



Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held on Wednesday 29 April 2026 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), John Finlay (Deputy Mayor), 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), Tailah Jensen (Governance Administration Officer/Minute Taker); Jessica Price (Legal, Risk and Reporting Coordinator)

Other Officers Present (Partial Attendance):

N/A

The meeting commenced at 1:13pm

The meeting adjourned for the confidential discussion at 1:13pm

The meeting reconvened from the confidential discussion at 5:06pm

The meeting adjourned at 5:07pm

Tailah Jensen left the meeting and Jessica Price joined for minute taking purposes.

Cr Michelle Wright left the meeting during the confidential discussion at 3:45pm.

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1 RECONVENE MEETING

1.1 - Reconvene Meeting - 22 April 2026

PROCEDURAL MOTION - RECONVENE SM2026/04/29.1

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR G SIMPSON

That Council reconvene the Special Meeting - Budget on the 29 April 2026 at 1.13pm that was adjourned on the 22 April 2026.

MEETING DETAILS:

The procedural motion was Carried 6 / 1

CARRIED

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## 2 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

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3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 - Declarations of Interest - Agenda

There were no declarations of interests declared at this meeting.

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## 4 MOVE INTO CLOSED MEETING

### 4.1 - Move into Closed Session - 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)  
SM2026/04/29.2**

**Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: CR G SIMPSON**

**That Council close the meeting to the public at 1.13pm in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 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

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

Cr Michelle Wright left the meeting during the confidential discussion at 3:45pm.

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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

7.1 - Return into Open Meeting

PROCEDURAL MOTION - REOPEN MEETING SM2026/04/29.3

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR J FINLAY (DEPUTY MAYOR)

That Council reopen the meeting to the general public at 5:06pm.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 6 / 0

CARRIED

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**8.1 - Adjourn Meeting - 6 May 2026****PROCEDURAL MOTION - ADJOURNMENT SM2026/04/29.4**

Moved by: CR R COLLINS (MAYOR)

At 5.07pm, Council considered the following procedural motion: Council adjourn the Special Meeting – Budget to the 6 May 2026.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The procedural motion was Carried 6 / 0

**CARRIED**

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The meeting closed at 5.07pm

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Confirmed as a true and correct recording this 27 May 2026.

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**Cr Ry Collins  
MAYOR**