



MINUTES

Special Meeting of Council

Held **Thursday 9 July 2026 at 6:00pm**
Shire of Brookton Council Chambers
14 White Street, Brookton

These minutes were confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of proceedings by the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 / 7 / 26

Presiding Member: [Signature] Date: 16/7/26

Living Values

Collaborate

We will be supportive, applaud courage, celebrate success for us and the community. We will adapt to new circumstances, apply curiosity and share new things.

I will

- listen hard, speak less, and ask questions for understanding and clarity.
- share ideas, remind my colleagues of our work goals and demonstrate my leadership behaviours. acknowledge when things are going well and when we are facing difficulties.
- seek ways of working together and recognise when we succeed in our work.
- Compliment others when they are courageous and speak up.

We will grow our knowledge and experience and have pride in ourselves, our efforts and community.

I will

- seek and accept new ways of doing things.
- research and share newfound skills and knowledge.
- ask for assistance and input when I'm not sure.

Learn

Integrity

We will demonstrate honest and open behaviour at all times. Our communications will be respectful, with empathy and be fully accountable for our own actions.

I will

- communicate honestly with colleagues and respect their views.
- actively contribute to a culture of trust and openness in the Shire.
- be brave and speak up when things are not right.
- offer my colleagues support regardless of their background, role or experience.

We will meet the many challenges, identify and apply solutions and lean on our colleagues.

I will

- be sure to include and engage with my workmates in a positive and constructive manner.
- look after myself, be mindful of my self-esteem and that of others.
- maintain a 'can-do' approach and seek support from others. be aware that my behaviour may impact on others and reduce their confidence.
- know my strengths and aware of my weaknesses.

Resilient

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1.07.26 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President, Cr Rod Wallis, declared the meeting open at 6:00pm.

On behalf of Council, I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Nyoongar People and pay respect to all Elders, past, present, and emerging. I wish to acknowledge and respect local people's continuing culture and the contribution they make to Country and its life.

Recording of proceedings

In accordance with Regulation 14I Local Government (Administration) Regulations this meeting is being recorded. Recordings will be available on the Shire's website.

By being present at this meeting, members of the public consent to the possibility that their voice will be recorded.

2.07.26 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Elected Members (Voting)

Cr RJ Wallis	President
Cr L McCabe	Deputy President
Cr C Andretta	
Cr BJ Copping	
Cr G Crouch	
Cr PL Harben	
Cr KA Toop	

Staff (Non-Voting)

Gary Sherry	Chief Executive Officer
Stuart Billingham	Manager Corporate and Community
Kevin D'Alton	Acting Manager Infrastructure Works
Sandie Spencer	Executive Governance Officer

Apologies

Nil.

Leave of Absence

Nil.

Members of the Public

Mr Guy Teede
Ms Kay Clarke

3.07.26 USE OF COMMON SEAL

Nil.

This information will be provided at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

4.07.26 DELEGATED AUTHORITY – ACTIONS PERFORMED

Nil.

This information will be provided at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

5.07.26 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 requires that a summary of each public question asked and the response given is included in Council Minutes. Questions Taken on Notice at one Council meeting will be researched and a written response provided to the questioner, assuming that Council has their contact information. These responses to questions taken on notice will be included in minutes of the following Meeting.

Nil.

6.07.26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**6.07.26.01 BEHAVIOUR COMPLAINT RELATING TO CODE OF CONDUCT**

Mr Guy Teede advised that he hoped that this Special Council Meeting would resolve the complaints and allow the Council to move forward in the future.

Shire President, Cr Wallis, noted the comment.

7.07.26 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

8.07.26 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9.07.26 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil.

Confirmation of previous Council Meeting's Minutes will be completed at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

10.07.26 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

11.07.26 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members and Officers to declare Financial, Proximity or Impartiality Interests & submit forms to the Chief Executive Officer at the commencement of the meeting and prior to the item.

Item No.	Members	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
18.07.26.01	Cr Wallis	Impartiality	Complainant
18.07.26.02	Cr Wallis	Impartiality	Respondent
18.07.26.01	Mr Kevin D'Alton	Impartiality	Complainant
18.07.26.01	Cr Harben	Impartiality	Complainant
18.07.26.02	Cr Harben	Impartiality	Respondent

12.07.26 TECHNICAL & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS

Nil.

13.07.26 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

Nil.

14.07.26 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

Nil.

15.07.26 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Nil.

16.07.26 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

17.07.26 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING

Nil.

18.07.26 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**SCM 07.26-01****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MOVED Cr McCabe **SECONDED** Cr Toop

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below behind closed doors in accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995:

- 1. 18.07.26.01 Behaviour Complaint Relating to Code of Conduct.**
- 2. 18.07.26.02 Behaviour Complaint Relating to Code of Conduct.**

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 5/2

For: Cr Wallis, Cr McCabe, Cr Andretta, Cr Copping, Cr Toop
Against: Cr Crouch, Cr Harben

The meeting closed to the public at 6:09 pm.

Mr Teede and Ms Clarke left the Council Chamber at 6:09 pm.

SCM 07.26-02

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Copping SECONDED Cr McCabe

That Council suspend Meeting Procedures.

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 5/2

For: Cr Wallis, Cr McCabe, Cr Copping, Cr Harben, Cr Toop

Against: Cr Crouch, Cr Andretta

OCM 07.26-03

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr McCabe SECONDED Cr Crouch

That Council resume Meeting Procedures.

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 7/0

For: Cr Wallis, Cr McCabe, Cr Copping, Cr Harben, Cr Toop Cr Crouch, Cr Andretta

Against:

Section 5.105(4) of the Local Government Act requires that any complainant and respondent may not preside, participate or be present during any discussion or decision making procedure of council to that complaint.

Cr Harben, Cr Wallis and Mr D'Alton declared an impartial interests in reports 18.07.26.01 and 18.07.26.02 and left the meeting at 6:29pm.

In the absence of the Shire President Cr Wallis , Cr McCabe assumed the role of Presiding Member.

18.07.26.01 BEHAVIOUR COMPLAINT RELATING TO CODE OF CONDUCT

SCM 07.26-04

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Crouch **SECONDED** Cr Copping

That Council, in accordance with the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021, determine the outcome of the complaints 2026/1, 2026/2, 2026/3 and 2026/5 as per the recommendation contained in Confidential Attachment 18.07.26.01A – Complaints Officer Report.

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 5/0

For: Cr McCabe, Cr Andretta, Cr Crouch, Cr Copping, Cr Toop
Against: Nil.

Attachments

Confidential Attachment 18.07.26.01A –	Complaints Officer Report
Attachment 18.07.26.01B –	Shire of Brookton Code of Conduct for Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates
Attachment 18.07.26.01C –	Policy 1.22 Code of Conduct Behaviour Complaints Management

18.07.26.02 BEHAVIOUR COMPLAINT RELATING TO CODE OF CONDUCT

MOTION

MOVED Cr Copping **SECONDED** Cr Crouch

That Council determine the outcome of the complaint 2026/4 in accordance with the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 and the recommendation contained in Confidential Attachment 18.07.26.02A – Complaints Officer Report.

AMENDMENT

MOVED Cr Crouch **SECONDED** Cr Andretta

That the Motion be amended by inserting “points 1 through 5 of” before “the recommendation”.

Lost 2/3

For: Cr Crouch, Cr Andretta
Against: Cr Copping, Cr McCabe, Cr Toop

SCM 07.26-05

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Copping SECONDED Cr Crouch

That Council determine the outcome of the complaint in accordance with the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 and the recommendation contained in Confidential Attachment 18.07.26.02A – Complaints Officer Report.

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 5/0

**For: Cr McCabe, Cr Andretta, Cr Crouch, Cr Copping, Cr Toop
Against: Nil.**

Cr Harben, Cr Wallis and Mr D’Alton entered the Meeting at 6:40pm.

Shire President Cr Wallis resumed the role of Presiding Member.

Attachments

Confidential Attachment 18.07.26.02A –	Complaints Officer Report
Confidential Attachment 18.07.26.02B –	Statement by Complainant
Attachment 18.07.26.02C –	Shire of Brookton Code of Conduct for Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates
Attachment 18.07.26.02D –	Policy 1.22 Code of Conduct Behaviour Complaints Management

SCM 07.26-06

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr McCabe SECONDED Cr Crouch

That Council comes out from behind closed doors.

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 7/0

**For: Cr Wallis, Cr McCabe, Cr Andretta, Cr Crouch, Cr Copping, Cr Harben, Cr Toop
Against: Nil.**

Meeting re-opened to the public at 6:43pm.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Sherry, read the decisions of Council.

19.06.26 NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 16th July 2026 in the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration Centre commencing at 6:00pm.

There being no further business, President Cr Wallis, declared the meeting closed at 6:43pm.