



Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT SPORTS CENTRE, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 2023
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
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ATTENDANCE

Cr. Barry Hughes
Cr. Laurell Royes
Cr. Joe Haase
Cr. Tony Gallagher
Cr. Cameron Barns

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services
Mrs. Renee Bester, Executive Assistant

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.03am and welcomed all in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

"We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the history, cultural practice, and traditions, of their people."

PRAYER

"We ask that today you give us wisdom to make good decisions to benefit our communities. Help us see what will benefit our shire and give us hearts to serve others. Amen".

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Condolences – Council wishes to send condolences to the family of Noel (Shorty) Abbey.

Congratulations – Council wishes to congratulate Jacinta Dodds & Kirk Matene on the birth of their baby girl, Bonnie.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 16th August 2023

Corrections:

- Remove BushEd from General Business item.
- Confirm resolution number 23.08.10

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Special General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 16th August 2023 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.01
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES

Cr. Royes #23.07.21 – Clarification of process confirmation
#23.06.10 – Liz Taylor's presentation at July GM and further endorsement
Cr. Haase #23.07.21 – Clarification of motion
Cr Barns #23.05.04 & .05SP – Update on funding for Independent Living Facility

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director Corporate Services

1. Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Director of Corporate Services' Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.02
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase left the meeting at 9.58am and returned to the meeting at 10.01am.
Renee Bester left the meeting at 10.15am and returned at 10.27am.

2. Financial Performance (Actual vs. Budget) for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 August 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government at least monthly.

RESOLUTION

That Council pursuant Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, resolve to adopt the monthly Financial Report the period ending 31st August 2023, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.03
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10:32am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 11.04am.

3. Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In February 2022, Council reconstituted an Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee met on the 25th of August to receive and consider Council's Annual General Purpose Financial Statements. A copy of the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting is presented for Council's consideration.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held 25th August 2023, and note the contents therein.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.04
5/0

4. Adoption of Little Gems Protection Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A new Sun Protection Policy has been created for Little Gems, in order to comply with the requirements of Cancer Council Queensland.

RESOLUTION

That Council approve and adopt the new Sun Protection Policy for Little Gems Children’s Centre.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.05
5/0

5. Civil Works for High Street Houses

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To meet the needs of housing and short-term accommodation in particular for visitors and guests, Council initiated the High Street Housing (HSH) project to establish 3 x 1 bedroom cabins. The project comprised the repurposing of an existing cabin, together with the purchase of 2 additional cabins, and associated building, civil and landscaping works.

In accordance with relevant legislation and the Etheridge Shire Council Procurement Policy. Tenders for the finishing building & civil works were advertised in our local and regional newspapers as well as our website. The tender period commenced on Monday 31st July 2023 and closed Tuesday 22nd August 2023.

Compliant submissions were received by two contractors, Baguley Build Pty Ltd. and A & RJ Wieland trading as Wieland Contracting.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the following Tender from A&RJ Wieland trading as Wieland Contracting the Civil and associated building works 51 High Street. (Lot 6 on SP194675) Wieland Contracting to supply and install patios carports driveways electrical, plumbing, drainage and stormwater to complete the High Street Housing project. Landscaping to be carried out by council.

<i>Address</i>	<i>Recommended Tender</i>	<i>Purchase Price GST Excl</i>
51 High Street	A & RJ Wieland, T/A Wieland Contracting	\$351,729.09

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.06
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Andrew Mckenzie left the meeting at 11.25am

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director Of Engineering Services

6. Shire Roads Provision of Sealing Operations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A tender was place with Local Buy for Supply and Delivery of Full Bitumen Service to reseal Georgetown/Mt Surprise/Einasleigh Town Streets, Oak Park Road, Forsayth to Einasleigh Road and Kennedy Developmental Road CN19040.

Stabilized Pavements Australia Pty LTD were the best on price and also confirmed they would be able to meet Councils requirements to do all sealing works in the last shift of November.

Tenders were assessed and ranked by price and meeting the criteria in the tender.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the tender provided by Stabilized Pavements Australia Pty Ltd for the Supply and Delivery of Full Bitumen Service to the value of \$1,213,235.69 Incl GST

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.07
5/0

7. Multi-Purpose Sports Centre Tender

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Whilst Council has not used 3D Civil before they have been recommended as a good company with good practices and a common-sense approach to civil construction with a focus on saving money for the client if there are options to do so. There company profile also shows they have a good reputation in the construction industry.

Tenders were assessed and ranked by price and meeting the criteria set out and being able to meet Councils deadline of completing all these works by the end of November 2023.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the tender provided by 3D Civil for the construction of the car park and drainage at the Georgetown Multi-Purpose Sports Centre to the value of \$447,427.00 Excl GST

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.08
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Ken Timms left the meeting at 11.33am and returned to the meeting at 11.35am.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

8. Closure of Shire Offices & Operations between Christmas & New Year

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year council has closed the Shire operations over the Christmas and New Year period to allow staff to enjoy the festive season with family and friends, in appreciation of the dedication to Council throughout the year.

RESOLUTION

That Council endorses the closure of:

- the Shire and Depot Administration Offices, Terrestrial Centre, Little Gems Childcare Centre, Town Crews and Workshop from Thursday 21st December 2023 to 7th January 2023 with the return to work date being Monday 8th January 2023;
- the Road and RMPD Crews from Thursday 14th December 2023 to 22nd January 2024 with the return to work date being Tuesday 23rd January 2024,

Subject to appropriate on-call arrangements with senior staff being put into place for emergency matters.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.09
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9. Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry (15 Gravel Pits)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In July 2023, an Application for Material Change of Use (MCU) was lodged with Council for Extractive Industry – (15 Gravel Pits). The Application is Impact Assessable against the Planning Scheme and Public Notification of the Application was required.

During Public Notification one (1) submission was received. The Application is reported to Council and recommended for approval, subject to conditions.

The proposed development is recommended for approval as it is compliant with the Planning Scheme and is an important project for the Shire, which will ensure the long term viability and lawful operation of all Gravel Pits, current and new, within the Shire.

In summary, the proposed development complies with the Planning Scheme and is recommended for approval, subject to reasonable and relevant conditions.

RESOLUTION

That the Council resolve:

- Public Notification is compliant with the Section 53 of the Planning Act 2016.
- In accordance with the Planning Act 2016, as amended, the applicant be notified that the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry (15 Gravel Pits) on land described as:

Current Pits (expansion)

- Lot 2 on PY26
- Lot 235 on PH73
- Lot 38 on ET813287
- Lot 4 on SE1
- Lot 2034 on PH568
- Lot 171 on E1835473
- Lot 2909 on PH1368
- Lot 254 on SP266605
- Lot 4533 on PH1199
- Lot 5 on E1813291

New Pits:

- Lot 2 on SP242983
- Lot 66 on SP304951
- Lot 320 on AP4581
- Lot 5 on SP323728
- Lot 1 on SP242983

is approved subject to the conditions detailed below.

A. ASSESSMENT MANAGER CONDITIONS (COUNCIL)

- The development shall be undertaken substantially in accordance with the submitted documentation and submitted Gravel Pit Plans, except where modified by any conditions below, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate:

GRAVEL PIT NAME	AREA	REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Abingdon Downs 017	54.91 ha	Lot 4533 PH1199
Abingdon Downs 031	62.74 ha	Lot 171 E1835473
Agate Creek Road 10	7.93 ha	Lot 2 SP242983
Oak Park 007	22.86 ha	Lot 235 PH73
Oak Park 14	21.58 ha	Lot 2 PY26
Beverley Hills 09	73.54 ha	Lot 5 SP323728

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Dagworth 14	57.67 ha	Lot 5 E1813291
Gilberton 19	26.42 ha	Lot 320 AP4581
Gilberton 35	55.43 ha	Lot 66 SP304951
Kutchera 014	162.11 ha	Lot 2034 PH568
Paddys Road 09	8.64 ha	Lot 254 SP266605
Percyvale 01	9.15 ha	Lot 1 SP242983
Strathmore 05	150.88 ha	Lot 38 ET813287
Strathmore 09	179.09 ha	Lot 4 SE1
Vanlee 007	9.43 ha	Lot 2909 PH1368

2. Compliance is required with the most current revision of the Quarry Management Plan (QMP) prepared for Etheridge Shire Council under Sales Permit: 201609017, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
3. Gravel Pit operations will be carried out in accordance with the QMP and all DES, DAF & ESC Policy and Environmental Authority requirements.
4. If unactioned, this development approval lapses six (6) years after the day that the development approval takes effect, unless extended under the Planning Act 2016.
5. Should any of the Council's assets be damaged during Gravel Pit operations, the cost of the reinstatement of all such assets shall be met by the applicant/proponent, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.10
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CONSIDERATION OF ADDENDUM OPEN SESSION REPORTS

10. Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Director of Engineering Services' Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.11
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ATTENDANCE

Renee Bester left the meeting at 12.20pm and returned to the meeting at 12.34pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12.37pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:10pm.

11. Chief Executive Officer Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Chief Executive Officers Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.09.12
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ATTENDANCE

Cr Barnes left the meeting at 2.12pm and returned to the meeting at 2.17pm.
Renee Bester left the meeting at 2.34pm and returned to the meeting at 2.37pm.

