

Minutes Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 27 March 2025



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MINUTES OF THE BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 3:08PM AND CONCLUDING AT 6:04PM

I2025/370

PRESENT: Cr S Ndiaye (Mayor) [Left at 5.45PM], Cr J Dods, Cr E Hauge, Cr D Kay, Cr M Lyon, Cr A Pugh, Cr J Swain, Cr D Warth

Staff: Mark Arnold (General Manager)
Esmeralda Davis (Director Corporate and Community Services)
Phil Holloway (Director Infrastructure Services)
Sharyn French (A/Director Sustainable Environment and Economy)
Matt Meir (Legal Counsel)
Heather Sills (Manager Corporate Services)
Claire McGarry (Place Manager) – Report 13.11
Chris Soulsby (Manager Assets and Major Projects) – Report 13.11
Amber Evans-Crane (Minute Taker)

The Mayor opened the meeting and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on Arakwal Country and that we pay our respects to the elders past and present and extend our respect to the Bundjalung clans whose lands and waters are part of the Shire.

PUBLIC ACCESS

Prior to dealing with the circulated reports and associated information, a Public Access Session was held and Council was addressed on the following:

Public Access

Report No and Title	For/ Against	Name	Representing Organisation	Submission via
13.4 Draft Place Plan for New Brighton, South Golden Beach and Ocean Shores - for Public Exhibition	For	Kim Dowling	North Byron Business Chamber	In Person
		David Michie	Self	In Person
	Against	Kathy Norley	South Golden Beach Community Association	In Person
		Angela Dunlop	South Golden Beach Community Association	In Person

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13.6	PLANNING - 26.2024.10.1 Submissions Report Post Exhibition, Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme 02	Against	Anna Watson & Roger Green	Self	In Person
13.11	Byron Bay Drainage Upgrade - Town Centre Design and Construction	For	Anthony Pangallo	Byron Bay Masterplan Advisory Group	In Person
			Matt Williamson	Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce	In Person

Submissions

Subject	Name	Representing Organisation	Submission via
Preschool shortages in Byron Shire	Bridget Isichei	Byron Bay Preschool	In Person
Mullumbimby Heritage Item	Jan Barham	Self	Read by Staff

Question No. 1 Community Engagement

Liz Levy asked the following question:

In opting to reject the \$2.3m grant for traffic lights, were councillors aware of the vital information that 1) much of the substance of the anti-lights campaign was directly contradicted by feedback from Metis engineers and 2) that Council, as the relevant road authority was not obliged to seek community approval for necessary safety measures.

Should Byron Shire residents now anticipate that 1000 signatures will be considered "community wishes" and a threshold for reversing decisions and if so, what measures can be taken to ensure more timely public information from Council and a more balanced and accurate public debate?

The Mayor took the question on notice.

Question No. 2 Broken Head Road and Clifford Street

Joti Jaffray, on behalf of Keep the Flow in Suffo, asked the following question (as read by staff):

Can council advise if it has lodged the request for the Clifford Street intersection Road Safety Grant variation to deliver safety treatments instead of traffic lights and or are there any other updates on this topic.

Phil Holloway, Director Infrastructure Services responded:

A variation as per resolution 25-067 has not yet been submitted to TfNSW.

In response to res 25-067 part 2, staff have developed a concept design for the Broken Head Road and Clifford Street Road Safety Program (RSP) grant variation for improved pedestrian safety.

A Road Safety Program grant variation submission requires staff: -

- 1. to assess the safety of the design*
- 2. prepare detailed cost estimates*
- 3. develop design and construction programs for the project, and*
- 4. determine a project cost variance due to the significant change in scope of work.*

Staff expect that the variation request will be submitted by mid-April 2025.

Staff will provide a further update on the results of the variation request when available as per part 3 of Res 25-067 – (Staff to provide a further update once TfNSW provide feedback on the variation request).

Question No. 3 Accessible Public Toilet at 57 Station Street Mullumbimby

Vee Hunt asked the following question (as read by staff):

In the event that a Unit Block replaces the Public Toilets at the Council Carpark at 57 Station Street can a Male and Female toilet be integrated to the site design to provide an easily accessible Public Toilet Facility within the CBD for people with medical, mobility and immediacy issues who have come to rely on the existing facility?

The Mayor took the question on notice.

Question No. 4 Social Housing for 57 Station Street Mullumbimby

Jan Barham asked the following question (as read by staff):

Has council investigated with the NSW Government the funding available from the Commonwealth's \$10billion Housing Australia Future Fund program for delivery of social housing funding for the 57 Station Street Mullumbimby site as Byron Shire has a deficit of social housing compared to other councils in our region and a priority to address the needs of our most vulnerable residents.

The Mayor took the question on notice.

Question No. 5 Publication of Council Notices in the Echo

Angela Dunlop, on behalf of the South Golden Beach Community Association, asked the following question:

My question is why has Council not endorsed the publication of notices including meeting agendas, items on public exhibition and DAs in the Echo as per many Councillors pre-election commitments which were made in the interests of transparency and community engagement?

Councillor Lyon responded by asking:

Why would it only have to be the Echo Newspaper given we now have two local newspapers?

Angela Dunlop responded: *OK, any local papers.*

Councillor Lyon responded by asking: *I understand that this is considered to be somewhat important public information which is available freely on the website, but if it is that important we should put a challenge out to both publications to publish it for free and provide us a say a quarter page ad to do that and if one of those two publications offered that, would you take it?*

Angela Dunlop asked: *What is the other publication Michael?*

Councillor Lyon responded: *The Byron Coast Times [Discussion regarding where the paper was based.]*

Angela Dunlop responded: *The reason I said the Echo was because as previously has been published in the Echo and most people do actually read the Echo. I am involved with South Golden Beach Community Association and there's often times when we have a meeting and if we're not all over the Agenda coming up, you know in another few weeks, we don't necessarily discuss that item at the time because we're not aware of it. Any major DAs would be good to see them in there and also I'm not saying every single DA, I'm basically saying Agenda items, major DAs and anything on Council exhibition. They're the main three it would be good to have available for the public to see. Not everyone has access to computers. Not everyone wants to spend all their time going online to try to find things. If we could see it in a printed version it's so much easier and so much more transparent.*

Cr Dods asked Council: *We all had pre-election commitments. Could we please have a show of hands from our campaigners who committed to publishing DA notices in the Echo and those who didn't.*

Cr Ndiaye advised: *I am still committed to publishing in the Echo, however, it was my understanding we are waiting for the budgets to come up to put in a budget bid. I believe we may need to actually put a Notice of Motion through. Former Councillor Dey did put one up and it was unsuccessful and it will be on us to do that. Thank you for bringing it to our attention. My thought was it was coming up with the new financial year, with the contracts.*

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Question No. 6 Selling 57 Station Street, Mullumbimby

Duncan Dey asked the following question:

What was or will be the sale price of the publicly owned land at 57 Station Street? If not an exact number, then what was it approximately or how was or will it be worked out?

The Mayor took the question on notice.

The meeting adjourned at 4.02pm for a short break and reconvened at 4.21pm.

APOLOGIES

PROCEDURAL MOTION

- 25-081** **Resolved** that the apology from Cr Lowe be accepted in accordance with her prior leave of absence (Resolution **25-057**). (Ndiaye)
The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.
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APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

There were no applications to attend by audio-visual link.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PROCEDURAL MOTION

- 25-082** **Resolved** that Cr Swain be granted a leave of absence from the 10 April Planning Council Meeting (Ndiaye/Dods)
The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

Cr Ndiaye declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Report 13.6. The nature of the interest being that her brother's name is listed here. Cr Ndiaye elected to leave the Chamber and will not participate in discussion and the vote.

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Cr Dods declared a not significant non-pecuniary interest in Report 13.8. The nature of the interest being that he has worked on a DA (2023.454.1) that is currently being assessed and due for determination by the NRRP. He considers the interest in this particular item to be not significant because the item recommends commencing an EOI process for new community members. He has no close personal or business relationships with any of the current panel members proposed to remain on the panel during the EOI process. Cr Dods elected to stay in the Chamber and will not participate in discussion and the vote.

TABLING OF PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

There were no Pecuniary Interest Returns tabled.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 25-083** **Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 27 February 2025 be confirmed. (Ndiaye/Dods)
The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

RESERVATION OF ITEMS FOR DEBATE AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor suspended standing orders to allow for items to be reserved for debate, being:

STAFF REPORTS

Sustainable Environment and Economy

Report No. 13.4 Draft Place Plan for New Brighton, South Golden Beach and Ocean Shores - for Public Exhibition

Report No. 13.5 Net Zero Emissions Pathway and Climate Active Certification

Report No. 13.6 PLANNING - 26.2024.10.1 Submissions Report Post Exhibition, Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme 02

Report No. 13.7 Draft Pest Animal Management Plan 2025 - 2030 for Public Exhibition

Infrastructure Services

Report No. 13.11 Byron Bay Drainage Upgrade - Town Centre Design and Construction

The remaining Recommendations and Committee Recommendation were adopted as a whole, being moved by Cr Hauge and seconded by Cr Dods. Each recommendation is recorded with a separate resolution number commencing at Resolution No. **25-84** and concluding with Resolution No. **25-098**.

STAFF REPORTS - CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Report No. 13.1 Grants February 2025
File No: I2025/139

25-084 Resolved that Council notes the Grant Submissions Report for the month of February 2025 (Attachment 1 #E2025/26154). (Hauge/Dods).

Report No. 13.2 Appointment of additional community representative to Arts Advisory Committee
File No: I2025/233

25-085 Resolved that the:

1. Aboriginal Arts Representative, Benja Roberts, be appointed to the Arts Advisory Committee for the 2024-2028 term ending September 2028.
2. Advisory Committee member:
 - a) be notified of their appointment to the committee; and
 - b) complete induction, Code of Conduct, and confidentiality requirements.(Hauge/Dods)

Report No. 13.3 **Council Investments - 1 February 2025 to 28 February 2025**
File No: I2025/324

25-086 **Resolved** that Council notes the report listing Council's investments and overall cash position as of 28 February 2025. (Hauge/Dods)

STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Report No. 13.8 **Northern Regional Planning Panel Membership**
File No: I2025/225

25-087 **Resolved** that Council:

1. Endorses an expression of interest process to call for two community panel members and two alternate members to the Northern Regional Planning Panel;
2. Receives a report on the expressions of interest process to determine the new Northern Regional Planning Panel community panel members and alternate members;
3. Thanks the current members Simon Richardson and Joe Vescio and alternate members Ian Pickles and David Brown for their participation on the Northern Regional Planning Panel;
4. Invites the current members to continue as members on the current Northern Regional Planning Panel until new members are appointed through the EOI process;
5. Confirms the payment to community members on Northern Regional Planning Panel (continuing and new members) will align with the Department of Planning Housing and Industry Guidance; and
6. Notifies the Planning Panel Secretariat of the above. (Hauge/Dods)

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Report No. 13.9 **PLANNING - 26.2024.8.1 - Post Exhibition Submissions Report - Planning Proposal for Public Road Subdivision as Exempt Development. Amendment of Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014**

File No: I2025/271

25-088 **Resolved** that Council:

1. Forwards the Planning Proposal in Attachment 1 (E2025/10489) to this report to NSW Parliamentary Counsel's Office (PCO) requesting that a draft LEP instrument be prepared; and
2. Pending receipt of PCO Certificate that the plan can be made, forwards the plan to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requesting notification on the NSW Government legislation website. (Hauge/Dods)

STAFF REPORTS - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Report No. 13.10 **Byron Shire Integrated Transport Plan**

File No: I2025/281

25-089 **Resolved** that Council endorses the proposed Byron Shire Integrated Transport Plan project program and structure. (Hauge/Dods)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Report No. 14.1 **Report of the Arts Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2025**

File No: I2025/214

25-090 **Resolved** that Council notes the minutes of the Arts Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2025. (Hauge/Dods)

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Report No. 14.2 **Report of the Finance Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2025**

File No: I2025/215

25-091 **Resolved** that Council notes the minutes of the Finance Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2025. (Hauge/Dods)

25-092 **Resolved:**

Report No. 4.1 Budget Review - 1 October to 31 December 2024

File No: I2025/134

Committee Recommendation 4.1.1

That Council:

1. Authorises the itemised budget variations as shown in Attachment 2 (#E2025/15611) which include the following results in the 31 December 2024 Quarterly Review of the 2024/2025 Budget:
 - a) General Fund – \$75,500 decrease to the Estimated Unrestricted Cash Result
 - b) General Fund - \$9,502,200 increase in reserves
 - c) Water Fund - \$671,600 increase in reserves
 - d) Sewerage Fund - \$1,405,200 increase in reserves
2. Adopts the revised General Fund Estimated Unrestricted Cash Surplus of \$400,000 for the 2024/2025 financial year as at 31 December 2024.

(Hauge/Dods)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Report No. 14.3 **Report of the Climate Change and Resource Recovery Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2025**

File No: I2025/294

25-093 **Resolved** that Council notes the minutes of the Climate Change and Resource Recovery Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2025. (Hauge/Dods)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Report No. 14.4 **Report of the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2025**

File No: I2025/232

25-094 **Resolved** that Council notes the minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2025. (Hauge/Dods)

25-095 **Resolved:** that Council adopts the following Committee Recommendations:

Report No. 4.1 Integrated Planning and Reporting

File No: I2025/128

Committee Recommendation 4.1.1

That the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee:

1. Notes Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework
2. Discusses at our May meeting the priorities for the 2025 – 2029 Delivery Program. (Hauge/Dods)

25-096 **Resolved** that Council adopt the following Committee Recommendations:

Report No. 4.2 Byron Shire Council Flood Risk Management Plan-Update on Actions and Accomplishments - Post 2022 Flood Priorities

File No: I2025/73

Committee Recommendation 4.2.1

The Floodplain Management Advisory Committee recommend:

1. That Council notes and endorses the update on the 2022 Byron Shire Council Flood Mitigation Program, Attachment 2 (E2025/10640).
2. That staff creates a dedicated webpage for current Floodplain Risk Management activities to keep the community well-informed.
3. Staff provides an update on the Post Event Flood Planning Level review (Item 23).
4. Staff provides an update on the Evacuation Assessment for Mullumbimby (Item 12).
5. The committee requests that staff member Annie Lewis be present at the May meeting to discuss community engagement. (Hauge/Dods)

25-097 Resolved that Council adopt the following Committee Recommendations:

Report No. 4.3 Current Status of Flood Resilience Studies and Works

File No: I2025/74

Committee Recommendation 4.3.1

1. That the Committee notes the status of the following works being undertaken by Council:
 - a) Broken Head Road – Evacuation Route
 - b) Belongil and Tallow flood risk management study and plan update – DCCEEW & BSC
 - c) Byron Shire overland flow path study – DCCEEW & BSC
 - d) Billinudgel rail bridge debris options study and implementation – DCCEEW & BSC
 - e) South Golden Beach Levee Works – NSW Public Works
 - f) Coogera Basin Upgrade Project – NSW Reconstruction Authority
 - g) Byron Preferred Drainage Strategy
 - h) NSW Severe Weather and Flood Grant AGRN1012 \$2M program
2. That the Committee notes the Council staff endorsement of the Stage 2 – Bangalow Flood Study Report – Calibration and Validation (E2025/9759).
3. That the Chair considers an extraordinary meeting before the May meeting.
4. Update to be circulated to committee members regarding the easement enhancement at South Golden Beach.
5. Scope clarity from public works regarding the South Golden Beach levee.
(Hauge/Dods)

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25-098 Resolved that Council adopt the following Committee Recommendations:

Report No. 4.4 Recommended Flood Grant Applications in May 2025 subject to budget allocation

File No: I2025/102

Committee Recommendation 4.4.1

That Council:

1. Endorses funding Councils component and applying for grant funding through the NSW DCCEEW Floodplain Management Program for the following two (2) projects:
 - a) North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, and
 - b) Bangalow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.
 2. Undertakes appropriate community engagement. (Hauge/Dods)
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The motions (Res 25-084 to 25-098) were put to the vote and carried unanimously

PROCEDURAL MOTION

25-099 Resolved that Council change the order of business to deal with Reports 13.4, 13.6, 13.11, 13.7 and 13.5 next on the Agenda. (Ndiaye)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Report No. 13.4 **Draft Place Plan for New Brighton, South Golden Beach and Ocean Shores - for Public Exhibition**

File No: I2025/87

25-100 **Resolved** that Council:

1. Endorses the Draft Place Plan for New Brighton, South Golden Beach and Ocean Shores (Attachment 1 E2025/23171) for public exhibition;
2. Amends the Draft Place Plan for New Brighton, South Golden Beach, and Ocean Shores prior to going on public exhibition, to include the following additions;
 - a) a new Action item to further investigate the viability, including assessment of environmental impacts, of the Marshalls Creek Boardwalk, including assessment of Item OS001, Item OS023, and/or Item OS025 in the Byron Shire Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan.
 - b) a new Action item to investigate the establishment of a new mixed use neighbourhood precinct to service the needs west of Ocean Shores near the Balemo Dr/Orana Rd entry to Ocean Shores, when Council's Business and Industrial Lands Strategy is reviewed
3. Acknowledges, thanks, and continues to engage and collaborate with the local Aboriginal representatives, the New Brighton, South Golden Beach and Ocean Shores communities and other stakeholders for their input to date; and
4. Notes that, following the public exhibition period, the final Place Plan will be reported to Council for adoption, along with recommendations for the initial implementation of this Plan.
5. Produces a Route Options Report for the Marshalls Creek Boardwalk, as described in Point 2(a), and;
 - a) that the draft Route Options Report be brought to a Councillor Workshop prior finalisation
6. Writes to the NSW Environment Minister regarding the Marshalls Creek Boardwalk proposal asking whether the Government will engage in further investigating this proposal. (Swain/Warth)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

- 25-101** **Resolved** that Cr Swain be granted a two minute extension to her speech. (Pugh/Ndiaye)
- The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.*

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PROCEDURAL MOTION

25-102 Resolved that Cr Ndiaye be granted a two minute extension to her speech. (Warth/Dods)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

25-103 Resolved that Cr Lyon be granted a two minute extension to his speech. (Ndiaye/Dods)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The motion (Swain/ Warth) was put to the vote and carried unanimously

PROCEDURAL MOTION

25-104 Resolved that Council change the order of business to deal with Reports 13.11 and 13.7 next on the Agenda. (Ndiaye/Hauge)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Report No. 13.11 **Byron Bay Drainage Upgrade - Town Centre Design and Construction**

File No: I2025/293

25-105 **Resolved** that Council:

1. Endorses the completed Detailed Design for the Town Centre component of the Byron Bay Drainage Upgrade (Attachment 1), subject to the following changes:
 - a) Investigate a raised safety platform crossing, pedestrian crossing, or other pedestrian-priority treatments on Jonson St at Byron Lane
 - b) Include alternate surface treatment for Byron Lane to clearly delineate shared zone
 - c) Include raised safety platform crossing and/or pedestrian-paver feature treatment at Lateen Lane entry to Jonson St
 - d) Change surface treatment on raised crossings to match the footpath treatment or similar aesthetically
 - e) Change concrete median / pedestrian refuges to river stone-in-concrete finish
 - f) Reduce the road pavement width on Fletcher St to improve pedestrian safety, by reducing the northbound lanes between Lateen Ln and Lawson St from two traffic lanes to one traffic lane, and by replacing the removed lane width with a vegetated median to match the southern median on Fletcher St, and investigate 45 degree parking
 - g) Refer to the NSW Movement and Place framework to rationalise regulatory signage wherever possible
2. Endorses the reallocation of grant funding to prioritise town centre upgrades, subject to agreement from funding bodies;
3. Grants the Mayor and General Manager delegation to lobby State and Federal governments for additional funding to enable Council to complete the full scope of drainage upgrades in Byron Bay;
4. Undertakes a selective tender process for the Byron Drainage Upgrade - Town Centre Construction, inviting the preferred suppliers identified in the EOI evaluation report (Attachment 2), subject to amendment of the funding deeds and resulting availability of funding;
5. Grants the General Manager delegation to award Contract [2024-2448](#) - Byron Drainage Upgrade - Town Centre Construction, so long as the works are within the allocated budget; and
6. Delegates authority to negotiate relocation of the markets based on previous

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footprint and licence terms, while ensuring that:

- a) No vehicles are driven on the reserve between footpaths and the beach; and
 - b) Measures are taken to ensure protection of the dunes from erosion related to market operations
7. Seeks to avoid construction and closure of pedestrian areas in peak holiday periods wherever possible
8. Provides ongoing updates on the timeline of the planned works to affected businesses, including anticipated start and finish dates, work days and times, and work intensity (e.g. which times are likely to be the most disruptive with excessive noise and dust) (Dods/Pugh)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

- 25-106 Resolved** that Cr Dods be granted a two minute extension to his speech. (Ndiaye/Hauge)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Report No. 13.7 Draft Pest Animal Management Plan 2025 - 2030 for Public Exhibition
File No: I2025/187

- 25-107 Resolved** that Council defers consideration of the Draft Pest Animal Management Plan 2025 - 2030 for Public Exhibition. (Ndiaye/Warth)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

*Cr Ndiaye left the Chambers at 5.45pm and did not return.
Cr Dods assumed the Chair as Deputy Mayor.*

Report No. 13.5 **Net Zero Emissions Pathway and Climate Active Certification**
File No: I2025/106

25-108 Resolved that Council:

1. Acknowledges that it will not be possible to meet the target date for net zero emissions for Council operations by 2025 (Res. 17-086 item 3);
2. Acknowledges that it will not be possible to certify with Climate Active commencing in the 2025/26 financial year (Res. 19-634 item 2);
3. Notes that best-practice interim and long-term targets, including carbon neutrality, will be proposed after the development of a new pathway to net zero emissions;
4. Continues with planned emissions reduction activities while a new pathway to net zero emissions is being developed
5. Notes the plan to realign the net zero target utilising best practice methodology, being the ISO (International Standard for Organisation) IWA (International Workshop Agreement) 42:2022 Net Zero Guidelines;
6. Receives a further future report from Council staff on the development of the net zero pathway and the proposed interim and long-term target dates; and
7. Amends the Operational Plan for Q4 2024/25 to include the new action, 3.4.4.5 Review the Net Zero Emissions Strategy. (Hauge/Pugh)

*The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously
Cr Ndiaye was absent for the vote..*

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Report No. 13.6 **PLANNING - 26.2024.10.1 Submissions Report Post Exhibition, Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme 02**
File No: I2025/23

25-109 Resolved that Council:

1. Adopts the planning proposal in Attachment 1 (E2024/132963) to amend Byron LEP 2014 to introduce Byron Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme 02, together with the following supporting documents:
 - a) Final Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme 02 for Adoption, (Attachment 2 – E2025/21189)
 - b) Final Byron Shire Viability Assessment Report (Attachment 3 – E2025/21426)
 - c) Final Draft Byron Shire Housing Needs Study (Attachment 4 – E2024/78446);
2. Forwards the adopted planning proposal and Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme 02 to Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation; and
3. Receives an updated Affordable Housing Contribution Policy in April 2025 to be placed on public exhibition. (Lyon/Dods)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Crs Lyon, Pugh, Dods, Swain, Warth, Kay and Hauge voted in favour of the motion.

Nil voted against the motion.

Cr Ndiaye was not present for the vote.

MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no Mayoral Minute presented.

PETITIONS

There were no Petitions presented.

DELEGATES' REPORTS

There were no Delegates' Reports presented.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6:04PM.

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I hereby certify that these are the true and correct Minutes of this Meeting
as confirmed at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 24 April 2025.

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Mayor Sarah Ndiaye

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