

**MINUTES OF LIVERPOOL PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2024 AT 2:30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Ken Cudmore, Cr Jason Allan, Cr Terry Cohen, Cr Donna Lawson, Cr Paul Moules, Cr Yvonne Wynne

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dean Frost (Acting General Manager), Nathan Skelly (Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services), Ruth Neave (Acting Director Corporate and Community Services), Christie Pearson (Executive Operations)

**AUDIO RECORDING OF MEETINGS**

The Acting Mayor informed the meeting as follows:

A webcast of this meeting will be published to Council's website at [www.liverpoolplains.nsw.gov.au](http://www.liverpoolplains.nsw.gov.au) so that it is available for viewing by members of the public."

**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND COUNCIL PRAYER**

Cr Jason Allan recited the Acknowledgement of Country and the Council Prayer.

**2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/43**

Moved: Cr Paul Moules

Seconded: Cr Terry Cohen

That leave of absence from Cr Doug Hawkins OAM and apology from Cr Yvonne Wynne be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

The Acting Mayor invited apologies and applications for leave of absence.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2024**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/44**

Moved: Cr Donna Lawson

Seconded: Cr Jason Allan

1. That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 March 2024 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### **4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

The Acting Mayor requested Councillors disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration at the Ordinary Meeting, in accordance with Part 4 and part 5 of the Code of Conduct.

Cr Paul Moules disclosed a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest for item 6.14

#### **5 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**

##### **5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MARCH 2024**

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#### **RESOLUTION 2024/45**

Moved: Cr Terry Cohen

Seconded: Cr Jason Allan

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Mayoral Minute for March 2024.

**CARRIED**

#### **6 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

##### **6.1 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORT - MARCH 2024**

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#### **RESOLUTION 2024/46**

Moved: Cr Paul Moules

Seconded: Cr Terry Cohen

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Executive Services Report for March 2024.

**CARRIED**

##### **6.2 RESOLUTIONS REGISTER UPDATE**

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#### **RESOLUTION 2024/47**

Moved: Cr Terry Cohen

Seconded: Cr Jason Allan

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Resolutions Register as at 10 April 2024 appended at *Annexure A* and the Resolution Register for 2022 and 2023 as appended at *Annexure B*.

**CARRIED**

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**6.3 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT MARCH 2024**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/48**

Moved: Cr Donna Lawson

Seconded: Cr Paul Moules

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Corporate and Community Services Directorate briefing for March 2024 as detailed in this report.

**CARRIED**

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**6.4 PRESENTATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 2022-2023**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/49**

Moved: Cr Terry Cohen

Seconded: Cr Jason Allan

That Council:

1. Note the presentation of the audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023 and Independent Auditor's Report, contained at *Annexure A*, to the public, pursuant to section 419(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**CARRIED**

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**6.5 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - MARCH 2024**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/50**

Moved: Cr Paul Moules

Seconded: Cr Terry Cohen

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Statement of Investments as of 31 March 2024 as appended at *Annexure A*.

**CARRIED**

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**6.6 PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-2025, DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE 2024-2025 AND DRAFT LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024-2035**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/51**

Moved: Cr Jason Allan

Seconded: Cr Donna Lawson

That Council:

1. Place the draft Operational Plan 2024-2025 appended at *Annexure A*, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. Place the draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2024-2025 appended at *Annexure B*, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
3. Place the draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2024-2034 appended at *Annexure C*, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

**CARRIED**

## **6.7 DRAFT UNREASONABLE CONDUCT POLICY**

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### **RESOLUTION 2024/52**

Moved: Cr Paul Moules

Seconded: Cr Donna Lawson

That Council:

1. Place the draft Unreasonable Conduct Policy, appended at *Annexure A*, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and adopt the draft policy as exhibited, subject to no submissions being received.
2. Requests a further report at the conclusion of the public exhibition period if submissions are received.

**CARRIED**

## **6.8 DRAFT STATEMENT OF BUSINESS ETHICS**

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### **RESOLUTION 2024/53**

Moved: Cr Donna Lawson

Seconded: Cr Paul Moules

That Council:

1. Place the draft Statement of Business Ethics, appended at *Annexure A*, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and adopt the draft Statement as exhibited, subject to no submissions being received.
2. Request a further report at the conclusion of the public exhibition period if submissions are received.

**CARRIED**

## **6.9 COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM ROUND 2 23/24**

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### **RESOLUTION 2024/54**

Moved: Cr Donna Lawson

Seconded: Cr Terry Cohen

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That Council:

1. Approve the following grant allocations:

Spring Ridge Country Club	\$1,000
Werris Creek Rugby League Football Club	\$1,000
Quirindi Polo Club	\$1,000
Quirindi CWA	\$1,000
Quirindi Tennis Club	\$1,000
Quirindi RSL Golf Club	\$ 750
Quirindi Show Society	\$1,000
Quirindi Historical Society	\$1,250
Currabubula Red Cross Art Show	\$1,000
Liverpool Plains Business Chamber	\$1,000

**CARRIED**

## **6.10 INCLUSION PLAN 2024 - 2026**

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### **RESOLUTION 2024/55**

Moved: Cr Jason Allan

Seconded: Cr Terry Cohen

That Council:

1. Adopt the Inclusion Plan 2024 – 2026 as appended at *Annexure A*.

**CARRIED**

## **6.11 LOCAL ADVISORY GROUPS**

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### **RESOLUTION 2024/56**

Moved: Cr Jason Allan

Seconded: Cr Donna Lawson

That Council:

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Currabubula Local Advisory Group as appended at Annexure A.
2. Receive and note the minutes of the Premier Local Advisory Group as appended at Annexure B.

**CARRIED**

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**6.12 INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT MARCH 2024**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/57**

Moved: Cr Terry Cohen

Seconded: Cr Donna Lawson

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Infrastructure & Environmental Services Directorate report for the month of March 2024

**CARRIED**

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**6.13 TOWN WATER SUPPLY STATUS**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/58**

Moved: Cr Terry Cohen

Seconded: Cr Jason Allan

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Town Water Supply Status Report.

**CARRIED**

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**6.14 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 2024**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/59**

Moved: Cr Jason Allan

Seconded: Cr Terry Cohen

That Council:

1. Note the traffic control arrangements for Anzac Day 2024.

**CARRIED**

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**6.15 DA 2023/036 - 1095 WARRAH RIDGE ROAD - EIGHT LAYER SHEDS**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/60**

Moved: Cr Jason Allan

Seconded: Cr Paul Moules

That Council:

1. Grant development consent to Development Application 36/2023 pursuant to Section 4.16 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 subject to conditions in Schedule 1.

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In Favour: Crs Ken Cudmore, Paul Moules, Terry Cohen, Donna Lawson and Jason Allan

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 5/0**

**7 DELEGATES REPORTS**

Nil

**8 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**9 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/61**

Moved: Cr Donna Lawson

Seconded: Cr Paul Moules

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

**9.1 RFT 090/2023 Quirindi Aquatic Centre**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**CARRIED**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/65**

Moved: Cr Donna Lawson

Seconded: Cr Terry Cohen

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

**CARRIED**

**REPORT ON CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

The Acting Mayor reported as follows on the matters considered in the confidential section of the meeting:

**9 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****9.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/64**

Moved: Cr Ken Cudmore

Seconded: Cr Paul Moules

That Council:

1. In accordance with Section 12.1 of the Code of Meeting Practice move into the Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED**

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**9.1 RFT 090/2023 QUIRINDI AQUATIC CENTRE**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/65**

Moved: Cr Paul Moules

Seconded: Cr Jason Allan

That Council:

1. Award the contract for Tender 090/2023 Quirindi Aquatic Centre to Beau Corp Projects Pty Ltd for the sum of \$6,994,518 inclusive of GST, subject to variations.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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**RESOLUTION 2024/66**

Moved: Cr Ken Cudmore

Seconded: Cr Donna Lawson

That Council:

1. Moves out of the Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED**



**The Meeting closed at 4:00pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 May 2024.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**