



MCKINLAY SHIRE COUNCIL

***UNCONFIRMED MINUTES***

**OF THE**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

HELD AT THE

BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTRE  
JULIA CREEK

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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## 1. OPENING BUSINESS

All Councillors having signed the Attendance Book, Mayor Janene Fegan declared the meeting open at 8.30am.

## 2. ATTENDANCE

**Mayor:** Cr. J Fegan

**Members:** Cr. S Royes & Cr. J Lynch (Teleconference), Cr. F Malone, Cr. L Spreadborough

**Staff:**

Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Trevor Williams

Director of Engineering, Environment and Regulatory Services, Mr. Cameron Scott

Acting Director of Corporate Services, Mrs Aimie Batt

Team Leader, Environmental and Regulatory Services, Mr. Jason Brady

Acting Director of Community Services, Mr Kalan Lococo (Teleconference)

Executive Assistant, Ms. Cathy Bowe

**Apologies:** Nil

## 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. Nil

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 4.1 Confirmation of Minutes – Ordinary Meeting

Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be confirmed.

### RECOMMENDATION

*That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be confirmed.*

### Resolution No. 093/2425

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be confirmed with changes that have been updated and circulated to all attendees.

Moved Cr. L Spreadborough

Seconded Cr. J Lynch

CARRIED 5/0

#### 4.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### 4.2 Confirmation of Minutes – Special Meeting

Confirmation of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be confirmed.

##### RECOMMENDATION

*That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be confirmed.*

##### Resolution No. 094/2425

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be confirmed with changes that have been updated and circulated to all attendees.

Moved Cr. S Royes Seconded Cr. F Malone

CARRIED 5/0

**Nil Business Arising**

#### 5. ENGINEERING SERVICES

##### 5.1 Engineering Works Report

This report outlines the general activities for the Engineering Department for the month of October 2024.

##### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council receives the Engineering Services monthly report for October 2024.*

##### Resolution 095/2425

Council receives the Engineering Services monthly report for October 2024.

Moved Cr. L Spreadborough Seconded Cr. J Lynch

CARRIED 5/0

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

**6.1 Environmental and Regulatory Services Report**

This report outlines the general activities, revenue and expenditure for the department for the period October 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receives the October 2024, Environmental and Regulatory Services Report, noting that the actual expenditure should show dollars and cents.*

**Resolution No. 096/2425**  
Council receives the October 2024 Environmental and Regulatory Services Report.

Moved	Cr. L Spreadborough	Seconded	Cr. S Royes
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CARRIED 5/0

**6.2 Derelict Houses**

This report addresses the derelict houses in Julia Creek.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council resolve to:  
Take enforcement action against property owners who fail to comply with show cause notices.*

**Resolution No. 097/2425**  
Council resolve to take enforcement action against property owners who fail to comply with show cause notices.

Moved	Cr. F. Malone	Seconded	Cr. S Royes
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CARRIED 5/0

**7. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**7.1 Community Services Monthly Report**

Council is presented with the monthly Community Services report, which provides an overview of the operations for the month of October 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receives the Community Services monthly report for October 2024.*

**Resolution No. 098/2425**

Council receives the Community Services monthly report for October 2024.

Moved Cr. F Malone Seconded Cr. J Lynch

CARRIED 5/0

**7.2 Bush dinner Policy Review**

Council approved and implemented the Bush Dinner Policy v2.0 in August 2022. This policy has been reviewed, updated and presented to Council for adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council resolves to adopt the Bush Dinner Policy v2.1 as presented.*

**Resolution No. 099/2425**

Council resolves to adopt the Bush Dinner Policy v2.0 in August 2022.

Moved Cr. S Royes Seconded Cr. L Spreadborough

CARRIED 5/0

**7.3 Library Public Access Internet Policy Review**

Council approved and implemented the Library Public Access Internet Policy in 2021 with a review date of 2024. This policy has been reviewed, updated and presented to Council for adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council resolves to adopt the Library Public Access Internet Policy V1.2 as presented.*

**Resolution No. 100/2425**

Council resolve to:  
 a) adopt the Library Public Access Internet Policy V1.2 as presented.

Moved	Cr. L Spreadborough	Seconded	Cr. J Lynch
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CARRIED 5/0

**7.4 Seniors Living Units Pet Policy Review**

Council approved and implemented the Seniors Living Units Pet Policy in 2021 with a review date of 2024. This policy has been reviewed, updated and presented to Council for adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council adopt the Seniors Living Units Pet Policy V1.2 as presented.*

**Resolution No. 101/2425**

Council resolves to adopt the Seniors Living Units Pet Policy V1.2 as presented.

Moved	Cr. F Malone	Seconded	Cr. L Spreadborough
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CARRIED 5/0

**7.5 Community Donation Request – Nelia QCWA Christmas Tree Event**

Council has received a Community Donation Request from Nelia QCWA for \$1000 cash to support their annual Christmas Tree Event for November 30.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council approve Community Donation Request from Nelia QCWA for \$1000 cash to support their annual Christmas Tree Event for November 30.*

**Resolution No. 102/2425**

Council resolves to approve approve Community Donation Request from Nelia QCWA for \$1000 cash to support their annual Christmas Tree Event for November 30.

Moved Cr. L Spreadborough Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 5/0

The Chair requested a break in proceedings so members can attend a funeral service at 9.21am

It was noted that Cr J Lynch and Mr K Lococo would not returning to the meeting.

The Chair declared the meeting back open at 10.31am.

**8. CORPORATE SERVICES****8.1 The Corporate Services Report**

The Corporate Services Report as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 which summarises the financial performance and position is presented to Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receives the monthly Corporate Services Report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.*

**Resolution No. 103/2425**

Council receives the monthly Corporate Services Report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

Moved Cr. L Spreadborough Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 4/0

**8.2 Employee Professional Development and Training Policy Review**

In accordance with Clause 6.2 of the *McKinlay Shire Council Certified Agreement 2024-2027*, Council is committed to training staff and developing a more highly skilled and flexible workforce to increase the efficiency and productivity.

The Employee Professional Development and Training Policy Version 3 has been prepared in accordance with relevant Agreement and is presented for Councils consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council adopt the Employee Professional Development and Training Policy Version 3 as presented.*



**Resolution No. 104/2425**

Council resolves to adopt the Employee Professional Development and Training Policy Version 3 as presented.

Moved Cr. F Malone Seconded Cr. J Fegan

CARRIED 4/0

**8.3 Final Management Report 2024**

An external audit of Council's financial statements was undertaken throughout September 2024 by Pitcher Partners under the appointment of the Queensland Audit Office (QAO). QAO has provided a closing Audit Report to the Mayor for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 following the audit, now the QAO has delivered the Final Management Report. At the Mayor's direction this report has been prepared in order to present the Audit Report to Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council note the Final Management Report provided by the Queensland Audit Office for the year ending 30 June 2024.*

**Resolution No. 105/2425**

Council resolves to note the final Management Report provided by the Queensland Audit Office for the year ending 30 June 2024.

Moved Cr. J Fegan Seconded Cr. L Spreadborough

CARRIED 4/0

**8.4 Fourth Quarter Review of the 2023-2024 Operational Plan**

In accordance with section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a written assessment of Council's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan for April to June 2024 is presented to Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council accepts the quarterly review of the 2023-24 Operational Plan.*

**Resolution No. 106/2425**

Council resolves to accept the quarterly review of the 2023-24 Operational Plan.

Moved Cr. L Spreadborough Seconded Cr. F Malone

CARRIED 4/0

## 9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### 9.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report to November Meeting of Council

In addition to the information provided below, a verbal update will be given on current matters headlined in the body of the report, which have arisen from the Office of the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council receive and note the report from the Chief Executive Officer for the period ending 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 except where amended or varied by separate resolution of Council.*

#### **Resolution No. 107/2425**

That Council receive and note the report from the Chief Executive Officer for the period ending 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 except where amended or varied by separate resolution of Council.

Moved Cr. F Malone Seconded Cr. L Spreadborough

CARRIED 4/0

### 1. Meetings with External Organisations in November

The Mayor and CEO attended the virtual NWQROC meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November and the AGM of MITEZ on 7<sup>th</sup> November. The Mayor and CEO met with representatives from NEMA and QRA to discuss emergency management arrangements and met with representatives from Jet Zero to discuss their Sustainable Aviation Fuel project. The Mayor and CEO and Cr Spreadborough met with the CEO of HIPCO and also Gulf Cotton Representatives to discuss the north west water alliance project.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

For Council Information

### 2. HIPCO Project

The Mayor, Cr Spreadborough and the CEO met with the CEO of HIPCO and representatives from Gulf Cotton to discuss the HIPCO and more broader Flinders River water projects. The representatives from Gulf Cotton asked some very enlightening questions about the HIPCO project and other potential water projects based on the Flinders River. There is a working group being formed to progress the identification of potential water projects on the Flinders River. The group includes Flinders Shire, Richmond Shire and HIPCO. It is recommended Council agree in principle to participate in the working group, with the CEO delegated authority to work with the group on the terms of reference and memorandum of understanding.

**Recommendation:**

*Council agrees in principle to participate in the working group of HIPCO, Flinders Shire and Richmond Shire and delegate the CEO authority to work with the group on the terms of reference and memorandum of understanding.*

**Resolution No. 108/2425**

That Council agrees in principle to participate in the working group of HIPCO, Flinders Shire and Richmond Shire and delegate the CEO authority to work with the group on the terms of reference and memorandum of understanding.

Moved Cr. J Fegan Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 4/0

**3. Critical Minerals Queensland Roundtable in Cloncurry**

The Critical Minerals Queensland department is holding their next roundtable in Cloncurry on 26<sup>th</sup> November. It is recommended that Cr. Fegan and Cr. Spreadborough attend the roundtable and future roundtables.

**Recommendation:**

*Council approves the attendance of Cr. Fegan and Cr. Spreadborough to the Critical Minerals Queensland roundtable in Cloncurry on 26 November and future roundtables.*

**Resolution No. 109/2425**

That Council approves the attendance of Cr. Fegan and Cr. Spreadborough to the Critical Minerals Queensland roundtable in Cloncurry on 26 November and future roundtables.

Moved Cr. F Malone Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 4/0

**4. Celebration for Bob Katter's 50 Years Political Life**

The Mayor, Cr. Fegan has been invited to attend the celebration of 50 years of Bob Katter's Political Life, to be held in Charters Towers on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Recommendation:**

*Council approves the attendance of Cr. Fegan at the celebration for Bob Katter's 50 years of political life in Charters Towers on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.*

**Resolution No. 110/2425**

That Council approves the attendance of Cr. Fegan at the celebration for Bob Katter's 50 years of political life in Charters Towers on Saturday 7th December.

Moved Cr. L Spreadborough Seconded Cr. F Malone

CARRIED 4/0

**5. Outback Futures Allied Health Service**

McKinlay Shire Council and Outback Futures have partnered to provide allied health services to the McKinlay Shire community during 2024. The partnership allowed 390 allied health appointments to 78 individual clients for a \$20 fee. The cost to council for this service was approximately \$100,000 which was substantially funded by grants. The Outback Futures model provides 4 community visits during the year and telehealth services at other times. Outback Futures has proposed to try and provide services in Richmond Shire and Flinders Shire (in addition to McKinlay Shire) to reduce the cost of the 4 community visits per year. The negotiations for providing services in other Shires is continuing but will not likely be complete prior to the start of 2025.

It is recommended that McKinlay Shire Council enter into an agreement with Outback Futures for the continued provision of allied health services in 2025 and provide funding of up to \$100,000 for this to occur. The mayor has written to several key stakeholders seeking financial support to provide this service. If the financial support is not provided the funding from the CopperString Workcamp Lease could be used to fund the project.

**Recommendation:**

*Council approves the CEO to enter into an agreement with Outback Futures to provide allied health services to McKinlay Shire residents for 2025 for a budgeted amount of up to \$100,000.*

**Resolution No. 111/2425**

That Council approves the CEO to enter into an agreement with Outback Futures to provide allied health services to McKinlay Shire residents for 2025 for a budgeted amount of up to \$100,000.

Moved Cr. L Spreadborough Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 4/0

**6. Critical Minerals Queensland Advancing Community Legacy Workshop**

The Critical Minerals Queensland department is holding an Advancing community legacy projects in CM zones workshop in Townsville on 4<sup>th</sup> December. It is recommended that Cr. Fegan attend the workshop.

**Recommendation:**

*Council approves the attendance of Cr. Fegan to the Critical Minerals Queensland workshop in Townsville on 4<sup>th</sup> December.*

**Resolution No. 112/2425**

That Council approves the attendance of Cr. Fegan to the Critical Minerals Queensland workshop in Townsville on 4<sup>th</sup>.

Moved Cr. S Royes Seconded Cr. F Malone

CARRIED 4/0

**7. December Council Meeting**

The December Council Meeting is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The Mayor and CEO are required to travel to Townsville for a Critical Minerals Workshop on this day. It is recommended that the December Meeting of Council be rescheduled to 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**Recommendation:**

*Council approves rescheduling of the December Council Meeting from 3<sup>rd</sup> December to the 10<sup>th</sup> December.*

**Resolution No. 113/2425**

That Council approves rescheduling of the December Council Meeting from 3<sup>rd</sup> December to the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Moved Cr. J Fegan Seconded Cr. L Spreadborough

CARRIED 4/0

**10. WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY****10.1 Workplace Health and Safety**

This report outlines the general status of Work Health and Safety at McKinlay Shire Council for the period of November 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receives the November 2024 WHS Report.*

**Resolution No. 114/2425**

That Council receives the November 2024 WHS Report.

Moved Cr L Spreadborough Seconded Cr S Royes

CARRIED 4/0

## 11. GENERAL BUSINESS

*Cr. F Malone - Vehicles for tender. Advised that notification for tender by end of month.*

*Cr. L Spreadborough- Advise Telstra that there is a tree on their building from storm.  
Fence Update as well.*

*Cr. J Fegan - Update on destination Q  
Attended as part of Tourism Committee  
Also attended Tourism Awards  
In Canberra Met with Shadow Minister Darren Clark & Minister Anne Aly*

## 11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair of the meeting Mayor Cr. Janene Fegan declared the meeting closed at 11.26 am.

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