



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

CONFIRMED MINUTES

31 MARCH 2026

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 4 LAGOON PLACE, YEPPON ON TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2026 COMMENCING AT 4PM (SPECIAL)**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.”

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

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

Officers in Attendance:

Alastair Dawson – Interim Chief Executive Officer
Renee Dwyer – Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Gretta Cowie – Executive Support Officer
Greg Abbotts – Manager, Planning and Development
Nat Druery – Co-ordinator Community Compliance

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

6 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

7 BUSINESS ARISING OR OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

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 STATE LEGISLATION CHANGES - E-SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES

File No:	fA42
Attachments:	1. Advice from State Government - E-Scooters and E-Bikes
Responsible Officer:	Katrina Paterson - General Manager Communities and Environment Alastair Dawson - Interim Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Lucy Walker - Coordinator Executive Support

SUMMARY

The Queensland Government has recently announced significant reforms to the regulation of e-scooters and e-bikes. These changes have generated early concern and discussion within the Livingstone Shire community and among Councillors, particularly in relation to the practical impacts for regional areas where infrastructure, travel distances, and enforcement capacity differ markedly from metropolitan settings.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement to form a clear and considered position on the State Government reforms. This position would be informed by Councillor discussion and officer advice, and subsequently presented to the State Government to ensure regional considerations are appropriately represented.

Suspension of Standing Orders

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

4:03PM

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 13.1 prior to entering into formal debate.

Moved by: Mayor, Councillor Belot

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resumption of Standing Orders

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

4:40PM

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 Council supports the State's decision to legislate for control of e-mobility devices. Council provides to the State the below points:

1. It acknowledges and signals its support for the Transport and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2026, announced by the Crisafulli Government and currently before the Qld Parliament, and its intent to regulate the sale of e-mobility vehicles, such as bikes and scooters, its intention to ban under 16 year old people from riding E-mobility devices and the regulation of speed and modification of e-mobility devices to a lower speed threshold.
2. Council supports the Bill on the basis it will contribute to making local community footpaths safer for pedestrians and roadways safer for motorists.
3. Council encourages the State Government to increase its community education program prior to the assenting of legislation to ensure parents are not unfairly disadvantaged or penalised when under-age riders receive infringement notices by the police service.
4. Council express its concern to the State government about the potential impact of the government's legislation in respect to the requirement for e-mobility users to be licenced in addition to being over the age of 16, on the basis that the licencing requirement may disadvantage people who choose not to hold a drivers licence or who may have surrendered their licence in the past because they no longer required it, or who may rely on e-mobility devices for mobility due to a disability.
5. Council calls on the state Government to ensure that State police are adequately resourced to enforce the legislation once passed through the parliament.
6. Council requests Council officers to prepare a future report to Council at the earliest opportunity, on ways and means that Council can implement actions which complement the State's legislated approach, including but not limited to education programs, regulated e-mobility use locations, and regulated parking support for e-mobility devices.

Moved by: Mayor, Councillor Belot

Seconded by: Councillor Friend

MOTION CARRIED

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

Cr W Rothery voted in the negative.

14 URGENT BUSINESS QUESTIONS

05:15PM Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eastwood left the meeting.

Motion be put to a vote

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of Council, write a letter to the Regional Director of the Queensland Department of Education in relation to the transfer of principal at the Marlborough State School without public consultation and little regard to the impact of the students and the community.

Further, Council requests the Director reconsider the placement of principal by an unknown and non-resident of the area which is not in the interest of the community as a whole. Council requests that the decision be reviewed to place a new person in this position and respectfully consider the promotion of the second teacher to the primary position.

Moved by: Councillor Mather
Seconded by: Councillor Warcon

MOTION LOST

Cr G Mather voted in the affirmative.

Crs A Belot, A Friend, W Rothery, L Warcon and R Watson voted in the negative.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council write to the department to review and advocate for a merit based process and ensure that a qualified person is selected to the position of principal to provide much needed stability for the Marlborough Community given that there has been excessively high turnover of the Principal which is a concern to the Council.

Moved by: Mayor, Councillor Belot
Seconded by: Councillor Warcon

MOTION CARRIED

Crs A Belot, A Friend, G Mather and L Warcon voted in the affirmative.

Cr W Rothery voted in the negative.

Cr R Watson abstained.

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5:43pm.