



MCKINLAY SHIRE COUNCIL

CONFIRMED MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

HELD AT THE

BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTRE
JULIA CREEK

20th January 2026

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1. OPENING BUSINESS

All Councillors having signed the Attendance Book, Mayor Janene Fegan declared the meeting open at 8:30am.

2. ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Cr. J Fegan

Members: Cr. L Spreadborough (via Teams), Cr. F Malone, Cr. J Lynch, Cr. S Royes

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Trevor Williams

Director of Engineering, Environment and Regulatory Services, Mr. Cameron Scott (via Teams)

Director of Corporate & Community Services, Ms. Tenneil Cody

Executive Administration Officer, Miss Mollie Buxton

Works Manager, Lui Gottani

Apologies:

NIL

Others in attendance:

Ms Marissa Wise, PDM

Ms Jenna Pace, PDM

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 9th December 2025 be confirmed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9th December 2025 be confirmed.

Resolution No. 127/2526

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9th December 2025 be confirmed.

Moved Cr. F Malone

Seconded Cr. L Spreadborough

CARRIED 5/0

4.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL.

5. ENGINEERING SERVICES

5.1 Engineering Works Report

This report outlines the general activities, revenue, expenditure for the Engineering Services Department for the period December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the December 2025 Engineering Services Department Report.

Resolution 128/2526

Council receives the December 2025 Engineering Services Department Report.

Moved Cr. S Royes

Seconded Cr. L Spreadborough

CARRIED 5/0

5.2 Proposed Road Closure - Lot 1 EN25

Council has received an application to close a portion of road reserve within Lot1 EN25.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to;

Not support the application and advise the applicant to apply through Council for an alternate non-permanent solution to allow the continued use of the road.

Resolution 129/2526

Council resolve to;

Not support the application and advise the applicant to apply through Council for an alternate non-permanent solution to allow the continued use of the road.

Moved Cr. J Lynch

Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 5/0

5.3 Road Asset Register Update 2026

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider an updated January 2026 Roads Asset Register for the Shire's road network in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009.

The recovery of essential public assets from the activated flood event in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 has delivered renewed road segments enabling the asset data to be updated to reflect locations of gravel, drop sections and other asset information.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

(a) Adopt the updated January 2026 version of the Road Asset Register and;

(b) Request Officers to update the Asset Register in the Queensland Reconstruction Authority MARS Portal in preparation for future events and;

(c) Publish Road Asset register on Council's website.

Resolution 130/2526

That Council resolve to:

(a) Adopt the updated January 2026 version of the Road Asset Register and;

(b) Request Officers to update the Asset Register in the Queensland Reconstruction Authority MARS Portal in preparation for future events and;

(c) Publish Road Asset register on Council's website.

Moved Cr. F Malone

Seconded Cr. J Lynch

CARRIED 5/0

ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES

6.1 Environmental and Regulatory Services Report

This report outlines the general activities, revenue and expenditure for the Environmental and Regulatory Services Department for the period December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the December 2025 Environmental and Regulatory Services Department Report.

Resolution No. 131/2526

Council receives the December 2025 Environmental and Regulatory Services Department Report.

Moved Cr. J Fegan

Seconded Cr. J Lynch

CARRIED 5/0

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Community Services Monthly Report

Council is presented with the monthly Community Services report, which provides an overview of the operations for the month of December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Community Services monthly report for December 2025.

Resolution No. 132/2526

Council receives the Community Services monthly report for December 2025.

Moved Cr. F Malone

Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 5/0

8. CORPORATE SERVICES

8.1 Corporate Services Report

The Corporate Services Report as of 31 December 2025 which summarises the financial performance and position is presented to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the monthly Corporate Services Report for the period ending 31 December 2025.

Resolution No. 133/2526

Council receives the monthly Corporate Services Report for the period ending 31 December 2025.

Moved Cr. J Lynch

Seconded Cr. F Malone

CARRIED 5/0

Ms Jenna Pace joined the meeting at 9:23am.

8.2 First Quarter Review of the 2025-2026 Operational Plan

In accordance with section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a written assessment of Council's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan for the first quarter of the year July to September 2025 is presented to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the first quarter review of the 2025-2026 Operational Plan and Capital Works Program.

Resolution No. 134/2526

Council accepts the first quarter review of the 2025-2026 Operational Plan and Capital Works Program.

Moved Cr. L Spreadborough

Seconded Cr. S Royes

CARRIED 5/0

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**9.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

In addition to the information provided below, a verbal update will be given on current matters headlined in the body of the report which have arisen from the Office of the Chief Executive Officer.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive and note the report from the Chief Executive Officer for the period ending 16th January 2026 except where amended or varied by separate resolution of Council.

Resolution No. 135/2526

Council receive and note the report from the Chief Executive Officer for the period ending 4th December 2025 except where amended or varied by separate resolution of Council.

Moved Cr. F Malone

Seconded Cr. L Spreadborough

CARRIED 5/0

1. Meetings with External Organizations in January

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Acting CEO (Ms. Tenneil Cody) met with the Honorable Anne Leahy MP, Minister for Local Government and Water and the Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers, and the Honorable Sean Dillon MP, Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland on January 6 to discuss the impacts of the North Queensland Monsoonal Trough flooding. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Acting CEO met with Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Local Government and Territories and Minister for Emergency Management and Mr. Brendan Moon, CEO of NEMA on January 6 to discuss the impacts of the North Queensland Monsoonal Trough flooding. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO met with Mr. Robbie Katter on January 9 to discuss the impact of the North Queensland Monsoonal Trough flooding. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr. Fiona Malone, Cr. John Lynch, Ms. Tenneil Cody and the CEO met with the Honorable Susan Ley, Leader of the Opposition, the Honorable David Littleproud, Leader of the National, Senator Susan McDonald, Shadow Minister for Resources and Shadow Minister for Northern Australia, Senator Ross Cadell, Shadow Minister for Water, Emergency Management, Fisheries and Forestry and the Honorable Scott Buchholz, Shadow Minister for Skills and Training on January 9 to discuss the impact of the North Queensland Monsoonal Trough flooding. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councilors, Ms. Tenneil Cody and the CEO met with the Honorable Tony Perrett, Minister for Agriculture and Mr. Graeme Bolton, DG for the Department of Primary Industries on January 9 to discuss the impact of the North Queensland Monsoonal Trough flooding. The Mayor has been attending daily meetings of the Queensland Disaster Management Committee since the commencement of the North Queensland Monsoonal Trough flooding event. The Mayor, Councilors and CEO will meet with Cr. Barry Hughes, Chairman of the NWQROC and Mr. Josh Dyke, CEO of the NWQROC on January 15, to discuss the current flooding response and recovery. The Mayor and CEO will meet with the State Environment Functional Recovery and Resilience Group virtually on January 15 to discuss priorities for environment and tourism relief and recovery following the flooding event of the past few weeks. The Mayor, Cr. Spreadborough and the CEO will attend a virtual meeting of the NWQROC on January 23.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council Information

2. Appointment of Acting CEO During CEO Leave from 23rd to 26th January 2026

In the absence of the CEO on leave commencing 23rd to 26th January 2026, it is desired that Council appoints an acting CEO.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council appoints Ms. Tenneil Cody as Acting CEO from 23rd to 26th January 2026.

Resolution No. 136/2526

Council appoints Ms. Tenneil Cody as Acting CEO from 23rd to 26th January 2026.

Moved Cr. S Royes

Seconded Cr. J Lynch

CARRIED 5/0

10.1 Workplace Health and Safety Report

This report has been further developed and outlines Work Health and Safety performance results and actions for the period of December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the December 2025 WHS Report.

Resolution No. 137/2526

Council receives the December 2025 WHS Report.

Moved Cr. S Royes

Seconded Cr. J Lynch

CARRIED 5/0

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr. L Spreadborough

- Received multiple phone calls regarding the recent disaster event, discussions were largely positive, with constructive feedback provided on improving hay and Avgas storage management for future disaster events. Council to consider some ideas that have been shared.
- Expressions of interest have been received from a community member to conduct swimming lessons for children. Local families have expressed strong enthusiasm for this initiative however, further investigation is required, including consultation with the swimming pool contractor, to assess feasibility and operational considerations.
- Cr L Spreadborough thanks all Councillors and staff for the support throughout events recently and mentions that the community has come together as a whole.

Cr. F Malone

- Queries were raised regarding the condition of the road at the railway crossing on Kynuna Road (when leaving town), which is currently in poor condition and requires significant improvement. It was noted that both short-term and long-term plans are in place for maintenance and reconstruction however, works in close proximity to the railway corridor are subject to specific approval requirements.

Cr. J Lynch

- Queries were raised concerning the quantity of Avgas which was available to Julia Creek prior to the flooding event. It is understood that a truck was booked, however the roads were cut before the truck could make it to Julia Creek to deliver. Avgas quantities are well monitored and managed.

Cr. S Royes

- Noticed that there have been new Aged Care Laws to come into effect, requests are made for in-depth information surrounding what Councillors role is. It is agreed that an update will be provided to all Councillors in the coming weeks.
- Queries are made into recent weather and flooding damage for local community clubs. Information surrounding how this is reported and fixed is requested. Noted that community clubs are to contact Council to advise of damages to Council owned facilities for maintenance and repairs.
- When utilising the cattle yard recently it was noted that there are some faults noticed which are a large problem during the wet weather. Given the recent event, it is necessary to be utilising the cattle yards more than usual to provide veterinary care to cattle. The faults noticed were due to the concreted race as well as the drainage.
- Further discussions surrounding the cattle yards infrastructure - it has been brought to the attention of Council that a shed over the crush should be investigated, this will prevent any further damages to the crush and yards infrastructure.

Cr. J Fegan

- Received many calls from organisations wanting to offer aid to our Shire. Many ideas have also been considered regarding getting graziers together for support, hosting fund raising events etc.
- Due to the number of enquiries to offer support, it has been possible to connect people with similar ideas with one another to further discuss and plan events such as fundraisers.
- Suggestions to recognise the efforts of both chopper pilots and ground crews who were available and providing support during the event, brainstorming ideas to share gratitude will begin.
- A big Congratulations to our community for the combined efforts throughout the most recent flood event.

12. CLOSE

The Chair of the meeting, Mayor Janene Fegan declared the meeting closed at 10:10am.