



Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes

Held on

Wednesday, 26 November 2025 at 9:00 am

In Simeon Lord Room, Esk Library Building

19 Heap Street | Esk



1 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Opening of Meeting

The Mayor, Cr Jason Wendt opened the meeting at 09:00AM.

1.2 Leave of absence

Nil

1.3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Resolution	Moved: Cr Bishop	Seconded: Cr Brieschke
THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 12 November 2025 as circulated to all Members of Council be confirmed.		
<i>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</i>		

1.4 Business arising out of minutes of previous meeting

Nil

1.5 Declarations of Interest

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Cr Laycock raised with him a potential Declarable Conflict of Interest in relation to Item 4.5, Legends of Beef. The matter concerned the event collateral, which contains reference to the Somerset Beef Producers Network, an organisation with which Cr Laycock has an association.

After reviewing the circumstances and the relevant provisions of the Local Government legislation, it was confirmed that Cr Laycock does not hold an executive or decision-making role within the Somerset Beef Producers Network. On this basis, Cr Laycock does not have a Declarable Conflict of Interest in this matter.

2 MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

2.1 Mayor's and Councillors' Report

Cr Brieschke

Upcoming Events:

November

- 28 Toogoolawah Carols in the Park will be held in the Toogoolawah High School Hall commencing at 6.00 pm with a free sausage sizzle.
- 29
- Somerset Region Council's Community Development Conference. This free event provides local organisations with the opportunity to network and learn practical skills such as governance, succession planning and volunteer retention. 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. To register to attend please call Council.
 - 4.00 - 8.00 pm. – the Esk Lions will light up the Esk Community Christmas Tree, Memorial Park, Esk.
 - 5.00 - 9.00 pm – Glamorgan Vale Christmas Tree at the Glamorgan Vale Hall.
- 30 5.30 pm the Kilcoy Progress Alliance will hold a sausage sizzle and gather in Yowie Park to light up the Kilcoy Community Christmas Tree.

December

- 05 Drinks on the Green, Toogoolawah & District History Group
Somerset Blue Light Disco, Somerset Civic Centre, 6 - 8.30 pm.
- 06
- Esk Bowls Club Annual/General meeting, 10.00 am.
 - 2.00 – 4.00 pm., opening of exhibitions 'Cowgirls Are Forever' and 'The Show' featuring local artists from across the Somerset Region.
 - 5.30 – 9.30 pm – Kilcoy Christmas Carnival.
- 09 Kilcoy Show Society Annual/General meeting, 6.30 pm
- 13 Toogoolawah Christmas Tree, 4.00 – 8.30 pm.

Meetings/Functions attended:

November

- 12 Council Ordinary meeting
Council Workshop meeting
- 13 Brisbane Valley Interagency meeting, Lowood
Lowood Futures Advisory Committee meeting.
- 14 Funeral of the late Mrs Gladys Freeze
- 18 Economic Development and Tourism Advisory committee meeting
- 19 Chat with a Councillor, Linville
Toogoolawah State Primary School community review
Audit Committee meeting via Teams
- 20 Resolve Training, Esk
Somerset Regional Council Staff Service Recognition presentation
- 22 Coominya Christmas Carnival
- 24 Social Plan Committee meeting via Teams
Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting, Esk

Cr Hurley

I hope everyone has stayed safe during the recent storms. The impact of the severe weather has been significant, and I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to our Council Team, emergency services, and Energex. Their dedication and hard work, especially during this challenging time, have been invaluable in ensuring that our community can recover and get back to normalcy as quickly as possible. Thank you all for your efforts and commitment to keeping us safe and connected.

Cr Freese

Upcoming events:

- Glen Rock Stitchers Annual Christmas Sale at the Anglican Church Hall Saturday, 29 November from 8:30am – 2:30pm
- The Glamorgan Vale Community Christmas Carnival is on the evening of Saturday, 29 November
- Turning on of the Christmas Tree lights in Yowie Park Kilcoy on Sunday, 30 November from 5:30pm
- Come and Chat at the Bottletree Hotel at Glamorgan Vale on Wednesday, 3 December from 11am

- Trax Church Christmas Carols in Clock Park Lowood on Friday, 5 November from 4pm
- Blue Light Christmas Extravaganza at the Somerset Civic Centre from 6 – 9pm on Friday, 5 December.
- ‘The Show’ exhibition at the Condensery opens Saturday, 6 December from 2pm. This is a fantastic exhibition showing images of our local shows from the Somerset Region.
- Gool Old Days of Rock ‘N’ Roll is on at the Somerset Civic Centre on Saturday, 6 December at 2pm. The afternoon features legends of Rock and Roll Little Pattie, Digger Revell, Jade Hurley, Dinah Lee and Lucky Star. It’s going to be an unforgettable afternoon of Rock N Roll. Tickets are available from the Civic Center website.
- Kilcoy Christmas Carnival is on Saturday, 6 December in Seib St from 5:30 – 9:30pm. There will be free amusement rides, fireworks, Santa parade and Celtic pipes and drums as well as plenty of market and food stalls.
- Sounds of the Season – Esk Community Choir Christmas performance at the Somerset Civic Centre on Sunday, 7 December from 2:30 – 4:30pm. There will be raffles, gift stall and a delicious afternoon tea.
- Toogoolawah Christmas Tree Carnival in on Saturday, 13 December from 4:30 – 8:30pm. This amazing annual street carnival features free kids rides, fireworks, roving street entertainment, face painting and even a sky-diving Santa.

Meetings/Functions attended:

November

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| 13 | Toogoolawah Show Society AGM |
| 15 | Free Tree Day at Fernvale Community Hall |
| | Esk Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser screening of the classic musical Grease |
| 17 | Lowood State High School Award evening |
| 25 | Fernvale Incorporated Community Meeting |

Cr Jess

Upcoming Events:

November

- 28 Christmas Carols in the Park, McConnel Park Toogoolawah
Support at Home for 65 years and over, Lowood Library
- 29 Glamorgan Vale Christmas Carnival
Community Development Conference, Somerset Civic Centre
Toogoolawah Movies, Downtown Abbey
Linville Progress Association Inc Movie, Dirty Dancing
Light Up Esk, Memorial Park Esk
- 30 Kilcoy Christmas Tree Light Up, Yowie Park

December

- 03 Councillor Community Chat, Glamorgan Vale
- 05 Christmas Carols, Clock Park Lowood
Blue Light Disco Christmas Spectacular, Somerset Civic Centre
Minden Summer Festival, Minden State School
- 06 Good Old Days of Rock N Roll, Somerset Civic Centre
The Show Art Exhibition Opening, The Condensery
Kilcoy Christmas Carnival
- 07 Esk Community Choir - Sound of the Seasons, Somerset Civic Centre
- 08 Make & Create: Handmade Christmas Decorations, Kilcoy Library
Make & Create: Hand Sewn Christmas Trees, Esk Library
- 11 Make & Create: Upcycled Christmas Crafts, Lowood Library
- 13 Toogoolawah Christmas Tree
- 14 Christmas Carols in the Park, Pipeliner Park

Meetings/Functions attended:

November

- 13 RDA Ipswich and West Moreton Meeting
- 15 Esk Hospital Auxiliary Movie Fundraiser
Free Tree Day, Fernvale
- 17 Lowood State High School Awards Presentation
- 18 Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting
- 24 Arts, Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting

Cr Laycock

As we enter the festive season, I encourage our community to attend some of the many events held by our local town and community groups throughout the Somerset Region over the coming weeks. Thanks are given to all of our volunteers assisting in these events.

Meetings/Functions attended:

November

- 17 Lowood State High School Awards Night
- 18 Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee meeting
- 24 Induction and Training Sessions from the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers, Resolve training and Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting

Mayor Wendt

I attended the Queensland Farmers Federation board breakfast last Friday. The Premier attended and spoke at that meeting. He spoke about upcoming initiatives of the Government. The Government are passionate about the Ag industry and hopefully our Region will be lucky enough to see some of those matters mentioned come to fruition.

This week I was lucky enough to get on an electrofishing boat. The aim of this boat was to catch pest species to monitor the numbers. This is a great initiative and aims to improve the health of our waterways by reducing the dirt eating pest fish species and reintroducing some of our native species.

The last 24 hours saw me in Canberra with Council of Mayors South East Queensland. We were supported by Lockyer Mayor Tanya Milligan, Jon Raven, Mayor of Logan, Minister for Primary Industries Tony Perrett and members of the Invasive Species Council. Logan is a hot spot for Fire Ants and the drive from the State is eradication by 2032. They are making moves and learnings about when baiting should occur. For instance previous thoughts were that the baitings could cease over the winter period as the nests were inactive. Recent learnings show that continued baiting during this time actually help to reduce numbers. Our advocacy to the Federal Government is to help ensure the eventual eradication of this pest.

Resolution Moved: Cr Bishop

Seconded: Cr Freese

THAT the verbal and written reports of Mayor Wendt and Councillors Brieschke, Bishop, Freese, Hurley, Jess and Laycock be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Receipt of Petition

Nil

3 GENERAL

3.1 Meetings authorised by Council

Nil

3.2 Consideration of notified motions

Nil

3.3 Reception of Notices of Motion for next meeting

Nil

3.4 Items for reports for future meetings

Nil

4 RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF OFFICERS' REPORTS

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

4.1 Planning and Development Monthly Report

Resolution**Moved: Cr Jess****Seconded: Cr Hurley**

THAT Council receive the Planning and Development Monthly Report for October 2025 and the contents be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE

4.2 Finance Monthly Report - October 2025

Resolution**Moved: Cr Bishop****Seconded: Cr Brieschke**

THAT Council receive the Finance Department Monthly Report for October 2025 and the contents be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.3 Lease to Scouts Queensland - 2 Haslingden Park Drive, Lowood

Resolution**Moved: Cr Jess****Seconded: Cr Hurley**

THAT Council, in accordance with Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 236 (b) (ii), authorise the Chief Executive Offer to enter into a Lease Agreement with The Scout Association of Australia Queensland Branch Inc. for Lot 3 on RP217493 located at 2 Haslingden Park Drive, Lowood for a period of 10 years, commencing 1 February 2026 and concluding 31 January 2036.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 Fernvale Sports Park Advisory Committee Meeting 5 November 2025 meeting report and revised Terms of Reference.

Resolution Moved: Cr Freese Seconded: Cr Brieschke

THAT Council:

1. receive the Meeting Report for the quarterly meeting of the Fernvale Sports Park Advisory Committee 5 November 2025 and contents be noted; and
2. adopt the revised Fernvale Sports Park Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.5 Legends of Beef 2026 Sponsorship Request

Resolution Moved: Cr Hurley Seconded: Cr Jess

THAT Council:

1. commit to supporting the Legends of Beef 2026 event through a combination of in-kind support and funding of \$10,000 excluding GST, under the condition that a Memorandum of Understanding be agreed upon by all parties; and
2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documentation pertaining to this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.6 2025 Mayoral Gala Charity Ball - Event Review

Resolution Moved: Cr Jess Seconded: Cr Bishop

THAT Council receive the Mayoral Gala Charity Ball 2025 – Event Review report and that the contents be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.7 Tourism Monthly Report - October 2025

Resolution Moved: Cr Bishop Seconded: Cr Hurley

THAT Council receive the Tourism Monthly Report for October 2025 and the contents be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.8 Corporate and Community Services Monthly Report - October 2025

Resolution **Moved: Cr Hurley**

Seconded: Cr Laycock

THAT Council receive the Corporate and Community Services Department Monthly Report for October 2025 and the contents be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPERATIONS

4.9 Application to Licence and Erect a New Grid on Steley Road, Moombra.

Resolution **Moved: Cr Brieschke**

Seconded: Cr Bishop

THAT Council

1. approve the application to erect a grid on Steley Road, Moombra, approximately 1.8km from the intersection of Brisbane Valley Highway on section of road that travels through Lot 117 CSH2464.
2. relax the condition to bitumen seal the approaches either side of the grid for five metres as required in the Grid Approach Sign Layout SRC-ROAD-028.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.10 Operations Monthly Report - October 2025

Resolution **Moved: Cr Bishop**

Seconded: Cr Freese

THAT Council receive the Operations Monthly Report for October 2025 and the contents be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HR AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

4.11 Customer Service Monthly Report - October 2025

Resolution Moved: Cr Bishop Seconded: Cr Hurley

THAT Council receive the Customer Service Monthly Report for October 2025 and the contents be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

4.12 Late Item - Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) formal notification of a Special General Meeting – 17 December 2025

Resolution Moved: Cr Hurley Seconded: Cr Bishop

THAT Council instruct the Chief Executive Officer to mark the LGAQ voting paper FOR the following proposed Local Government Association of Queensland Motion: That the LGAQ maintains its members' current policy position, held since 2012, that councillors should not automatically stop being a councillor, in the event that they nominate (and campaign) for election to the Queensland Parliament.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor, Cr Jason Wendt closed the meeting at 09.56am.