quarterly Report for Quarter three for the 2024/25 financial year.

MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 7 / 0.

CARRIED

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## 11.9 - Monthly Finance Report

### PURPOSE

To inform Council of the current unaudited financial performance and position for the reporting period.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report, including the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.10

Moved By: CR J COLLINS

Seconded By: CR J FINLAY

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report, including the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 7 / 0.

**CARRIED**

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12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

**PROCEDURAL MOTION - CLOSURE OF MEETING (CONFIDENTIAL SESSION)
OM2025/04/23.11**

**Moved by: CR M WRIGHT
Seconded by: CR J CLIFFORD**

That Council close the meeting to the public at 10:03am in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulations 2012 for closed meetings, for the purpose of discussing the following items and the reasons for going into closed session:

12.1 - Auction for Intention to Sell Land for Rate Arrears

– (e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

12.2 - Assignment of Lease - Whitsunday Coast Airport

– (g) 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.

12.3 - Planning & Environment Court Appeal No. 28 of 2025

– (e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

MEETING DETAILS:

The procedural motion was Carried 7 / 0

CARRIED

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The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10:30am.

The meeting reconvened from morning tea at 10:53am.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION - REOPEN MEETING OM2025/04/23.12**

**Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD  
Seconded by: CR C BAUMAN**

**That Council reopen the meeting to the general public at 11:22am.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7 / 0

**CARRIED**

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12.1 - Auction for Intention to Sell Land for Rate Arrears

CONFIDENTIAL

S254J Local Government Regulation 2012 - Closed Meetings

- (1) *A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.*
- (3) *However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss one or more of the following matters—*
 - (e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.*

RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.13

Moved By: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded By: CR G SIMPSON

That Council resolve that the land described in the below table be sold by auction for overdue rates at 10:00am on Friday 16th May 2025 at the Proserpine Administration Building Council Chambers at 83 to 85 Main Street, Proserpine under section 142 (4) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Assessment. No	Land use
1205942	Commercial Hotel
1206336	Dwelling
1103473	Vacant Land
1110358	Vacant Land
1205439	Dwelling

MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 7 / 0.

CARRIED

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## 12.2 - Assignment of Lease - Whitsunday Coast Airport

### CONFIDENTIAL

#### **S254J Local Government Regulation 2012 - Closed Meetings**

- (1) *A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.*
- (3) *However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss one or more of the following matters—*
  - (g) 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.*

#### **RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.14**

**Moved By: CR J FINLAY**

**Seconded By: CR J COLLINS**

**That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to provide consent for the assignment of Lease H on Plan 2188-13 on Lot 50 on CPHR808298 (Whitsunday Coast Airport) from PA and PM Cornish to Infinity Downs Investments Pty Ltd ACN 648 551 071, with an expiry of 9 January 2028.**

#### **MEETING DETAILS**

The motion was Carried 6 / 1.

**CARRIED**

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12.3 - Planning & Environment Court Appeal No. 28 of 2025

CONFIDENTIAL

S254J Local Government Regulation 2012 - Closed Meetings

- (1) *A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.*
- (3) *However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss one or more of the following matters—*
 - *(e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.*

RESOLUTION OM2025/04/23.15

Moved By: CR G SIMPSON

Seconded By: CR J COLLINS

That Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to attend to all matters relating to the resolution of Planning and Environment Court Appeal No. 28 of 2025.

MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 4 / 3.

A division on the vote was called.

For the motion: Cr M Wright, Cr G Simpson, Cr J Collins and Cr J Finlay
Against the motion: Mayor R Collins, Cr J Clifford, Cr C Bauman

CARRIED

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### 13 MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Cr Finlay regarding the Australian Speedway Sidecar Championships

- Cr Finlay acknowledged that the Easter weekend was an amazing weekend for the whole region. Bowen held the Australian Speedway Sidecar Championships, to which Whitsunday Regional Council was a sponsor along with many other local businesses. This event was organized by a group of volunteers in our region, and people from all over Australia travelled to the region for this event to watch some of the best Sidecar champions in Australia.

Cr Finlay wanted to pass on congratulations to all who were involved in this event, as there was a lot of track preparation involved. There were volunteers on the gates, the bar, and the showgrounds. This was an amazing weekend in Bowen and requested a letter of congratulations be sent to all involved by Whitsunday Regional Council.

Cr Clifford raised a concern regarding the parking regulation and traffic conditions throughout Airlie Beach over the recent long weekends.

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The Meeting closed at 11:26am.

Confirmed as a true and correct recording this 28 May 2025.

Mayor Ry Collins

Cr Ry Collins

MAYOR