

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 29 MAY 2024 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Acting Mayor Cr C J O'Neil chaired the meeting with, Cr J R P Birkett (by Microsoft Teams), Cr M K Brumpton, Cr A K Davis, Cr P J Flynn, Cr J M Hancock, Cr B R Seawright, Cr J R Vincent, Acting Chief Executive Officer – Cameron Hoffmann and Kelly Rogers Minutes Officer in attendance.

WELCOME

The Acting Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.09am.

APOLOGIES

Resolution No. SM/05.2024/05	
Moved Cr Hancock	Seconded Cr Brumpton
That apologies be received and leave of absence granted for Cr. Taylor for this meeting.	
CARRIED	8/0

BUSINESS

Declaration of Interest

Item	C.1
Description	Commercial Business Unit – 2024/25 Draft Budget Development – Roma Saleyards
Declaring Councillor	Cr John Birkett
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	My parents (Gary & Julie Birkett)
Particulars of Interest	My parents are registered to buy and sell cattle at the Roma Saleyards.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Although I have a declarable conflict of interest, I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias. Therefore, I will choose to remain in the meeting. However, I will respect the decision of the meeting on whether I can remain and participate in the decision.

Resolution No. SM/05.2024/06	
Moved Cr Davis	Seconded Cr Flynn
That it is in the public interest that Councillor Birkett participates and votes on agenda item C.1 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.	
CARRIED	3/0

Statement – Cr Hancock

Cr Hancock noted that she had declared an interest on this item (C.1), when it was initially considered at the ordinary meeting on 24 May 2024 – Item LC.4. She further noted that eligible Councillors at the meeting had resolved that it was in the public interest that she participate in discussion and decision on the matter (except for the following projects):

- Additional dump ramp
- Primaries Road Loop Extension
- NHVR Hardstand Asphalt
- Truck Wash

Statement – Cr Vincent

Cr Vincent noted that she had declared an interest on this item (C.1) when it was initially considered at the ordinary meeting on 24 May 2024 – Item LC.4. She further noted that eligible Councillors at the meeting had resolved that it was in the public interest that she participate in discussion and decision on the matter.

Statement – Cr Seawright

Cr Seawright noted that he had declared an interest on this item (C.1) when it was initially considered at the ordinary meeting on 24 May 2024 – Item LC.4. He further noted that eligible Councillors at the meeting had resolved that it was in the public interest that he participate in discussion and decision on the matter.

Statement – Cr Brumpton

Cr Brumpton noted that she had declared an interest on this item (C.1) when it was initially considered at the ordinary meeting on 24 May 2024 – Item LC.4. She further noted that eligible Councillors at the meeting had resolved that it was in the public interest that she participate in discussion and decision on the matter.

Item Number:	C.1	File Number: D24/47353
SUBJECT HEADING:	COMMERCIAL BUSINESS UNIT - 2024/25 DRAFT BUDGET DEVELOPMENT_ROMA SALEYARDS	
Officer's Title:	(Acting) Chief Executive Officer	

Executive Summary:

Council staff are developing draft budget documentation for Council's consideration as part of the 2024/25 Budget.

Draft documents been prepared for the Roma Saleyards Commercial Business Unit were presented to Council.

Discussion:

The Chair reiterated that this item was initially presented at the ordinary meeting on 24 May 2024 and again at this meeting for Council to consider additional Councillor conflicts on the matter.

He further indicated that in dealing with Councillor conflicts future briefing discussions could progress having considered Councillor conflicts in preparing the draft 2024/25 budget in relation to the Roma Saleyards Commercial Business Unit.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Acting Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.14am.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 12 June 2024, at the Roma Administration Centre.