

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025
63 MT BARKER ROAD STIRLING**

In Attendance

Presiding Member: Acting Mayor Nathan Daniell

Members:

Councillor Kirrilee Boyd
Councillor Adrian Cheater
Councillor Chris Grant
Councillor Malcolm Herrmann
Councillor Lucy Huxter
Councillor Leith Mudge
Councillor Mark Osterstock
Councillor Kirsty Parkin

In Attendance:

Greg Georgopoulos	Chief Executive Officer
Jess Charlton	Director Community and Development
Zoë Gill	Executive Governance Officer
Skye Ludzay	Minute Secretary
Tom Portas	Technical Support

1. COMMENCEMENT

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

2. OPENING STATEMENT

Council acknowledges that we meet on the traditional Country of the Peramangk and Kaurna people. We pay our respects to Ancestors and Elders past and present as the Custodians of this ancient and beautiful land.

Together we will care for this place for the generations to come and in this context the decisions we make should be guided by the principle that nothing we do should decrease our children's ability to live on this land.

3. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apology

3.2 Leave of Absence

Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom - 11 March 2025 to 10 September 2025 - approved 11 March 2025

Mayor _____

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3.2.1 Leave of Absence Request - Cr Kirsty Parkin

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock

S/- Cr Chris Grant

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- 1 That a Leave of Absence from all duties of office be granted to Cr Kirsty Parkin from 23 June 2025 to 27 June 2025.
- 2 That any committee or panel membership currently held by Cr Kirsty Parkin be undertaken by the Deputy during the leave of absence.

Carried Unanimously

3.2.2 Leave of Absence Request - Cr Leith Mudge

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock

S/- Cr Kirrilee Boyd

196/25

- 1 That a Leave of Absence from all duties of office be granted to Cr Leith Mudge from 24 June 2025 to 26 June 2025.
- 2 That any committee or panel membership currently held by Cr Leith Mudge be undertaken by the Deputy during the leave of absence.

Carried Unanimously

3.3 Absent

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Council Meeting – 27 May 2025

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann

S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin

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Council resolves that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 May 2025, as supplied, be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

5.1 General Conflict of Interest, Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Item 12.4

Under section 75B of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Malcolm Herrmann disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.4.

5.2 General Conflict of Interest, Cr Leith Mudge, Item 12.6

Under section 75B of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Leith Mudge disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.6.

6. PRESIDING MEMBER'S OPENING REMARKS

The Acting Mayor welcomed the gallery to the meeting and thanked local journalist Joseph Moore, from the Courier, for his coverage of the Adelaide Hills Council since 2021. We wish Mr Moore well with his new career opportunity.

7. QUESTIONS ADJOURNED/LYING ON THE TABLE

7.1 Questions Adjourned

Nil

7.2 Questions Lying on the Table

Nil

8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

8.1 Petitions

8.1.1 Save our Wildlife Foundation Inc Lease Proposal – 22 Wright Road

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann

S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

198/25

Council resolves:

1. That the petition signed by 100 signatories requesting the Adelaide Hills Council note the desire that the Evelyn Halliday Reserve continues to be utilised exclusively as a Recreation Reserve for the general benefit of the Community, as set out in the trust and in line with the wishes of the late Ms Evelyn Halliday be received and noted.
2. That the CEO advise the principal signatory of the Council's noting of the petition and of any resolutions relating to the matter.

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- 3. Council notes that Item 12.1 of this meeting considers community engagement outcomes regarding the use of 22 Wright Road Stirling.**

Carried Unanimously

8.2 Deputations

- 8.2.1 Brett Matthews regarding the 2026 Tour Down Under and the economic benefit for the event to the Adelaide Hills region.**

- 8.2.2 David Hamer on behalf of the Friends of Halliday Reserve regarding the proposed lease of 22 Wright Road.**

8.3 Public Forum

Marian MacLucas – Deputy Chair of Save Our Wildlife Foundation in support of the proposed 22 Wright Road lease and addressing the legitimacy of the petition at Agenda Item 8.1.

Nigel Richards – Residents of Wright Road against the proposed 22 Wright Rd lease.

9. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

10.1 Information and updates request – Cr Adrian Cheater

- 1. What is the current anticipated timeline for the DIT installation of a pedestrian crossing on Crafers Main Street and speed reduction?**

The construction is expected to be finalised by the end of the 2026 calendar year. Council staff have been involved recently in a design review of the crossing.

- 2. Can the administration provide technical details on the rational for the recent maintenance conducted on Yacka Road Aldgate?**

Council undertakes detailed condition assessment surveys of its sealed road network at 10m intervals. This identifies road pavement defects on Council's road network. Based on this condition assessment, Yacka Road was flagged as showing defects in the road seal. Therefore, administration undertook a reseal to protect the road pavement as the road pavement is the structural element of a road and is the higher cost element of a road pavement.

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3. Does the Council have any committed position through a MOU or otherwise in relation to the conceptual idea of a “Stirling Village” as identified by Mr Dennis Hensman, Director of Stirling Village Development?

The Council does not have a MOU or formal position on the ‘Stirling Village’ concept. The administration makes Council staff available to meet with any prospective applicants and the Stirling Village Development group has presented their concepts to Council staff. Mr Hensman has also presented his concepts to Council.

4. Does the council currently have capacity to address complaints which require ranger attendance prior to 06:00 and after 19:00?

The Regulatory Services team work from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and 8.30am till 5pm on weekends. After 5pm Council provides an on-call service (seven days a week), between 5pm and 8.30am. On-call services are generally limited to emergency issues such as attendance for on-going animal attacks and contained animals for pick up. From time to time, Council Rangers will schedule out of hours investigations for matters of nuisance (such as noise or light issues or dog barking), safety issues (such as parking) or other general regulatory issues (such as a breach of by-laws).

5. What is the current status of the Integrated Electric Vehicle Strategy as outlined in resolution 282/23 and have any internal combustion passenger vehicles been purchased since this resolution?

Council’s key document for addressing carbon emissions is the Towards Zero Emissions – A Carbon Management Plan for the Adelaide Hills (the Plan), adopted by Council at the 8 April 2025 meeting. A key priority in the Plan is the transition to Electric Vehicles (EV). Administration is developing a draft Fleet Management strategy, which includes an electrification transition timeline, as part of this key priority area. No Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) light passenger vehicles have been purchased since resolution 282/23.

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

12. OFFICER REPORTS – DECISION ITEMS

12.1 Save our Wildlife Foundation, 22 Wright Road, Stirling Lease Proposal – Community Engagement Outcomes Report

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Kirrilee Boyd

Council resolves:

1. That the Save our Wildlife Foundation, 22 Wright Road, Stirling Lease Proposal – Community Engagement Outcomes Report be received and noted.

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2. That the Save our Wildlife Foundation's lease proposal and draft Evelyn Halliday Reserve Community Land Management Plan is progressed.
3. That Council acknowledge the findings from the community engagement exercise, and that the Chief Executive Officer offers to engage with local community and key stakeholders of the Evelyn Halliday Reserve to understand their vision for the site.

VARIATION

Through the Acting Mayor, with the consent of the Mover and Second, leave of the meeting was sought and granted to vary the motion as follows:

1. That the Save our Wildlife Foundation, 22 Wright Road, Stirling Lease Proposal – Community Engagement Outcomes Report be received and noted.
2. That the Save our Wildlife Foundation's lease proposal and draft Evelyn Halliday Reserve Community Land Management Plan is **agreed to in principle**.
3. **That the lease and community land management plan is brought back to Council for final approval.**
4. That Council acknowledge the findings from the community engagement exercise, and that the Chief Executive Officer offers to engage with local community and key stakeholders of the Evelyn Halliday Reserve to understand their vision for the site.

MOTION AS VARIED

**Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Kirrilee Boyd**

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Council resolves:

1. **That the Save our Wildlife Foundation, 22 Wright Road, Stirling Lease Proposal – Community Engagement Outcomes Report be received and noted.**
2. **That the Save our Wildlife Foundation's lease proposal and draft Evelyn Halliday Reserve Community Land Management Plan is agreed to in principle.**
3. **That the lease and community land management plan is brought back to Council for final approval.**
4. **That Council acknowledge the findings from the community engagement exercise, and that the Chief Executive Officer offers to engage with local community and key stakeholders of the Evelyn Halliday Reserve to understand their vision for the site.**

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Carried

12.2 Round 2 Community Energy Upgrade Fund

7:46pm Cr Kirrilee Boyd left the meeting room.

7:46 pm Cr Kirrilee Boyd returned to the meeting room.

Moved Cr Leith Mudge

S/- Cr Chris Grant

200/25

Council resolves:

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. To apply for Round 2 of the Community Energy Upgrades Fund (CEUF) for the Expansion of the operational Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure at the Heathfield Depot project with a total estimated value of \$1,100,000, with funding comprising:**
 - a. \$550,000 from the CEUF**
 - b. \$550,000 from Council funds**
- 3. To incorporate this funding requirement within the Council's Annual Business Plan and budget for 2025-26 and 2026-27 should the grant application be successful.**
- 4. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to finalise the detail of the funding proposal between now and the funding application deadline, and, if necessary, adjust aspects of the application and scope of work to ensure the project can be accommodated within the funding allocation outlined.**

Carried Unanimously

12.3 Stirling Market Road Closure Permit Renewal

Moved Cr Chris Grant

S/- Cr Kirrilee Boyd

201/25

Council resolves:

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. That a permit to use a public road for business purposes under Section 222 of the *Local Government Act 1999* be issued to Stirling Market Incorporated for a five-year period for use of a portion of Druid Avenue, Stirling and the service lane between**

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Martha Street and Mount Barker Road, from 8:00am – 5:00pm, one Sunday of every month (on the fourth Sunday in each month from January to November and on the third Sunday in December) from July 2025 to June 2030, to enable operation of the Stirling monthly market.

3. That pursuant to Section 33(2) of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* the Council provides consent to the making of a road closure order by the Minister, or delegate, to enable the closure of Druid Avenue between Mount Barker Road and Martha Street, Stirling, as per permit conditions for the same five (5) year period covered by the Business Use Permit issued to Stirling Market Inc.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to act for and on behalf of the Council to consider and provide or refuse consent to any minor changes to the permit conditions or road closure order in response to legislative changes, the results of annual permit reviews or for special road closure orders, such as if the market is rescheduled to another Sunday in a particular month, or if a special once-off market is held, over the same five (5) year period.
5. That the following Special Condition be added as an additional clause to Annexure B of the Permit: The Council may also provide food organics (green) and recycling (yellow) bins for use at the Market. The Market must ensure that these bins are used for the separation and disposal of organic and recyclable waste generated during Market operations and that all stallholders, vendors, and attendees use the bins in accordance with the Council's waste separation and contamination minimisation guidelines, as notified from time to time.

Carried Unanimously

12.4 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) – Draft 2025-26 Annual Business Plan and Budget

Under section 75B of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Malcolm Herrmann disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.4.

- I am the Council Representative on the GRFMA Board

Cr Malcolm Herrmann declared that he would stay and vote as he believed he could approach the item in a neutral manner.

**Moved Cr Adrian Cheater
S/- Cr Chris Grant**

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Council resolves:

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1. To note and receive the report.
2. To note that Council's request to withdraw from the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) is currently under consideration by the Minister for Local Government.
3. To note that under clause 19 of the GRFMA Charter Council has a responsibility to ensure the proper conduct of the affairs of the GRFMA until a withdrawal becomes effective.
4. To approve the 2025-26 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget in light of this responsibility.
5. To notify the Authority that should the Minister approve Council's request to withdraw from the GRFMA before 30 June 2025, Council will not be liable to pay its contribution of approximately \$27,000 to the annual business plan and budget.
6. That the Chief Executive Officer advises the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority of Councils resolution.

Carried Unanimously Cr Malcolm Herrmann voted in favour of the motion
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12.5 Regional Development Australia – Funding Agreement

Moved Cr Leith Mudge
S/- Cr Chris Grant

203/25

Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. To endorse the three-year partnership agreement, as contained in *Appendix 1*, between Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island and the Adelaide Hills Council for a three year period commencing 1 July 2025, with an annual funding amount of \$88,160, plus CPI each year of the agreement.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any minor changes to the funding agreement as required, to finalise the matter.
4. That the Mayor and CEO be authorised to sign and seal the funding agreement on behalf of Council.

Carried

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12.6 Audit and Risk Committee Council Member Appointment

Under section 75B of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Leith Mudge disclosed a General (section 74) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.6.

- I am a candidate for the appointment.

8:14pm Cr Leith Mudge left the meeting room.

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted
2. To appoint Cr Leith Mudge as member of the Audit and Risk Committee from 11 June 2025 to the end of this Council term.

VARIATION

Through the Acting Mayor, with the consent of the Mover and Seconder, leave of the meeting was sought and granted to vary the motion as follows:

1. That the report be received and noted
2. To appoint Cr Leith Mudge as member of the Audit and Risk Committee from 11 June 2025 to **30 November 2025**.

MOTION AS VARIED

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Malcolm Herrmann

204/25

1. That the report be received and noted
2. To appoint Cr Leith Mudge as member of the Audit and Risk Committee from 11 June 2025 to **30 November 2025**.

Carried Unanimously

8:19pm Cr Leith Mudge returned to the meeting room.

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12.7 Audit and Risk Committee Council Member to Selection Panel

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock

S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin

205/25

Council resolves:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. To appoint Cr Adrian Cheater as a member of the Audit and Risk Committee Independent Member Selection Panel.

Carried Unanimously

12.8 Confidential Items Review

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock

S/- Cr Chris Grant

206/25

Council resolves:

1. To receive and note the report titled "Confidential Items Review" (Agenda item 12.8, 10 June 2025 Council Meeting).
2. To note the items held as confidential in the Confidential Items Register (*Appendix 1* of Agenda item 12.1, 10 June 2025 Council Meeting).

Carried Unanimously

Moved Cr Mark Osterstock

S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin

207/25

Council resolves:

1. That the minutes only of item 19.1 of 13 February 2024, 34/24, CEO Performance Review Panel Recommendation (Decision 2) (Deferred Item) be released to the public.

Carried Unanimously

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann

S/- Cr Leith Mudge

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8:24pm Cr Kirrilee Boyd left the meeting room and did not return.

208/25

Council resolves:

1. Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council orders that the following document(s) (or part) shall be kept confidential, being document(s) (or part) relating to a matter dealt with by the Council on a confidential basis under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(d) of the Act:

- The report, related attachments and minutes of 23 August 2022, Item No. 18.3, East Waste Recycling Contract, 228/22 unless previously released, remain confidential until further order and that this order be reviewed every twelve (12) months.

On the grounds that the document(s) (or part) relates to information relating to commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.

2. Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried Unanimously

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Adrian Cheater

209/25

Council resolves:

1. Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council orders that the following document(s) (or part) shall be kept confidential, being document(s) (or part) relating to a matter dealt with by the Council on a confidential basis under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(h) of the Act:

- The report, related attachments and minutes of 26 October 2021, Item No. 18.1, Electricity Procurement Legal Matter, 238/21 unless previously released, remain confidential until further order and that this order be reviewed every twelve (12) months.

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On the grounds that the document(s) (or part) relates to information relating to legal advice the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice Council's position in future legal proceedings.

2. Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried Unanimously

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin

210/25

Council resolves:

1. Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council orders that the following document(s) (or part) shall be kept confidential, being document(s) (or part) relating to a matter dealt with by the Council on a confidential basis under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Act:
 - The report, related attachments and minutes of 27 June 2023, Item No. 18.1, Appointment of GRFMA Chairperson, 182/23 unless previously released, remain confidential until further order and that this order be reviewed every twelve (12) months.

On the grounds that the document(s) (or part) relates to information relating to personal information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

2. Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried Unanimously

Moved Cr Chris Grant
S/- Cr Kirsty Parkin

211/25

Council resolves:

1. Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council orders that the following document(s) (or part) shall be kept confidential, being document(s) (or

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part) relating to a matter dealt with by the Council on a confidential basis under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(i) of the Act:

- The report, related attachments and minutes of 28 June 2022, Item No. 18.3, Ashton Landfill, 172/22 unless previously released, remain confidential until further order and that this order be reviewed every twelve (12) months.

On the grounds that the document(s) (or part) relates to information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning future legal action taken in relation to the matter.

2. Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried Unanimously

13. OFFICER REPORTS - INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

14. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

Nil

15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- Cr Chris Grant asked a question about the Street Sweeping Program.
- Cr Kirsty Parkin asked a question about the grant provided to the Stirling Business Association.
- Acting Mayor Nathan Daniell asked a question about the Supplementary Election Timeframe and about Hamilton Hill DIT updates.
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann asked a question about the CEO's recent meeting with DIT.

16. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

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17. REPORTS

17.1 Council Member Function or Activity on the Business of Council

Cr Malcolm Herrmann

- 29 May 2025, Boundaries Change Community Information Session, Norton Summit
- 31 May 2025, Launch of Reconciliation Action Plan, Fabrik at Lobethal
- 4 June 2025, Boundary Change In-Person Forum, Magill

17.2 Reports of Members as Council/Committee Representatives on External Organisations

Cr Malcolm Herrmann

- 10 June 2025, GRFMA Audit Committee Meeting.

17.3 CEO Report

Greg Georgopoulos, CEO, provided Council with a verbal update, including the:

- Values Initiative
- Accommodation Initiative

18. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18.1 Council Assessment Panel

Nil

18.2 Audit Committee

Nil

18.3 CEO Performance Review Panel

Nil

18.4 Boundary Change Committee

Nil

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

20. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Adelaide Hills Council will be held on Tuesday 24 June 2025 from 6.30pm at 63 Mt Barker Road, Stirling.

21. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.