

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday, 18 December 2024

Time: 9.00 am

Location: Council Chambers
82 Brisbane Street
BEAUDESERT QLD 4285

Scenic Rim Regional Council
Ordinary Meeting
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1 Opening of Meeting

The Mayor, Cr Tom Sharp, as Chair of the Meeting, declared the Meeting open and acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands of the Scenic Rim Regional Council area. The Mayor paid respect to their elders, past, present and future, and extended congratulations to them on their continued nurturing of their culture.

2 Attendance and the granting of leaves of absence

Cr T J Sharp, Mayor
Cr A J Hay
Cr K R Cryer
Cr S A Moriarty
Cr J Sanders
Cr M J Chalk
Cr D A McInnes OAM

Executive Officers

D Keenan, Chief Executive Officer
W Burgess-Dean, Acting General Manager People and Strategy
M Lohmann, Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity /
Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity
C Gray, General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability
D Moore, Acting General Manager Council Sustainability

Staff

J Pukallus, Principal Specialist Governance and Assurance
S Keepence, Governance Officer
M Carter, GIS Officer, Information Services and Technology
J Kirkwood, Principal Specialist Development Assessment and Engineering /
Acting Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity (Items 11.2 and 11.3)
H Nelson, Principal Specialist Strategic Planning (Item 11.2)
B Essex, Principal Specialist Biodiversity and Climate Change (Item 11.3)
J Schmidt, Principal Specialist Regional Prosperity /
Acting Manager Regional Prosperity and Communications (Item 11.4)
J Sinnamon, Principal Specialist Property Management /
Acting Manager Resources and Sustainability (Item 11.5)
A Hewitt, Financial Management Coordinator (Item 11.6)

3 Apologies

Nil

4 Prayers

Pastor Mark Ironside from Harvest Point Church, Beaudesert, attended and offered prayers

5 Public Question Time

5.1 Questions from Ms Sharon Rieck re Information received from Port Hedland Council

Question received from Ms Sharon Rieck:

"What actions/considerations will the Scenic Rim Council take regarding the information received from the Port Hedland Council (23rd Oct 2024) and further communication from Cr Blanco (14th Nov 2024)? (Motion to Suspend Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines: DNA contamination)"

Response:

"Thank you for submitting the below question for Public Question Time at today's Ordinary Meeting of Council:

'What actions/considerations will the Scenic Rim Council take regarding the information received from the Port Hedland Council (23rd Oct 2024) and further communication from Cr Blanco (14th Nov 2024)? (Motion to Suspend Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines: DNA contamination)'

I can confirm that the Scenic Rim Regional Council has received correspondence from the Town of Port Hedland Council. I can also confirm that the Mayor and Councillors received copies of the correspondence.

In Queensland, health services are provided under the authority of Queensland Health. Local government is required to follow any directions provided by the Chief Health Officer from Queensland Health.

At this stage Scenic Rim Regional Council has not received any direction from Queensland Health or the Chief Health Officer in relation to the storage or use of vaccines that target COVID-19.

Further enquiries should be directed to the Chief Health Officer."

5.2 Questions from Mr Nigel Waistell re Water quality testing of water extraction activities

Questions received from Mr Nigel Waistell:

1. *For all operators, when was the last time these records were inspected?*
2. *If applicable, what were the results?*
3. *During this term of Council, when will Council seek an inspection of these records?"*

Response:

"Thank you for submitting the below questions, regarding water quality testing of water extraction activities on Tamborine Mountain, for Public Question Time at today's Ordinary Meeting of Council:

- '1. For all operators, when was the last time these records were inspected?*
- 2. If applicable, what were the results?*
- 3. During this term of Council, when will Council seek an inspection of these records?'*

I can confirm that the following development condition for record keeping is found within the approvals for the three of the four water extractors:

The Applicant must ensure that water quality monitoring is conducted of water supplied for human consumption in accordance with the following requirements:

- a) Undertake monthly chemical and microbiological analysis by a suitable accredited laboratory to demonstrate compliance with the National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.*
- b) Analytical results are to be retained for a period of at least five years.*
- c) Analytical results are to be made available at all reasonable times for inspection by Council Officers.*

Specific conditions relating to maintaining records of water extraction quantities and truck movements were not imposed when these approvals were issued.

In response to your first two questions (when the records were inspected and the results), this information is private information for the purposes of the Information Privacy Act 2009 and Council is unable to disclose any compliance or inspection outcomes in this manner. You are welcome to seek information that Council holds through a Right to Information process.

Regarding your third question about when Council will inspect the records, I can advise that Council conducts compliance and monitoring activities of development approvals in line with its policies and procedures. For most development approvals, Council does not proactively monitor compliance on an ongoing basis.

However, given the ongoing community concerns, Council officers will undertake assessments of the current water extraction sites in the first half of 2025."

6 Declarations of Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest by Members

6.1 Declaration - Cr Amanda Hay re Item 11.3

Cr Amanda Hay:

"I would like to put forward that I have a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item 11.3, which is the Environmental Grants matter."

Cr Tom Sharp advised that Cr Hay's declaration would be dealt with prior to the consideration of Item 11.3.

6.2 Declaration - Cr Stephen Moriarty re Item 11.2

Cr Stephen Moriarty:

"I note that I have a declarable conflict of interest which I'll declare at Item 11.2, the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme updated Draft Amendment 8."

Cr Tom Sharp advised that Cr Moriarty's declaration would be dealt with prior to the consideration of Item 11.2.

7 Announcements / Mayoral Minutes

Nil

8 Reception of Deputations by Appointment / Presentation of Petitions

Nil

9 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 November 2024, be adopted.

Moved: Cr Amanda Hay

Seconded: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Carried unanimously

10 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

10.1 Item 11.2, Ordinary Meeting held on 27 November 2024 re Scenic Rim Eat Local Month 2024 - Event Outcomes

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 November 2024, in reference to the recommendation in Item 11.2 on the Agenda for that Meeting, subparagraph 1(b) ("*economic contribution of just over \$1.7 million (a 49% increase)*"), Cr Tom Sharp said:

"I note in the report there are, and it's about improvements towards more accuracy in data that's taken into account in the report and I appreciate that. Would you mind just for the constituents, for the Councillors here, just to expand on (b) in terms of the economic contribution of just over \$1.7m as a 49% increase, the sourcing of that data and the confidence around that?"

The Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity took the detail of the question on notice.

Response:

"The question related to the source of the data for the economic benefit of Eat Local Month and our confidence around that data.

I can advise the Council that data is collected through visitor surveys facilitated by independent research company IER. This process is followed for all Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) sponsored events.

Ticket purchaser data was received from all but two of the Eat Local Month events and the survey was sent to 2,480 ticket holders (most who represent multiple ticket holders) and we had 630 responses. During the survey, they are asked very specific questions about their length of stay and expenditure.

This sample size is considered reliable and this is the most accurate way to determine project economic return."

10.2 Item 11.3, Ordinary Meeting held on 27 November 2024 re Compliance and Enforcement Policy and Procedure

The following transcript was taken from the recording of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 November 2024, in relation to Item 11.3 on the Agenda for that Meeting:

Cr Stephen Moriarty:

"I just know that this motion has previously come before Council and was not passed at a previous meeting. I am not 100% sure if there's been any changes made to the Policy but I just want to draw Council's attention to the fact that I don't think the issue is so much, or there are any issues with the Policy per se. It's probably more the way that we apply it, so I note on the compliance approach on page 29, there's a triangle there and at the bottom of the triangle it says where someone is willing to comply that Council make it easy and, I guess, from the anecdotal feedback and discussions occasionally we get back from constituents and I get back from constituents, sometimes a willingness to comply is actually far from easy and it actually becomes a process and it sometimes leads to people actually not being able to comply or choosing not to comply because the cost and/or conditions of compliance are just too onerous, so my encouragement I guess, more than anything, if I could just make the encouragement that while the Policy, I am happy to support the Policy this time through and vote for it, that some consideration is given to the way we apply the Policy and that we work very hard towards, in situations where people approach Council wanting to comply we are very supportive and do actually support those people in the appropriate way to make it easier for them to comply."

Cr Tom Sharp:

"I would suggest that for the Councillor, we take those comments on notice and the intent there is that where necessary we need to review, address the Planning Scheme and also the fee schedule in relation to those matters of interest to the community and to see that our strategy is aligned, as pointed out, in making it, affording the ability for constituents to comply."

Response:

"In response to the question, I can advised that the Compliance and Enforcement Policy, which was adopted by the Council at the previous Ordinary Meeting, has a strong emphasis on supporting non-compliant operators to achieve compliance. Support can include establishing contact with planning and economic development officers, Concept meetings and a host of information material that Council has produced. Officers will continue to support anyone agreeing to voluntarily seek development approval, in preference to initiating legal action. It does have to be acknowledged that some developments will find it difficult to gain approval, as the development sought may not be suitable for the desired location, however, we make this known to the operator early to ensure they are fully informed before proceeding down the development path.

The Planning Scheme 2020 was written to provide a range of opportunities for small developments to occur with limited approvals required, where safe and practical to do so. In adopting the 2020 Planning Scheme, Council also committed to ensuring that it remained current and reflected the changing times and views of the community. We are currently working on the eighth amendment since it was introduced, with previous amendments incorporating both minor and major changes, and updates to reflect State policy and mapping. Continued revision of the Planning Scheme by Council and the community is welcomed.

In regard to fees, planning fees are set on a cost recovery basis across the differing application types. Where fees are obviously unreasonable for a specific application received, the Chief Executive Officer is authorised to determine an appropriate refund. A recent comparison of fees with surrounding Councils indicates that we are generally consistent in terms of fees and charges.

Having said that, Council will be reviewing all of its fees as part of the upcoming budget process, and can consider the appropriateness of fees at that time. For certain industries which Council is seeking to encourage or attract, there is the opportunity to review those fees and charges to incentivise those developments, however, the cost difference in providing this service would need to be recouped from other sources, such as general rates.

Likewise, Council has the opportunity to consider infrastructure charge schedules for the different types of new developments."

11 Consideration of Business of Meeting

Customer & Regional Prosperity

11.1 WITHDRAWN MCU23/103 Development Permit for Warehouse (Self Storage Facility / Storage Yard) 38 Queen Street, Harrisville Lot 1 RP113052

Executive Officer: Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity /
Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Attachments: Nil

6.2 (continued) Declaration - Cr Stephen Moriarty re Item 11.2

Cr Stephen Moriarty:

"I note that there are items in Item 11.2 that relate to the draft amendments to the Scenic Rim Regional Council Planning Scheme and that relate to tourist parks including camping on land, rural zoned land, so in the spirit of transparency I declare that I operate a small camping business on my cattle grazing property of 300 acres located at Sarabah and this business currently operates without approval under the Scenic Rim Regional Council's Planning Scheme.

Furthermore, I note that under section 150EF of the Local Government Act, that personal interests and ordinary business matters of the local government do not apply in relation to conflict of interest in a matter that pertains to the making of a Planning Scheme that applies to the whole of the local government area or amending a Planning Scheme if the amendment applies to the whole of the local government area.

Furthermore, I note that in Council's Standing Orders section 10.8, it states that when deciding whether a Councillor may participate in the decision-making on a matter in which they have a declarable conflict of interest, the eligible Councillors should consider the particular circumstance of the matter including whether the subject Councillor has unique skills, knowledge or expertise that might help make the best decision in the public interest.

So in short, I believe that I have the skills, knowledge and experience in this matter that will help Council make the best decision in the public interest, and for this reason I respectfully request my fellow Councillors allow me to remain in the Chamber, participate in this discussion and vote on this item."

Motion

That Councillor Moriarty remain in the meeting room for the discussion on Item 11.2 and be entitled to vote on the matter, acknowledging his declared conflict of interest.

Moved: Cr Amanda Hay

Seconded: Cr Kerri Cryer

For: Crs Tom Sharp and Amanda Hay

Against: Crs Kerri Cryer, Jennifer Sanders, Marshall Chalk and Duncan McInnes

As the subject Councillor, Cr Stephen Moriarty did not vote on this motion.

Lost 2/4

At 9:28 am, Cr Stephen Moriarty left the meeting.

11.2 Scenic Rim Planning Scheme Updated Draft Amendment 8

Executive Officer: Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity /
Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Attachments:

1. Draft Amendment Package No. 8 (under separate cover) 

Recommendation

That Council endorse the attached Draft Amendment No.8 to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, to proceed to a State interest review in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk
Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Motion

That Council endorse the attached Draft Amendment No.8 to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, to proceed to a State interest review in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.

For: Crs Jennifer Sanders, Marshall Chalk and Duncan McInnes

Against: Crs Tom Sharp, Amanda Hay and Kerri Cryer

Equal

Cr Tom Sharp delivered a casting vote, against the motion.

Motion carried

Motion

That Council note the attached Draft Amendment No.8 to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, and proceed to a State interest review in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and the Minister's Guidelines and Rules for Items specified, excluding Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10.

Moved: Cr Kerri Cryer
Seconded: Cr Duncan McInnes

For: Crs Amanda Hay, Kerri Cryer, Jennifer Sanders, Marshall Chalk and Duncan McInnes

Against: Cr Tom Sharp

Carried 5/1

At 9:52 am, Cr Stephen Moriarty returned to the meeting.

Cr Tom Sharp advised Cr Stephen Moriarty of the resolution of Council in relation to Item 11.2.

6.1 (continued) Declaration - Cr Amanda Hay re Item 11.3

Cr Amanda Hay:

"I am just flagging that I have a declarable conflict of interest in Item 11.3.

The conflict arises as one of the nominated or recommended grant recipients, Mr Terry Day of 109 The Shelf Road, Tamborine Mountain (Environmental Grant Application 24/33), is the President of Shelf Community Inc and my partner/close associate, Stuart Wright, is the Treasurer of that organisation.

As that group is currently in communication with Council re landslip issues on The Shelf Road, I believe this gives rise to a Declarable Conflict of Interest, although neither myself, Stuart Wright nor the Shelf Community Inc stand to gain a benefit from the awarding of the environmental grant.

I ask that unconflicted Councillors decide by resolution that I be permitted to participate in the discussion and vote on this agenda item."

Motion

That Cr Hay, with a declarable conflict of interest for this item, is allowed to remain in the room and vote on the matter at hand.

Moved: Cr Kerri Cryer
 Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders



Carried unanimously

As the subject Councillor, Cr Amanda Hay did not vote on this motion.

11.3 2024-2025 Environmental Grants Allocation

Executive Officer: Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity / Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Attachments:

1. Environmental Grants Allocation Summary 
2. Fact Sheet Environmental Grants Program Guidelines 

Recommendation

That:

1. Council approve the allocations for Environmental Grants in the amount of \$179,942.31 for 29 projects under the Environmental Grants Program for 2024-2025, as outlined in the following table:

Item	Applicant	Project	Amount
EnvG24/01	Tamborine Mountain Landcare	Tamborine Mountain Landcare weed control 2024	\$25,000.00

Item	Applicant	Project	Amount
EnvG24/04	Justin O'Connell	Lantana Control Stage 1 Northern Ridge Koala Corridor	\$3,000.00
EnvG24/06	Elizabeth Rose	Weed control through gully	\$3,000.00
EnvG24/10	Delphine Legros-Delve	Weed Management & Bush Regeneration	\$6,624.00
EnvG24/13	Glen Bruun	Riparian and platypus protection 7 Mile Creek, Moogerah	\$6,603.28
EnvG24/20	Carolyn Smith	Cats Claw Creeper control along Reynolds Creek	\$4,000.00
EnvG24/22	David Hansen	Numala lot 8 land rehabilitation and revegetation	\$3,575.00
EnvG24/26	Justine Reid	Restoration and Enhancement of Critical Habitats in Gyetvay Park Nature Refuge Post-Christmas Day Cyclone 2023	\$10,000.00
EnvG24/30	Shelegh O'Brien	Stage 1 Control of Restricted Environmental Weeds in remnant riparian vegetation on O'Briens Creek	\$1,080.00
EnvG24/33	Terry Day	Clear track to and control of noxious weed around Secluded Falls on Guanaba Creek	\$6,109.08
EnvG24/35	Biddaddaba Action Group	Biddaddaba creek restoration project	\$10,000.00
EnvG24/39	Thunderbird Park - Minnikin	Thunderbird Park Rainforest Restoration	\$4,940.00
EnvG24/40	Susie Bell	Habitat protection and Improvement	\$2,000.00
EnvG24/45	Andrea Bell and Darryn Green	344 Cossart - Weed removal and re-vegetation 2024/25 South boundary creek	\$6,000.00
EnvG24/46	Linda Cross	Lantana control and koala corridor planting	\$3,580.00
EnvG24/50	David Wilson	Erosion Management and Habitat Restoration at Knapp Creek	\$8,000.00
EnvG24/54	Muriel and Ian Sheppard	Top Shelf and Bartle Grove project	\$3,939.45
EnvG24/56	Tracey Creagh	Weed Control	\$3,000.00
EnvG24/63	Marion Sawyers	Cat's Claw Creeper control along Steele Creek	\$3,600.00
EnvG24/66	Kris and Inar Logan	Lantana eradication between waterhole and Whisky Gully	\$7,500.00
EnvG24/68	Beechmont District Landcare	SRRC/Landcare Reserves ecological restoration and remediation	\$16,771.00
EnvG24/71	Logan Albert Conservation Association	Restoring Koala habitat trees on the Logan River through weed control	\$8,000.00

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EnvG24/72	Ian Beale	Installing 5 "Habitat Innovation" nests targeting endangered greater glider (central species) ("GG"), and accompanying monitoring cameras, in remnant GG habitat area at Gillies Ridge Nature Refuge ("Gillies Ridge").	\$2,892.50
EnvG24/73	Micah Chataway	Cats claw creeper control in remnant vine scrub	\$4,800.00
EnvG24/75	Bulimba Creek Catchment Nature Refuge	Moth Vine control at Bulimba Nature Refuge	\$6,000.00
EnvG24/76	Desmond Muller	Alford's Gully Nature Refuge Invasive Weed Control Program	\$4,800.00
EnvG24/78	Christine McLeod	Riparian restoration and habitat improvement	\$5,268.00
EnvG24/81	Dale Anderson	Ecological restoration of a billabong surrounds	\$6,400.00
EnvG24/82	Craig Humphrey	'Node Corridor' Project – Stage 2	\$3,460.00
	Total Recommended		\$179,942.31

- Council provide relevant feedback and advice to the unsuccessful grant applicants to continue to build capability in the delivery of environmental projects.

Moved: Cr Kerri Cryer
 Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Motion

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Carried unanimously

11.4 The Long Sunset 2025

Executive Officer: Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity /
Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Attachments:

1. The Long Sunset 2025 - Interim Outcomes 

Recommendation

That:

1. Council approve an interim Category 2 event sponsorship of \$100,000 for The Long Sunset 2025, pending provision of independent research outcomes, and in accordance with the Regional Events Sponsorship Council Policy and Corporate Procedure;
2. Council review The Long Sunset sponsorship commitment in March 2025 to a maximum total of \$150,000 based on Council's economic return objectives;
3. Council approve the ancillary expenditure of \$20,000 to fund leveraging initiatives, including a destination led media campaign to raise the profile of the Scenic Rim to increase event visitation and length of stay; and
4. Council acknowledge alternate funding sources will be pursued to offset Council's investment including federal arts funding and corporate sponsorship.

Moved: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Motion

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4. Council acknowledge alternate funding sources will be pursued to offset Council's investment including federal arts funding and corporate sponsorship.

Carried unanimously

Asset & Environmental Sustainability

11.5 Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy - Year Three Report Card

Executive Officer: General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability

Attachments:

1. Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy - Year 3 Report Card 

Recommendation

That:

1. Council endorse the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy Year 3 Report Card; and
2. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor grammatical and formatting changes to the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy Year 3 Report Card, if required, after its adoption and prior to publishing on Council's website for public access, noting any such changes will be advised to Councillors prior to publishing.

Moved: Cr Amanda Hay

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Motion

That:

1. Council endorse the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy Year 3 Report Card; and
2. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor grammatical and formatting changes to the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy Year 3 Report Card, if required, after its adoption and prior to publishing on Council's website for public access, noting any such changes will be advised to Councillors prior to publishing.

Carried unanimously

Council Sustainability

11.6 Council Monthly Financial Report for November 2024

Executive Officer: Acting General Manager Council Sustainability

Attachments:

1. Monthly Financial Report November 2024 

Recommendation

That Council note the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 30 November 2024 for the Financial Year 2024-2025.

Moved: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Seconded: Cr Duncan McInnes

Motion

That Council note the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 30 November 2024 for the Financial Year 2024-2025.

Carried unanimously

12 Confidential Matters

At 10:23 am, Council resolved into closed session:

Motion

That, in accordance with Council's Standing Orders for Council Meetings Policy and the provisions of Section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council close the meeting to public to discuss confidential items, as follows:

12.1 Consideration of Confidential Investigation Report [Closed s.254J(3)(e and f)]

as discussions will be held about a confidential investigation.

Moved: Cr Duncan McInnes

Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Carried unanimously

At 12:30 pm, following discussion in closed session:

Motion

That Council resume in open session for the proposal of resolutions.

Moved: Cr Tom Sharp

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Carried unanimously

12.1 Consideration of Confidential Investigation Report [Closed s.254J(3)(e and f)]

Executive Officer: Acting General Manager Council Sustainability

Recommendation

That:

1. Council decide what findings from the investigator are accepted; and
2. Council propose any action required as a result of the findings.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk

Seconded: Cr Duncan McInnes

Motion

That:

1. Council reject the findings of the conduct investigation report as the complaints were vexatious and the investigation contained underlying flaws;
2. Council reject the findings of the procurement investigation report as the complaint was vexatious and the investigation contained underlying flaws;
3. Council reject the findings of the reprisal investigation report as the action taken, the subject of the complaint, was reasonable and expected management action under the circumstances; and
4. Council will implement a leadership program that ensures all behaviour is aligned with Council's values and reinforced at all levels, with robust systems in place to achieve the highest standards of professional behaviour and workplace culture across the entire organisation.

Carried unanimously

In closing, Cr Tom Sharp thanked the Council administration, staff and Chief Executive Officer for their support and contributions throughout the year. On behalf of Scenic Rim Regional Council and the Councillors, he wished everyone in the region the very best for a safe and festive season. Cr Sharp reminded everyone that "*If it's flooded, forget it*" and to stay safe on the roads.

The Ordinary Meeting ended at 12:33 pm

To be confirmed on 29 January 2025.

Cr Tom Sharp

Mayor