

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 18 NOVEMBER 2020 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 3.20PM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr T D Golder chaired the meeting with Deputy Mayor Cr G B McMullen, Cr J R P Birkett, Cr M C Edwards, Cr J L Guthrie, Cr J M Hancock, Cr W L Ladbrook, Cr C J O'Neil, Cr W M Taylor, Chief Executive Officer – Julie Reitano and Minutes Officer – Kelly Rogers in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director Development, Facilities & Environmental Services – Rob Hayward, Building Projects, Maintenance Planning & Inspections - Richard Irwin.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 3.23pm.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Agenda item	Item description and key content	Councillor	Precis of personal interest
6.1	Historical Building A The Roma Hospital	Mark Edwards	The interest for Cr Edwards arises because of professional taxation client relationship with a business named in the report.

Cr Edwards advised as follows:

I inform this meeting that I have a declarable a conflict of interest in Item 6.1 – Historical Building at the Roma Hospital, as defined by section 150EN of the Local Government Act 2009). This declarable conflict of interest arises because of a professional taxation relationship, but I can't divulge their name.

Cr Edwards added that the reference to the business in question was contained in the third paragraph located on page 4 of the agenda - for clarity purposes.

Although I have a declarable conflict of interest I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias because of the disconnect there for the company mentioned and what is being achieved here. I wish to participate in the decision in relation to this matter. I acknowledge that eligible Councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 150ES of the Local Government Act 2009, whether I:

- May participate in the decision about the matter, including by voting on the matter; or*
- Must leave the meeting, including any area set aside for the public, and stay away from the meeting while the eligible Councillors discuss and vote on the matter.*

Cr O'Neil sought clarity regarding Cr Edward's declaration. Cr O'Neil indicated that the agenda item was an open matter and could be viewed by the general public. Other Councillors also confirmed this was the case.

Cr Edwards further advised that he did not wish to divulge the name of the business, thereby covering his requirement regarding privacy / confidentiality of his taxation relationship with the business referred to in the report - by him not personally mentioning the name of the business.

Cr O'Neil enquired further as to whether Cr Edwards was an accountant for the business, and if the relationship was therefore a client business relationship. Mayor Golder further commented, that the clarity sought by Cr O'Neil related to whether the relationship was that of a client or a business partnership. Cr Edwards indicated the relationship was one of a client, and further advised that he had not at this time sought advice on managing the declarable conflict of interest.

Resolution No. SM/11.2020/04
Moved Cr Birkett
Seconded Cr Guthrie

That it is in the public interest that Cr Edwards participates and votes on the Agenda Item 6.1, because a reasonable person would trust that the final decision was made in the public interest.

CARRIED

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Cr Edwards did not vote on this motion as he was the declaring Councillor under consideration in this matter.

[Cr O'Neil advised that he abstained from voting on the matter as he was not clear on Cr Edward's declarable conflict of interest].

Cr. Golder called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those who abstained to vote on the Motion
Cr. Birkett	Cr. O'Neil
Cr. Golder	
Cr. Guthrie	
Cr. Hancock	
Cr. Ladbrook	
Cr. McMullen	
Cr. Taylor	

Responsible Officer
Lead Officer – Elected Members & Community Engagement
BUSINESS

Cr O'Neil left the meeting at 3.33pm, and returned at 3.34pm.

Item Number:
6.1
File Number: D20/110048
SUBJECT HEADING:
HISTORICAL BUILDING AT THE ROMA HOSPITAL
Officer's Title:
Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)
Executive Summary:

This report provided an update on investigations and actions taken in regard to possible acquisition of an historical building that has been marked for demolition at the Roma Hospital.

Resolution No. SM/11.2020/05

Moved Cr Golder

Seconded Cr Guthrie

That:

1. Council initiate negotiations with the successful tenderer of the hospital demolition in regards to securing the historic building as identified on the hospital site to secure it for a community group, or the community - on the basis it will be saved to be removed last as part of demolition of the Roma hospital site.
2. The costs be presented to a future Council meeting for consideration.

Wording amended by Cr Golder from his original motion following a suggestion from Cr O'Neil regarding addition of point 2 regarding consideration of costs as raised by Cr Hancock].

CARRIED

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Section 150FA (2)(e) of the Local Government Act 2009

For a matter to which the prescribed conflict of interest or declarable conflict of interest relates - the name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter, and how each eligible councillor voted.

Name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter:

Mayor Cr. Tyson Golder, Deputy Mayor Cr. Geoff McMullen, Cr. John Birkett, Cr. Mark Edwards, Cr. Julie Guthrie, Cr. Johanne Hancock, Cr. Wayne (George) Ladbrook, Cr. Cameron O'Neil, Cr. Wendy Taylor.

How each eligible councillors voted:

Each councillor voted in favour of the motion.

Responsible Officer	Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)
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CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.52pm.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 25 November 2020, at 9.00am.

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Mayor.

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Date.