

SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 10th December 2025
5.00 p.m.

Kempton Municipal Offices
85 Main Street, Kempton



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2025 AT THE KEMPTON MUNICIPAL OFFICES
COMMENCING AT 5.00 P.M.**

1. OPENING/WELCOME

Mayor Edwin Batt opened the Southern Midlands Council Annual General Meeting and welcomed those present.

2. APOLOGIES

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3. ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Mayor Edwin Batt, Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, Cllr D Blackwell, Cllr B Campbell, Cllr D Fish and Cllr F Miller

Officers: T Kirkwood (General Manager), A Benson (Deputy General Manager), G Finn (Manager Development & Environmental Services), D Richardson (Manager Infrastructure and Works), W Young (Manager Community & Corporate Development), A Burbury (Finance Officer) J Crosswell (Executive Assistant)

Residents: Tony Bantick

4. MEETING PROCEDURES

Refer Attachment 1.

5. 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT & 2024/2025 GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Edwin Batt to present the 2024/2025 Annual Report, incorporating the 2024/2025 General Purpose Financial Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the meeting note the presentation of the Annual Report for the year ending 30th June 2025 incorporating the 2024/2025 General Purpose Financial Report.

DECISION

Moved by Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon, seconded by Cllr D Blackwell

THAT the meeting note the presentation of the Annual Report for the year ending 30th June 2025 incorporating the 2024/2025 General Purpose Financial Report.

CARRIED

| DECISION | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Councillor | Vote FOR | Vote AGAINST |
| Mayor E Batt | ✓ | |
| Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon | ✓ | |
| Cllr D Blackwell | ✓ | |
| Cllr B Campbell | ✓ | |
| Cllr D F Fish | ✓ | |
| Cllr F Miller | ✓ | |

6. STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2034

Members of the public are encouraged to provide comment on the 2024-2034 Strategic Plan available on Councils website at any time.

6.1 Questions/Discussion on Strategic Plan

Nil.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS ON NOTICE

Nil.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr Anthony (Tony) Bantick made reference to the Oatlands Aquatic Centre. He commented that the facility was being well used however noted the amount of the annual operating budget deficit.

Mr Bantick also commented that he does not support the need for compulsory training to be undertaken by elected members. General discussion in relation to this issue.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.14 p.m.

MEETING PROCEDURES

Attachment 1

1. The Annual General Meeting is in essence a Council meeting and will be conducted in accordance with normal Council procedures for the conduct of meetings; with the exception of course it is intended to make it as easy as possible for members of the public to have input so that maximum benefit is gained.
2. The Mayor is Chairman of the meeting.
3. The first part of the meeting comprises a presentation of an overview of:
 - (i) the Annual Report
 - (ii) Financial Statement, and
 - (iii) the Strategic Plan
4. At the conclusion of each of these presentations electors may ask questions.
5. Questions and comments should be concise to allow as many people as possible to have their input.
6. No one is to be interrupted whilst they are speaking.
7. You will be asked, as a matter of courtesy and for the minutes, to identify yourself before speaking.
8. All discussion will be addressed through the chair.
9. No person may:
 - (i) make any personal reflection on any Councillors, Council employee or member of the public;
 - (ii) disrupt the meeting; or
 - (iii) in the opinion of the Chairman, use any offensive expression.
10. If you intend to move a motion the following procedures apply: -
 - (i) All motions must be moved and seconded before debate is permitted.
 - (ii) In speaking to a motion, individuals may speak only once and for no longer than 5 minutes.
 - (iii) Voting is by a show of hands.
 - (iv) Only electors of the Southern Midlands municipal area are entitled to vote.
 - (v) A motion is passed by half plus one of the electors present voting in favour of it.
11. Any resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting will be considered at the next ordinary meeting of Council.