



**PUBLIC MINUTES
OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL
HELD ON
MONDAY 27 May 2024**

**Council Chambers
Honour Avenue
Wyalkatchem**

**Commencement: 4:02pm
Closure: 7:02pm**

Preface

When the Chief Executive Officer approved these Minutes for distribution they are in essence “Unconfirmed” until the following Ordinary Meeting of Council, where the minutes will be confirmed subject to any amendments.

The “Confirmed” Minutes are then signed off by the Presiding Member.

Unconfirmed Minutes

These draft minutes were approved for distribution on 20 June 2024

Sabine Taylor
Chief Executive Officer

Confirmed Minutes

These minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 25 June 2024.

Signed:
Cr Garner, Shire President and Presiding Member
Shire of Wyalkatchem

Note: The Presiding Member at the meeting at which the minutes where confirmed is the person who signs above

DISCLAIMER

No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Wyalkatchem for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting. It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council’s decisions, which will be provided within ten days of this meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors and staff are reminded of the requirements of section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, to disclose any interest or perceived interest in any matter to be discussed during a meeting, and also the requirement to disclose any item affecting impartiality.

Financial Interest:

Under section 5.60A of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a person is said to have a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the Local Government in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

Proximity Interest:

Under section 5.60B of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a person is said to have a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or a proposed development of land that adjoins the person's land.

Impartiality Interest:

To maintain transparency, it is important to disclose all interests, including impartiality interests which include interests arising from kinship, friendship and membership of associations. If it is possible that your vote on a matter may be perceived as impartial, you should disclose your interest.

Disclosing an Interest:

Disclosures must be made, in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting at which the matter in which you have an interest is to be discussed.

If you disclose a Financial or Proximity Interest, you must leave the room while the matter is discussed and voted on. Only after a decision has been reached may you return to the meeting, at which time the Presiding Person will inform you of Council's decision on the matter.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Shire President, Cr Garner, declared the meeting open at 4:02pm.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1. Attendance

Members:

Cr. Owen Garner	Shire President
Cr. Christy Petchell	Deputy President
Cr. Mischa Stratford	
Cr Christopher Loton	
Cr. Tracy Dickson	
Cr. Justin Begley	
Cr. Rod Lawson Kerr	

Staff:

Sabine Taylor	Chief Executive Officer
Stephanie Elvidge	Governance Executive Officer

2.2. Apologies

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1. Financial and Proximity Interest

Nil

3.2. Impartiality Interests

Nil

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Cr Garner thanked Councillors and staff for their attendance and participation. He explained that the meeting was to clarify matters regarding 16 May meeting and address any issues that have arisen in a better forum than the current email correspondence.

5. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

5.1. GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

5.1.1. ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 16 MAY 2024

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	27 May 2024
Reporting Officer:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	13.05.01
Attachment Reference:	Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/ COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(79/2024) Moved: Cr Lawson Kerr Seconded: Cr Petchell

That Council close the meeting to members of the public under Sec. 5.23 of the Local Government Act 1995 as the meeting will be dealing with:

- a. a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting; and*
- b. a matter that if disclosed, would reveal —*
 - (i) information that has a commercial value to a person; or*
 - (ii) information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person,*

where the information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government.

CARRIED 6/1

Cr Stratford voted against.

SUMMARY

An ordinary Meeting of Council was held on the 16 May 2024.

COMMENT

Cr Garner held a confidential Councillor Question and Answer session based on the Ordinary Meeting of Council 16 May 2024.

**The CEO requested a private conversation with Cr Garner. The CEO and Cr Garner left the meeting at 4:45pm.*

The Governance Executive Officer was requested and left the meeting at 4:47pm.

All returned to the meeting at 4:51pm.

**Noted as requested by Cr Stratford item 7.1.2 OMC 25/06/2024.*

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no direct statutory implications in relation to this item.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications in the discussion.

COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The item promotes the Strategic Community Plan objectives, particularly those outlined in Goal 10 which calls on transparent, accountable and effective governance.

Goal 10 Transparent, accountable and effective governance

Goal No.	Action No.	Actions
10 Transparent, accountable and effective governance	10.1	Ensuring a well-informed Council makes good decisions for the community

*Cr Garner called a short recess from the meeting at 4:45pm
Councillors supported the recess.*

The meeting and lengthy discussions continued at 4:51pm

5.1.2. HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION

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File Number:	13.05.01
Attachment Reference:	Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION/ COUNCIL RESOLUTION

***(80/2024) Moved: Cr Dickson Seconded: Cr Petchell
That Council discuss housing and accommodation matters.***

CARRIED 7/0

SUMMARY

The Shire of Wyalkatchem Councillors recognise that there is a need for additional housing and accommodation.

COMMENT

Cr Garner led a Councillor discussion on the matter.

It was noted:

1. That the Shire has been unsuccessful in their joint application for the Nurses Accommodation funding.

Discussion ensued.

2. That the Shire needs a diverse range of accommodation and that this requires further exploration and planning. This aspect is captured in the Community Strategic Plan (SCP).

Discussion ensued.

3. That Wyalkatchem needs to know what it wants to look like in 5 and 10 years. Is it the aim to remain as a small community or is the Shire looking to expand into a larger model EG Merredin?

Discussion ensued.

4. That the Shire will continue to explore the CEACA Model following due process.

Discussion ensued.

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Goal 10 Transparent, accountable and effective governance.

Goal 12 Form strategic partnerships and advocate for the community.

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10 Transparent, accountable and effective governance	10.1	Ensuring a well-informed Council makes good decisions for the community
	10.4	Maintaining Integrated Strategic and Operational plans
12 Form strategic partnerships and advocate for the community	12.1	Developing strategic partnerships with regional, State & Federal governments
	12.2	Ensuring that the Shire of Wyalkatchem is well positioned to meet future needs

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION/ COUNCIL RESOLUTION

***(81/2024) Moved: Cr Lawson Kerr Seconded: Cr Dickson
That Council move out from behind closed doors.***

CARRIED 7/0

6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

Cr Garner advised that he is committed to supporting Councillors and continue to move forward.

There being no other business to attend to, Shire President Cr Garner closed the meeting at 7:02pm.