



**Minutes of the
Special Meeting - Budget held on
Wednesday 15 April 2026 at
Council Chambers, 67 Herbert
Street, Bowen**

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

UNCONFIRMED

Councillors Present:

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

Council Officers Present:

Warren Bunker (Chief Executive Officer); Julie Wright (Acting Director Liveability and Development Services); Patty Johnson (Director Corporate Support Services); Gary Murphy (Director Infrastructure Services); Greg Martin (Communications and Marketing Manager); Craig Turner (Director Commercial Businesses), Katie Coates (Coordinator Strategic Finance); Matt Stevens (Acting Manager Governance), Madeleine Bailey (Governance Administration Officer/Minute Taker)

Other Officers Present:

Matthew Twomey (Manager Development Services), Mark Callaghan (Manager Open Spaces), Peter Shuttlewood (Manager Procurement, Property and Fleet), Blake Shaw (Coordinator Property and Facilities), Tony Trace (Project Management Support Office) via Microsoft Teams, John Byrnes (Manager Transport and Drainage Assets), and Simon Nash (Transport Asset Planner)

Apologies:

Leah Bradley (Manager Finance)

The meeting commenced at 12:31pm

The meeting adjourned for the confidential discussion at 12:32pm

The meeting adjourned for lunch during the confidential discussion at 1:44pm

The meeting reconvened from lunch during the confidential discussion at 2:06pm

The meeting reconvened from the confidential discussion at 5:29pm

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Cr Finlay left the meeting during the confidential discussion at 5:01pm

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1 RECONVENE MEETING

1.1 - Reconvene Meeting - 8 April 2026

PROCEDURAL MOTION - RECONVENE SM2026/04/15.1

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD
Seconded by: CR G SIMPSON

That council reconvene the Special Meeting - Budget at am on the 15 April 2026 at 12:31pm that was adjourned on the 8 April 2026.

MEETING DETAILS:

The procedural motion was Carried 6 / 1

CARRIED

2 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

Mayor Collins advised the public that Cr John Finlay has joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 - Declarations of Interest - Agenda

There were no declarations of interest declared for this meeting.

4 MOVE INTO CLOSED MEETING

4.1 - Move into Closed Meeting - Confidential Budget Discussion

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—*

(c) the local Government's budget.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION - CLOSURE OF MEETING (CONFIDENTIAL SESSION)
SM2026/04/15.2**

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR C BAUMAN

That Council close the meeting to the public at 12:32pm in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* for closed meetings, for the purpose of discussing the Whitsunday Regional Council's 2026-2027 Budget.

MEETING DETAILS:

The procedural motion was Carried 6 / 1

CARRIED

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5 OFFICERS REPORTS

**5.1 - Fees & Charges**

This section on the agenda was for the purpose of discussing Council's 2026/27.

Cr John Finlay left the meeting during the confidential discussion at 5:01pm.

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6 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 - Additional Documents for Information - Agenda

There were no agenda items for this section.

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**7 RETURN INTO OPEN MEETING**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION - REOPEN MEETING SM2026/04/15.3**

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR C BAUMAN

That Council reopen the meeting to the general public 5:29pm

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 5 / 1

**CARRIED**

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8 ADJOURN MEETING

8.1 - Adjourn Meeting - 29 April 2026

PROCEDURAL MOTION - ADJOURNMENT SM2026/04/15.4

Moved by: CR R COLLINS (MAYOR)

At 5:30pm, Council considered the following procedural motion: Council adjourn the Special Meeting – Budget to the 22 April 2026.

MEETING DETAILS:

The procedural motion was Carried 5 / 1

CARRIED

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Confirmed as a true and correct recording this 29 April 2026.

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**Cr Ry Collins  
MAYOR**