



**MINUTES
OF THE
CONFIDENTIAL
SPECIAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL
HELD ON**

30 JUNE 2025

Council Chambers

Honour Avenue

Wyalkatchem

Commencement: 6:03pm

Closure 7:57pm

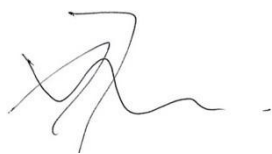
Preface

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 unconfirmed minutes were approved for distribution on 3 July 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Taylor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sabine Taylor
Chief Executive Officer

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:

As per the Shire of Wyalkatchem Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members, and Candidates for Election, and 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. Having disclosed the interest, you may declare your objectivity on the matter, and remain in the Chamber, and chair, or move/second, speak and vote on the matter.

Disclosing an Interest:

Disclosures must be made, in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting, or prior to consideration of the item in which an interest exists.

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

The Presiding Member, Cr Garner declared the meeting open at 6:03pm.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1. Attendance

Cr Owen Garner	President and Presiding Member
Cr Christy Petchell	Deputy President
Cr Mischa Stratford	
Cr Christopher Loton	
Cr Tracy Dickson via teams	
Cr Rod Lawson Kerr	
Cr Justin Begley	

2.2. Apologies

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1. Financial and Proximity Interest

Nil

3.2. Impartiality Interests

Nil

4. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

4.1. GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

4.1.1. EMPLOYMENT MATTER

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	30 June 2025
Reporting Officer:	
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	13.05.01
Attachment Reference:	

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

**COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION /COUNCIL RESOLUTION:
(73/2025)**

That Council adopts, by absolute majority, recommendation #1 and recommendation #2 included in the Confidential report.

CARRIED 4/3

Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Dickson, Cr Petchell, Cr Loton

Voted against: Cr Garner, Cr Begley, Cr Lawson Kerr

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995, S5.23 (2) a, b, d, e (iii)

Local Government act 1995 S5.37 (2)

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996. Reg 12 (2).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 4.1, Employee Code of Conduct

Policy 5.2 Recruitment and Selection

Policy 5.16 Senior Employees

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

5. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no other business to attend to, Presiding Member Cr Garner closed the meeting at 7:57pm.