CONFIRMED MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF
ISAAC REGIONAL COUNCIL

HELD ON
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ATTENDANCE	Mayor Kelly Vea Vea, Chair Cr Terry O'Neill, Division One Cr Melissa Westcott, Division Three Cr Simon West, Division Four Cr Alaina Earl, Division Five Cr Rachel Anderson, Division Seven Cr Viv Coleman, Division Eight
OFFICERS PRESENT	Mr Cale Dendle, Chief Executive Officer Mr Darren Fettell, Director Corporate Governance and Financial Services Ms Heidi Roberts, Director Planning, Environment and Community Services Mr Robert Perna, Director Engineering and Infrastructure Mr Scott Casey, Director Water and Waste Mrs Trudi Liekefett, Manager People and Performance Mr Shane Brandenburg, Renewable Energy Coordinator Mrs Jessica Bugeja, Research and Policy Advisor Mrs Tricia Hughes, Coordinator Executive Support, Office of the Mayor and CEO

1. OPENING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 12.00pm and welcomed all in attendance to the Special Meeting of Council.

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the lands on which we meet today and paid her respects to their Elders past, present and emerging Leaders.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND APOLOGIES

Leave of absences have been received from Cr Jane Pickels and Cr Vern Russell due to annual leave commitments.

Resolution No.:

Moved: **Cr Viv Coleman** **Seconded:** **Cr Melissa Westcott**

That Council grant a leave of absence for Cr Jane Pickels and Cr Vern Russell.

Carried

3. CONDOLENCES

No condolences this meeting.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

DECLARABLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Melissa Westcott declared a declarable conflict of interest for Report 9.1 Renewable Energy Community Benefit Agreement Policy as the report includes recommendation for inclusion of the Childcare Leadership Alliance (CLA) and Cr Westcott is the Chair of the CLA Board.

I, Melissa Westcott Inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest due to being the Chair of the Childcare Leadership Alliance which as of this week is no longer a Council appointed role which is included in this report as a possible organisation of benefit of this prospectus.

Although I have a declarable COI I believe I would reasonably be perceived to be impartial because this there is no contract being contemplated between Council and CLA and this is part of a Guide only for Renewables for greater community intent.

Therefore, I wish to remain in the meeting and ask for eligible councillors to decide if I may participate in the debate and decision making despite my declarable COI.

Resolution No.:

Moved: **Cr Alaina Earl** **Seconded:** **Cr Terry O'Neill**

That Council resolves that Cr Melissa Westcott can remain impartial because she has been the appointed Isaac Regional Council Representative on the Childcare Leadership Alliance (CLA) until the recent changes come into place last week as well as the broader regional approach of the agreement between Isaac Regional Council and CLA.

Carried

NOTE:
Council acknowledges that Chapter 5B Councillors' Conflicts of Interest of the Local Government Act 2009 does not apply to a Councillor if the matter to be resolved relates to a corporation or association that arises solely because of a nomination or appointment of the councillor by the local government to be a member of the board of the corporation or association.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations this meeting.

6. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTIONS

No notice of motions for this meeting.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

No confirmation of minutes this meeting.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

No business arising from previous meeting.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Renewable Energy Community Benefit Agreement Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's endorsement for the Renewable Energy Community Benefit Agreement Policy. This Policy lays the foundation for the consistent negotiation and execution of Community Benefit Agreements associated with renewable energy development in the Isaac Region.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Resolution No.: *PECS1379*

Moved: *Cr Terry O'Neill* *Seconded:* *Cr Alaina Earl*

That the Committee recommends that Council:

1. *Endorses the Renewable Energy Community Benefit Agreement Policy noting that in endorsing this policy, they are accepting items:*
   a. *1.1 being the Community Benefit Contribution Formula and its associated minimum contribution amounts*
   b. *1.3a) being to apportion funds, no less than seventy percent (70%), to Community and Legacy Projects for the first five (5) years*
   c. *1.3b) being to apportion funds, not exceeding fifty percent (50%) to Future Investment and Intergenerational Equity*
   d. *1.3c) being to, from the commencement of construction, collect up to 5% of the annual Community Benefit Contribution amount, to fund a Renewable Energy Coordinator Position.*
2. *Endorse the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Community Benefit Agreements on behalf of Council.*
3. *Receives and notes the Community Benefit Agreement Guide.*

Resolution No.: **9361**

Moved: **Cr Terry O'Neill** **Seconded:** **Cr Simon West**

That Council:

1. **Endorses the Renewable Energy Community Benefit Agreement Policy with noting that in endorsing this policy, they are accepting items:**
   a) **being the Community Benefit Contribution Formula and its associated minimum contribution amounts**
   b) **1.3a) being to apportion funds, no less than seventy percent (70%), to Community and Legacy Projects for the first five (5) years**

c) 1.3b) being to apportion funds, not exceeding fifty percent (50%) to Future Investment and Intergenerational Equity

d) 1.3c) being to, from the commencement of construction, collect up to 5% of the annual Community Benefit Contribution amount, to fund a Renewable Energy Coordinator Position.

e) For clarity include additional wording of - 'Minimum Contributions will be reviewed upon publication of the All Groups CPI Brisbane percentage change over the preceding twelve (12) months to the March quarter and adjusted upwards from 1 July.'

f) For clarity amend the wording of - 'General Rates' to 'Rates and charges, as defined in Council's Revenue Statement'

2. Endorses the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Community Benefit Agreements on behalf of Council.

3. Receives and notes the Community Benefit Agreement Guide.

Carried

10. OFFICER REPORTS

No Officer Reports this meeting.

11. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

No Confidential Reports this meeting.

12. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

No Councillor Question Time this meeting.

13. CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.08pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Meeting to be held in Nebo on Wednesday 24 September 2025.

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MAYOR DATE