



ORDINARY MEETING

CONFIRMED MINUTES

7 APRIL 2026

The resolutions contained within these minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 21 April 2026.

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 4 LAGOON PLACE, YEPPON ON TUESDAY, 7 APRIL 2026 COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM
(DEVELOPMENT & STRATEGIC PLANNING)**

1 OPENING

Acknowledgement of Country

“I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully acknowledge the Darumbal People. The traditional custodians and elders past, present and emerging of the land on which this meeting is taking place today.”

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was delivered by *Councillor Lance Warcon*

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

Mayor, Councillor Adam Belot
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Pat Eastwood
Councillor Glenda Mather
Councillor Rhodes Watson
Councillor Wade Rothery
Councillor Lance Warcon
Councillor Andrea Friend

Officers in Attendance:

Alastair Dawson – Interim Chief Executive Officer
Molly Saunders – Acting General Manager Communities and Environment
Oliver Gough – Council Ranger
Roy Lewandowski – Principal Council Ranger
Greg Abbotts – Manager Planning and Development
Sonia Tomkinson – Manager Economic Development
Renee Dwyer – Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Gretta Cowie – Executive Support Officer

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 March 2026 and the Special Meeting on 31 March 2026 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Friend

Seconded by: Councillor Watson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE
AGENDA**

Nil

6 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

7 BUSINESS ARISING OR OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 LIFTING MATTERS LAYING ON THE TABLE

File No:

Attachments: Nil

Responsible Officer: Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report is being presented to Council in order for the stated matter to be formally lifted from the business outstanding table prior to being dealt with at this meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council resolves that the following report which is currently 'laying on the table' within the Business Outstanding Table awaiting return to a Council meeting, be lifted from the table to be dealt with later in this meeting:

- Long Beach Access – Local Law Review

Moved by: Councillor Watson

Seconded by: Councillor Warcon

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 LIFTING MATTERS LAYING ON THE TABLE

File No: GV13

Attachments:

- 1. NOM - Cr Mather - Admendment to Planning Scheme for Pet Crematoriums - 15 July 2025**
- 2. Response to NOM - Cr Mather - Admendment to Planning Scheme for Pet Crematoriums - 16 September 2025**

Responsible Officer: Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The matter was originally laid on the table at the Council meeting held on 15 July 2025, pending the provision of additional information at a briefing session and its return to a future Council meeting.

The matter was considered by Council at the meeting held on 16 September 2025. At that meeting, Council resolved not to amend the Livingstone Planning Scheme 2018.

At the time of the 16 September 2025 meeting, a report should have been presented to Council to formally lift the matter from the table. This s

tep was inadvertently missed.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council resolves to lift the following report which is currently 'laying on the table'.

Notice of Motion – Councillor Mather – Amendment to Planning Scheme for Pet Crematoriums

Moved by: Councillor Mather

Seconded by: Councillor Friend

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

11 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

12 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13 REPORTS

13.1 LONG BEACH ACCESS - LOCAL LAW REVIEW

File No:	fA3222
Attachments:	1. Report from 15 July 2025 - Long Beach Access (matter lay on table)
Responsible Officer:	Greg Abbotts - Manager Planning and Development Katrina Paterson - General Manager Communities and Environment Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Nat Druery - Coordinator Public Environments Roy Lewandowski - Principal Local Laws Officer
Previous Items:	11.7 - Southern Beaches Vehicle Access - Ordinary Council - 20 Jun 2023 9.00am 6.1 - 9.00am Deputation - Mike Griffin - Southern Beaches Reference Group - Ordinary Council - 20 May 2024 9:00 AM 11.19 - Southern Beaches Vehicle Access History, Local Laws and Reference Group. - Ordinary Council - 20 May 2024 9:00 AM 13.17 - Long Beach Access - Ordinary Council - 15 Jul 2025 9:00 AM

SUMMARY

This report was presented to the Council Meeting on 15 July 2025, where it was laid on the table pending further workshops and return to a future Council Meeting. The matter is now being presented to the Council Meeting on 7 April 2026, as the workshops on this matter have concluded.

This report relates to the feasibility of opening Long Beach to the public for the driving of recreational vehicles.

Suspension of Standing Orders

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That pursuant to s2.18.1(i) and s2.18.27 of Livingstone Shire Council's Meeting Procedures Policy the provisions of the Meeting Procedures be suspended to allow adequate time for informal discussion on Item .. - prior to entering into formal debate.

Moved by: Councillor Mather

MOTION CARRIED

Crs A Belot, P Eastwood, G Mather, W Rothery and R Watson voted in the affirmative.

Crs A Friend and L Warcon voted in the negative.

Resumption of Standing Orders

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That pursuant to s2.18.1(i) and s2.18.27 of Livingstone Shire Council's Meeting Procedures Policy the provisions of the Meeting Procedures be resumed.

Moved by: Mayor, Councillor Belot

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Long Beach remains closed to general vehicular access in line with the current local Laws and this remains in force for the suite of new Local Laws.

Moved by: Councillor Warcon

Seconded by: Councillor Watson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 TIMBERS BEACH ACCESS - LOCAL LAW REVIEW

File No: fA3222

Attachments: Nil

Responsible Officer: Greg Abbotts - Manager Planning and Development
Katrina Paterson - General Manager Communities and Environment
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer

Author: Nat Druery - Coordinator Public Environments
Roy Lewandowski - Principal Local Laws Officer

Previous Items: 11.7 - Southern Beaches Vehicle Access - Ordinary Council - 20 Jun 2023 9.00am
6.1 - 9.00am Deputation - Mike Griffin - Southern Beaches Reference Group - Ordinary Council - 20 May 2024 9:00 AM
11.19 - Southern Beaches Vehicle Access History, Local Laws and Reference Group. - Ordinary Council - 20 May 2024 9:00 AM

SUMMARY

This report relates to the feasibility of opening Timbers Beach to the public for the driving of recreational vehicles

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Timbers Beach remains closed to general vehicular access in line with the current Local Laws and this remains in force for the suite of new Local Laws.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That pursuant to s2.18.1(d) and s2.18.11 of Livingstone Shire Council's Meeting Procedures Policy the matter lay on the table pending the outcome of land acquisition to return to a future Council meeting.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood

MOTION CARRIED

Crs A Belot, P Eastwood, G Mather, W Rothery and L Warcon voted in the affirmative.

Crs A Friend and R Watson voted in the negative.

13.3 RITAMADA BEACH ACCESS - LOCAL LAW REVIEW**File No:** fA3222**Attachments:** Nil**Responsible Officer:** Greg Abbotts - Manager Planning and Development
Katrina Paterson - General Manager Communities and Environment
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Nat Druery - Coordinator Public Environments
Roy Lewandowski - Principal Local Laws Officer**Previous Items:** 7.14 - Ritamada Beach Carparking Area - Briefing Session - 06 Dec 2022 9.00am
7.11 - Ritamada Beach Parking Area - Briefing Session - 05 Dec 2023 9.00am
11.7 - Southern Beaches Vehicle Access - Ordinary Council - 20 Jun 2023 9.00am
6.1 - 9.00am Deputation - Mike Griffin - Southern Beaches Reference Group - Ordinary Council - 20 May 2024 9:00 AM
11.19 - Southern Beaches Vehicle Access History, Local Laws and Reference Group. - Ordinary Council - 20 May 2024 9:00 AM

SUMMARY

This report (and previous reports) speaks to the potential opening of Ritamada Beach to the public for the driving of recreational vehicles. This is in addition to Council's current Local Laws that allows restricted access to launch or retrieve a vessel.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the Ritamada Beach current access arrangements for the purposes of launching and retrieving vessels remains in force for the new suite of Local Laws; AND

THAT further Signage be installed to clearly delineate parking areas and access arrangements.

Moved by: Councillor Watson**Seconded by:** Councillor Mather**MOTION CARRIED**

Crs A Belot, P Eastwood, A Friend, G Mather, L Warcon and R Watson voted in the affirmative.

Cr W Rothery voted in the negative.

13.4 REQUEST FOR FEE REDUCTION**File No:****Attachments:** 1. Subject Site**Responsible Officer:** Katrina Paterson - General Manager Communities and Environment
Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Greg Abbotts - Manager Planning and Development

SUMMARY

Halijent Pty Ltd have made representations to Council seeking a reduction in development application fees for Operational Works for Earthworks, Allotment Drainage Works, Water Works, Sewerage Works, Carparking Works and Landscaping Works for 3-5 Pineapple Drive, Hidden Valley (Lot 23 on SP321551). This representation is made as a result of minimal Council assets being contributed for this development and part of the works already constructed as a result of a previous operational works permit.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council resolves to reduce the application fee of \$19,690.42 to \$6,972.00, based on an appropriate cost-recovery fee calculation for the assessment of this particular development application.

Moved by: Councillor Mather**Seconded by:** Councillor Watson**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

13.5 RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT POLICY

File No:	ED8.5
Attachments:	1. DRAFT Community Benefit Agreement Policy - marked up version 2. DRAFT Community Benefit Agreement Policy - clean version
Responsible Officer:	Katrina Paterson - General Manager Communities and Environment
Author:	Arna Hart - Economic Development Officer Suzette Garden - Economic Development Recovery Officer Shari Rankin - Coordinator Development Assessment

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council adoption of the Renewable Energy Community Benefit Agreement Policy (the Policy), a statutory policy developed in response to recent amendments to Queensland planning legislation requiring large-scale renewable energy developments to identify, mitigate and offset social impacts on host communities.

The Policy establishes a clear, transparent and consistent framework for negotiating and administering Community Benefit Agreements (CBAs) with proponents of renewable energy generation and storage projects within the Livingstone Shire. It ensures that renewable energy developments deliver tangible, place-based legacy benefits that align with Council's strategic priorities, community expectations and legislative obligations.

10:21AM Councillor Watson left the meeting.

10:23AM Councillor Watson returned to the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council adopts the Renewable Energy Community Benefit Agreement Policy as presented in this report.

Moved by: Councillor Friend

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Adjourned**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:37AM
THAT the meeting be adjourned for morning tea.

Moved by: Mayor, Councillor Belot

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Resumed**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:55AM
THAT the meeting be resumed.

Moved by: Mayor, Councillor Belot

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14 URGENT BUSINESS QUESTIONS

14.1 COOEE BAY POOL - FORMAL OPENING

File No:

Responsible Officer: **Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer**

SUMMARY

Council has received negative feedback from members of the wider Australian community in relation to the proposed opening of the Cooee Bay Pool as a consequence of a Facebook campaign orchestrated by One Nation Chief of Staff James Ashby. The campaign, based on incorrect information has resulted in significant abuse being directed toward the Mayor, some Councillors and staff members, as well as members of their family, which is considered unacceptable behaviour. The following report outlines the correct information regarding the pool opening protocol.

CEO provided full report to Councillors in relation to this item during Council Meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the CEO be requested to update Councillors on the protocols for the formal opening of the Cooee Bay pool, given it is a Federally Funded initiative.

Moved by: Mayor, Councillor Belot

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council notes the information provided by the CEO and resolves to continue to abide by legal funding requirements, in relation to formal invitations to government officials, being that the only condition of receiving Community Development Grants Program are that formal invitations are only offered to funding partners, and that only representatives from the Livingstone Shire Council and a representative from the Federal Government who may speak at the event and including an invitation to Federal Member Michelle Landry in line with the funding agreement; AND

THAT an informal invitation is offered to Senator Pauline Hanson and former Mayor Andy Ireland, who were both instrumental, in the initial advocacy for this Federal Government Funding for the Capricorn Coast Brian Dorey OAM Aquatic Centre.

Moved by: Mayor, Councillor Belot

Seconded by: Councillor Rothery

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:41AM.