



**MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE**  
**ON 3 FEBRUARY 2026**  
**COMMENCING AT 8:38 PM**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Cr T Mileto (Mayor)(Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate & Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Acting Director Community, Recreation & Cultural Services (Stanford), Acting Director Technical Services (Theakstone), Communications Lead, Governance Lead, Governance Officer (Barnes), Governance Officer (Allan)

### **1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED - 26/035**

**Cr T Greenhalgh/Cr S Peterson**

That the apologies be accepted from Cr J Whitton and that Council grant them a leave of absence from the Regional & Economic Development Policy Committee of Orange City Council on 3 February 2026.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor)(Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

### **1.2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Nil

**2 COMMITTEE MINUTES****2.1 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
22 OCTOBER 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2025/2712

**RESOLVED - 26/036****Cr F Kinghorne/Cr J Stedman**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Economic Development Community Committee at its meeting held on 22 October 2025.
- 2 That Council confirm their position of not being the developer or proponent of a convention centre or permanent outdoor market.
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Economic Development Community Committee from its meeting held on 22 October 2025 be adopted.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor)(Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman  
Against: Nil  
Absent: Cr J Whitton

Cr Peterson asked if we know how effective the Buy Local Purchasing policy is, and whether it has an impact on decisions made.

*The Director of Corporate and Commercial Services responded that while data isn't available, if a decision is close, it can certainly be a deciding factor.*

Cr Peterson also asked for clarity regarding the difference in percentages report for residential spend and visitor spend, noting they seem unusual.

*Director Corporate and Commercial Services advise that resident spend and visitor spend are calculated and reported differently.*

*\*Cr McDonnell left the meeting with the time being 8.40pm\**

*\*Cr McDonnell returned to the meeting with the time being 8.43pm\**

**2.2 MINUTES OF THE LUCKNOW COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 11 DECEMBER 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/55

**RESOLVED - 26/037****Cr M McDonell/Cr T Greenhalgh**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Lucknow Community Committee at its meeting held on 11 December 2025.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 4.3(3) and (4) from the minutes of the Lucknow Community Committee meeting of 11 December 2025.  
*4.3(3) Despite the Committee resolving to allocate \$50,000 from the Lucknow Community Committee fund to go towards the construction of a new toilet block at Wentworth Park Mine in Lucknow, further investigations are required into 1) the project scope and 2) the associated costs. Once these factors have been determined, the Committee Clerk will liaise with the Committee to determine next steps.*  
*4.3(4) That the Committee spends approximately \$63,000 from the Lucknow Community Committee fund on new footpath extensions along Phoenix Mine Road from the Mitchell Highway to Chapel Hill Lane, as well as along the Mitchell Highway from Phoenix Mine Road to the Men's Shed in Lucknow.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Lucknow Community Committee from its meeting held on 11 December 2025 be adopted.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor)(Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman  
Against: Nil  
Absent: Cr J Whitton

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****Cr S Peterson**

Cr Peterson requested a report on the spending and remaining balances of the budgets for the Lucknow, Spring Hill and Clifton Grove Community Committees.

**2.3 MINUTES OF THE CLIFTON GROVE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 4 DECEMBER 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/56

**RESOLVED - 26/038****Cr F Kinghorne/Cr T Greenhalgh**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Clifton Grove Community Committee at its meeting held on 4 December 2025.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 4.3 from the minutes of the Clifton Grove Community Committee meeting of 4 December 2025.  
*4.3 – Mud Hut. That the Committee spend up to \$20,000 from the Community Committee fund to upgrade certain aspects of the Mud Hut.*
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Clifton Grove Community Committee from its meeting held on 4 December 2025 be adopted.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor)(Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman  
Against: Nil  
Absent: Cr J Whitton

**2.4 MINUTES OF THE SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 2 DECEMBER 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/58

**RESOLVED - 26/039****Cr M McDonell/Cr S Peterson**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Sister Cities Community Committee at its meeting held on 2 December 2025.
- 2 That the minutes of the Sister Cities Community Committee from its meeting held on 2 December 2025 be adopted.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor)(Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman  
Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

**2.5 MINUTES OF THE SPRING HILL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 9 DECEMBER 2025**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2026/64

**RESOLVED - 26/040****Cr M Ruddy/Cr K Duffy**

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Spring Hill Community Committee at its meeting held on 9 December 2025.
- 2 That Council determine recommendations 4.2(2) and 4.2(3) from the minutes of the Spring Hill Community Committee meeting of 9 December 2025.  
4.2(2)  
*That the Spring Hill Community Committee spend up to \$8,000 from the community committee fund on lighting works in Alf Read Park in Spring Hill.*  
4.2(3)  
That the Spring Hill Community Committee spend up to \$12,000 from the community committee fund on a new playground at the Recreation Ground in Spring Hill.
- 3 That the remainder of the minutes of the Spring Hill Community Committee from its meeting held on 9 December 2025 be adopted.

For: Cr T Mileto (Mayor)(Chairperson), Cr T Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor), Cr K Duffy, Cr G Judge, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr M Ruddy, Cr J Stedman  
Against: Nil

Absent: Cr J Whitton

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.48PM**