



# Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 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) – online 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), and Tailah Jensen & Madeleine Bailey (Governance Administration Officer/Minute Taker)

**Other Officers Present (Partial Attendance):**

Patricia Jago (Coordinator Rates); Troy Pettiford (Chief Operating Officer Whitsunday Water); Jared Hammond (Manager Waste and Recycling); and Linda McEwan (Management Accountant)

**Externals Present:**

Tom Farrant (OCM) via Microsoft Teams; and Gavin O'Donovan (AEC) via Microsoft Teams

The meeting commenced at 9:45am

The meeting adjourned for morning tea during the confidential discussion at 11:13am

The meeting reconvened from morning tea during the confidential discussion at 11:35am

The meeting adjourned for lunch during the confidential discussion at 12:46pm

The meeting reconvened from lunch during the confidential discussion at 1:13pm

The meeting concluded at 2:36pm

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

|                                                                     |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>1 RECONVENE MEETING</b> .....                                    | <b>4</b> |
| 1.1 Reconvene Meeting - 29 April 2026 .....                         | 4        |
| <b>2 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b> .....                           | <b>4</b> |
| <b>3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> .....                             | <b>4</b> |
| 3.1 Declarations of Interest - Agenda .....                         | 4        |
| <b>4 MOVE INTO CLOSED MEETING</b> .....                             | <b>4</b> |
| 4.1 Move into Closed Meeting - Confidential Budget Discussion ..... | 4        |
| <b>5 OFFICERS REPORTS</b> .....                                     | <b>5</b> |
| 5.1 Schedule Fees & Charges #2 .....                                | 5        |
| <b>6 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION</b> .....                 | <b>6</b> |
| 6.1 Additional Documents for Information - Agenda .....             | 6        |
| <b>7 RETURN INTO OPEN MEETING</b> .....                             | <b>7</b> |
| 7.1 Return into Open Meeting .....                                  | 7        |
| <b>8 ADJOURN MEETING</b> .....                                      | <b>7</b> |

## 1 RECONVENE MEETING

### 1.1 - Reconvene Meeting - 29 April 2026

#### PROCEDURAL MOTION - RECONVENE SM2026/05/6.1

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR C BAUMAN

That Council reconvene the Special Meeting - Budget on the 6 May 2026 at 9.45AM that was adjourned on the 29 April 2026.

#### MEETING DETAILS:

The procedural motion was Carried 7 / 0

CARRIED

~~~~~

## 2 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

To be noted that Cr Finaly attended the meeting online via Microsoft Teams.

~~~~~

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### 3.1 - Declarations of Interest - Agenda

There were no declaration of interests declared at 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)  
SM2026/05/6.2**

**Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: CR C BAUMAN**

**That Council close the meeting to the public at 9.46am 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 7 / 0

**CARRIED**

~~~~~

**PROCEDURAL MOTION - REOPEN MEETING SM2026/05/6.3**

**Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD**

**Seconded by: CR C BAUMAN**

**That Council open the meeting to the public at 11.51am for the discussion and voting purposes on item 5.1 Schedule Fees & Charges 2026/27 – Open.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The procedural motion was Carried 7 / 0

**CARRIED**

~~~~~

**5 OFFICERS REPORTS**

**5.1 – Schedule Fees & Charges #2**

**PURPOSE**

To determine, in open session, Council's position on the Cost Recovery Fees and Other Charges for the 2026/27 financial year following confidential discussion held in closed session.

**RESOLUTION SM2026/05/6.4**

**Moved By: CR G SIMPSON**

**Seconded By: CR C BAUMAN**

**That Council:**

- (a) In accordance with Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, set the Cost Recovery Fees as detailed in the Attachment 5.1.1, for the 2026/27 financial year, to be effective from 1 July 2026.**

(b) In accordance with Section 262(3)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, set the Other Charges, as detailed in the Attachment 5.1.1, for the 2026/27 financial year, to be effective from 1 July 2026.

(c) Delegate the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate fees and charges, other than those that are cost-recovery fees, in accordance with section 257 (1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

## MEETING DETAILS

The motion was Carried 7 / 0.

CARRIED

~~~~~

## PROCEDURAL MOTION - CLOSURE OF MEETING (CONFIDENTIAL SESSION) SM2026/05/6.5

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR C BAUMAN

That Council close the meeting to the public at 11.53am 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 7 / 0

CARRIED

~~~~~

## 6 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION

### 6.1 - Additional Documents for Information - Agenda

There were no agenda items for this section.

~~~~~

## 7 RETURN INTO OPEN MEETING

### 7.1 - Return into Open Meeting

## PROCEDURAL MOTION - REOPEN MEETING SM2026/05/6.6

Moved by: CR J CLIFFORD

Seconded by: CR G SIMPSON

That Council reopen the meeting to the general public at 2:35pm.

----- page 6 -----

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7 / 0

**CARRIED**

~~~~~

**8 ADJOURN MEETING**

**8.1 – Adjourn Meeting – 20 May 2026**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION - ADJOURNMENT SM2026/05/6.7**

Moved by: **CR R COLLINS (MAYOR)**

**At 2.36pm, Council considered the following procedural motion: Council adjourn the Special Meeting – Budget to the 20 May 2026.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The procedural motion was Carried 7 / 0

**CARRIED**

~~~~~

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

---

**Cr Ry Collins  
MAYOR**