



MINUTES

Wednesday, 21 April 2021

Special Council Meeting

**MINUTES OF MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2021 AT 4:00PM**

1 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Angela Toppin (Mayor), Cr Kevin Davies, Cr Mary Graham, Cr Lenore Wyatt, Cr Lachlan (Locky) Bensted, Cr Daniel (Danny) Bird, Cr Mario Mlikota

2 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/ABSENCE ON COUNCIL BUSINESS

Nil

3 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

RESOLUTION 2021/59

Moved: Cr Daniel (Danny) Bird

Seconded: Cr Lachlan (Locky) Bensted

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Act 2012:

7.1 Alleged Inappropriate Conduct

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254 (j) - e and f of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government and matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals.

CARRIED

Cr Graham left the meeting and did not return.

RESOLUTION 2021/60

Moved: Cr Lenore Wyatt

Seconded: Cr Mario Mlikota

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

7.1 ALLEGED INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT

RESOLUTION 2021/61

Moved: Cr Angela Toppin

Seconded: Cr Kevin Davies

1. That Council, after careful consideration of the information before it, determines that the action of Cr Graham sharing a third party's Facebook post from her private Facebook page which denigrated the Muslim community, was inappropriate conduct as a Councillor.
2. Therefore Council requires that Cr Graham:
 - a) makes a public admission that she engaged in inappropriate conduct by writing a formal apology, which the Mayor will forward to the Complainant; and
 - b) attends the next Councillor Training session that includes social media training.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

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Cr Angela Toppin

Chairperson