



Confirmed Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 17 December 2025 at 6:00pm

Maryborough Town Hall, 71 Clarendon Street, Maryborough.



Attendees

The meeting commenced at 6:00pm.

Present

Councillors:

Ben Green (Mayor)

Anna de Villiers (Deputy Mayor)

Grace La Vella

Geoff Bartlett

Liesbeth Long

Jake Meyer

Gerard Murphy

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer, Peter Harriott

General Manager Community Wellbeing, Emma Little

General Manager Assets Infrastructure and Planning, Amber Ricks

General Manager Corporate Performance, Liam Routledge

Manager Governance Property and Risk, Avi Maharaj

1 Welcome

The Mayor, Cr Ben Green welcomed attendees to the meeting and then read an Acknowledgment of Country and the Council Prayer.

Mayor Ben Green also requested a minute silence for those impacted by the Bondi Beach shooting.

2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil.

3 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Cr Long declared a conflict of interest for item 7.5 Do00-23 - 3280 Pyrenees Highway, Carisbrook as they are a founding president of the Central Goldfields Bushwalking and Hiking Club Inc and organisation which opposes the development.

CEO, Peter Harriott declared a conflict of interest for item 10.1 - Employment Matter (confidential) as the employment matter contains information related to the CEO.

4 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Council Meetings

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 November 2025 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr La Vella

Seconder: Cr Bartlett

CARRIED

5 Minutes of Delegated and Advisory Committees

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 1 December 2025 be noted.

Moved: Cr Bartlett

Seconder: Cr Meyer

CARRIED

6 Petitions

Nil.

Proposed re-order of Agenda Items

Under Rule 20 of the Governance Rules, the Mayor Chair proposed to reorder items so that 7.2 – Statutory Planning Delegations became item 7.9, and the remaining items be brought forward by one.

Council unanimously consented and the items were re-ordered accordingly:

- 7.2 D070-24 10 Dundas Street, Maryborough
- 7.3 035-25 – 65 Wattle Gully Road, Mount Glasgow – Use And Development Of Dwelling In RCZ
- 7.4 D022-23 – 3280 Pyrenees Highway, Carisbrook
- 7.5 Contract G1882-2023 Panel of Suppliers – Supply, Deliver & Lay Asphalt
- 7.6 2026 Central Goldfields Citizen Of The Year Awards
- 7.7 Quarterly Finance Report
- 7.8 Setting Council Meeting Dates For 2026
- 7.9 Statutory Planning Delegation Policy

7 Council Reports

7.1 Aerodrome Advisory Group Terms of Reference

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Endorse the updated Terms of Reference for the Aerodrome Advisory Group attached to this report.
2. Formally acknowledge the valuable contributions and dedicated service of current Aerodrome Advisory Group members over the past 24 months.
3. Authorise the CEO (or delegate) to undertake a public Expression of Interest (EOI) process in February 2026 to appoint members to the Aerodrome Advisory Group in accordance with the updated Terms of Reference attached to this report.
4. Note that a further report will be presented to Council to confirm appointments upon completion of the EOI process.

Moved: Cr Bartlett

Seconder: Cr de Villiers

CARRIED

7.2 D070-24 10 Dundas Street, Maryborough

AMENDED MOTION

That the item be deferred to the Council Meeting that will be held on 26 February 2026.

Moved: Cr Bartlett

Seconder: Cr de Villiers

CARRIED

7.3 035-25 – 65 Wattle Gully Road, Mount Glasgow – Use and development of dwelling in RCZ

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No motion presented

Moved: {mover}

Seconder: {seconder}

LAPSED

7.4 D022-23 – 3280 Pyrenees Highway, Carisbrook

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No motion presented

Moved: Nil

Seconder: Nil

LAPSED

Cr Long left the meeting at 6:27pm due to the declared conflict of interest for Item 7.4.

Cr Long returned to the meeting after this item had been presented.

7.5 Contract G1882-2023 Panel of Suppliers – Supply, Deliver & Lay Asphalt

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to approve purchase orders and expenditure under Contract G1882-2023 – Annual Supply: Supply, Deliver & Lay Asphalt Panel beyond the initial authorised \$1.2M (inc. GST) limit, provided that all expenditure remains within Council's adopted budget allocations for the 2025–2026 financial year and complies with the CEO's financial delegation limits under the S5 Instrument of Delegation.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconder: Cr Bartlett

CARRIED

7.6 2026 Central Goldfields Citizen of the Year Awards

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Endorse the recommended nominees for each award category as contained in the confidential attachment (in Confidential Business); and
2. Note that the award recipients will be publicly announced at Council's Australia Day Ceremony on Monday 26 January 2026.

Moved: Cr Long

Seconder: Cr La Vella

CARRIED

7.7 Quarterly Finance Report

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council received and notes the Quarterly Finance Report September 2025 as attachment 1 to the Report

Moved: Cr de Villers

Seconder: Cr La Vella

CARRIED

7.8 Setting Council Meeting Dates for 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council adopt the following proposed Council meeting dates and times for 2026:

- Wednesday 25 February 2026 at 6pm
- Wednesday 25 March at 6pm
- Wednesday 22 April at 6pm
- Wednesday 27 May at 6pm
- Wednesday 24 June at 6pm
- Wednesday 22 July at 6pm
- Wednesday 26 August at 6pm

- Wednesday 23 September at 6pm
- Wednesday 28 October at 6pm
- Wednesday 18 November at 6pm – Statutory Meeting – Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor
- Wednesday 25 November at 6pm
- Wednesday 16 December at 6pm

Moved: Cr Meyer

Seconder: Cr Long

CARRIED

7.9 Statutory Planning Delegation Policy

AMENDMENT – COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the Statutory Planning Delegation Policy attached to this report, with amendments at

1. Table 1 Planning Permit

Application	Criteria	Determination
Planning Permit or Amended Planning Permit	Value of development up to \$5 Million; or Between 1-3 eligible objections have been received	Delegated Officers
Planning Permit or Amended Planning Permit	Value of development above \$5 Million; or 4 or more eligible objections have been received; or Planning application is called in by a Councillor in line with Section 7.3 of this Policy.	Council

8.3 Councillor interaction with planning applicants

To remove paragraph two, commencing “To maintain transparency and integrity...”

8.3 Councillor interaction with planning applicants

Paragraph three, second sentence commencing “Instead,” substitute “must” with “should.”

Moved: Cr La Vella

Seconder: Cr de Villiers

CARRIED

8 General and other Urgent Business

Nil.

9 Notices of Motion

Nil

10 Confidential Business (Circulated Separately)

10.1 Move into Confidential

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council close the meeting to the public in accordance with the Local Government Act to consider confidential information.

The Ordinary Council meeting will conclude at the completion of the confidential items.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Meyer

CARRIED

10.5 Move out of Confidential

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That the meeting be reopened to the public.

Moved: Cr Bartlett

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

CARRIED

11 Meeting Closure

The Mayor, Cr Green closed the Council Meeting at 7:00pm.