



**Confirmed Minutes
SPECIAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL**

5 August 2025

SHIRE OF CUE
Special Meeting of Council
MINUTES

Held in the Council Chambers, 73 Austin Street Cue on
Tuesday, 5 August 2025 commencing at 6:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The meeting was opened at 06:06 PM

The Presiding Member welcomed those present and read the following disclaimer:

No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Cue 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 decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this Meeting.

PRESENT:

Shire President Les Price
Deputy Shire President Elizabeth Houghton
Councillor Ron Hogben *via Teams
Councillor Ian Dennis
Councillor Julie Humphreys
Councillor Ross Pigdon

STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer Richard Towell
Deputy Chief Executive Officer Lisa Keen
Executive Assistant Janelle Duncan
Accountant Ahmed Khan

GALLERY:

2 APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Cr Ross Pigdon declared a financial interest as owner of Bell & Co.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

6 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PETITIONS

Nil

9 ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

REPORTS

10 REPORTS

11 MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

12 MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Nil

13 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil

CLOSED COUNCIL

14 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Council Decision: 01082025

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Elizabeth Houghton

SECONDED: Cr Ross Pigdon

That the meeting be closed to members of the Public to discussion confidential matters.

CARRIED : 6/0

AGAINST: None

06:10pm the meeting closed to the public

Council Decision: 02082025

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Ian Dennis

SECONDED: Cr Elizabeth Houghton

That Council allow Cr Ross Pigdon to remain in the chambers to answer any questions. Cr Pigdon will leave the chambers at the conclusion of discussions.

CARRIED: 5/0

AGAINST: None

14.1 OFFER TO PURCHASE LOT 101 (49) AUSTIN STREET

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Cr Ross Pigdon declared a financial interest as owner of Bell & Co.

AUTHOR: Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 1 August 2025

Officers Recommendation:

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

That Council:

- 1. Instruct the CEO to submit an offer of \$200,000, excluding GST to purchase Lot 101 (49) Austin Street, Cue; and*
- 2. Authorise the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to apply the common seal as required to any sale or transfer documents.*

06:35pm Cr Ross Pigdon left the chamber at the conclusion of discussions.

06:57pm Richard Towell left the chamber

06:57pm Cr Ron Hogben left the meeting via Teams

06:59pm Cr Elizabeth Houghton left the chamber

07:00pm Cr Ron Hogben re-entered the meeting via Teams

07:01pm Cr Elizabeth Houghton re-entered the chamber

07:01pm Richard Towell re-entered the chamber

Council Decision: 03082025

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Elizabeth Houghton

SECONDED: Cr Julie Humphreys

That Council:

- 1. Instruct the CEO to submit an offer of \$200,000, excluding GST to purchase Lot 101 (49) Austin Street, Cue; and*
- 2. Authorise the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to apply the common seal as required to any sale or transfer documents.*

AMENDMENT:

MOVED: Cr Elizabeth Houghton

SECONDED: Cr Julie Humphreys

add the words after Cue - "consisting of the building, liquor licence and items listed in the business plan".

That Council:

- 1. Instruct the CEO to submit an offer of \$200,000, excluding GST to purchase Lot 101 (49) Austin Street, Cue consisting of the building, liquor licence and items listed in the business plan; and*
- 2. Authorise the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to apply the common seal as required to any sale or transfer documents.*

CARRIED: 5/0

AGAINST: None

07:23pm Cr Ross Pigdon re-entered the chamber

14.2 THAT THE MEETING BE REOPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Council Decision: 04082025

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Elizabeth Houghton

SECONDED: Cr Ian Dennis

That the meeting be re-opened to members of the public.

The Presiding Member read out the resolutions that were decided behind closed doors, as per Standing Orders Cue 5.2 (6).

CARRIED: 6/0

AGAINST: None

07:26pm the meeting was re-opened to members of the public.

CLOSURE

15 CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked those present for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 07:27 PM.

To be confirmed at Ordinary Meeting on the 19 August 2025.

Signed:

Presiding Member at the Meeting at which time the Minutes were confirmed.