



*Etheridge*

Shire Council

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

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GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD GEORGETOWN MULTIPURPOSE  
SPORTS CENTRE  
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2020,

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT GEORGETOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2020**  
**COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Crs Barry Hughes, Laurell Royes, Joe Haase, Cameron Barnes, and Tony Gallagher

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mr. David Munro, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Ian Kuhn, Director of Corporate and Community Services  
Mr. Les Morgan, Director of Engineering Services  
Miss. Melanie Hensel, Executive Assistant  
Miss. Abbey Taylor, Executive Assistant

**GALLERY**

Mr. Ian Carroll

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:00am 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."*

**APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS**

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council of the appointment of Ms Abbey Taylor to the position of Executive Assistant to the CEO and Councillors and furthermore congratulated Ms Taylor on her appointment.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 15 July 2020**

**RESOLUTION:**

*That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 15 July 2020 be confirmed subject to the following amendments:*

*That on Page 3 under the heading Apologies, Condolences & Congratulations that the word 'Shepherd' after the word 'Denise' and before the word 'from' be deleted and the word 'Shephard' be inserted.*

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2961**  
**5/0**

**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS**

**GMES1.**

Georgetown to Forsayth Road – Strategic Works Program.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*At the General Meeting of Council held on the 17 June 2020, it was resolved that:*

- *The Director Engineering Services develop a strategic works program and business plan to upgrade the unsealed section of the Georgetown to Forsayth Road, to a sealed standard and report back to the August General Meeting of Council.*

*Accordingly, this report presents the findings of the above requested investigation and seeks Council's endorsement of proposed actions.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council*

*Resolve the following;*

1. *To endorse the report and program of works contained within, and*
2. *That the Council delegate authority to the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to present the works program to the District Manager of Transport & Main Roads.*

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2962**  
**5/0**

**GMES2.**

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

**IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:**

**Declarations:**

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Royes declared that she may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMES2 as she has family that owns a property that adjoins the VanLee Road as well as cattle agistment on VanLee Station. Cr Royes determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead her to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that she will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, she acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

- (a) Whether she has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
- (b) If so, whether: -
  - i. she must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
  - ii. she may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Royes has a perceived conflict of interest in Item titled "Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program" and furthermore that Cr Royes may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter.*

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2963**  
**4/0**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Etheridge Shire Council encompasses an area of high volume and intense rainfall, that leads to the need of numerous gullies which are often crossed by traffic using Council's roads. Many of these crossings are unable to accommodate this high volume and velocity flow without continual maintenance works being required. These crossings need to be brought up to a standard where they can withstand this flow without the need for continual maintenance.*

*Accordingly, it is considered appropriate to use the funding provided under the subject program to upgrade these crossing points of waterways to enhance accessibility, reduce maintenance costs and enhance sustainability.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

Resolve:

1. *To adopt the works program outlined in Table 1 of the report as Etheridge Shire Council's projects to be carried out under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI) and furthermore that Council submit the listed projects to the Federal Government for approval in accordance with the funding guidelines, subject to substituting the existing identified floodway on Paddy's Road to an alternative crossing between Chainage 16 to Chainage 20.*

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2964**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS1.**

Purchase of Residential Land (Georgetown)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Council has developed "Residential Land" within the township of Georgetown which went to Public Auction on the 24 September 2011. Council can now deal with offers from the public on a case by case basis after the Auction date which is in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, subject to the offer being higher than the Auction Bid on the day of the said Auction.*

*Council has received a written offer to purchase allotments being Lot(s) 2, 3, 16, 17, 18 & 19 on SP217469.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to not accept the offers received from the various purchasers for Lot(s) 2, 3, 16, 17, 18 & 19 on SP217469 and furthermore that Council advise the purchasers of Councils price range for the land on offer for sale is between \$9,500 and \$10,500.*

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2965**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Miss Melanie Hensel left the meeting at 9:50am and returned at 10.04am*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourn for morning tea at 10:18am*

**RESUMPTION**

*Council resumed the meeting at 10:42am.*

**GMCCS2.**

**Draft Pest Management Plan (Etheridge Shire Council)**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Invasive plants and animals have a significant impact on the environment, the economy (agriculture) and the community (including culture, recreation, human health and social amenity).*

*The Biosecurity Act 2014 sets out a legal framework for the management of invasive plants and animals across the state of Queensland and mandates that local government must have a biosecurity plan for the management of Invasive Biosecurity Matter within its Local Government Area and is responsible for ensuring Invasive Biosecurity Matter is managed within its Local Government Area, in compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2014.*

*Under the Act, land managers, industry, the community and all levels of government who deal with Invasive Biosecurity Matter or a carrier, or carries out an activity which poses a Biosecurity Risk to a Biosecurity Consideration, have a General Biosecurity Obligation to take all “reasonable and practical” measures to prevent or minimise the risk and adverse impact to that Biosecurity Consideration.*

*The input of obligated stakeholders from across all sectors of the community is essential and has been drawn on through the development of the Etheridge Shire Council Biosecurity Plan 2018.*

*The Etheridge Shire Council Biosecurity Plan 2018 incorporates an integrated planning framework to facilitate stakeholder communication, planning and management of invasive biosecurity matter across the Local Government Area, in compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2014 (level of risk, impact and liability) and linking Commonwealth, State and regional pest planning frameworks.*

*The Plan’s framework also includes measures for review and evaluation of both adoption and effectiveness of the plan’s actions.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to note and receive the officer’s report and furthermore that Council undertakes the following actions to have the current “Draft” Bio Security Plan finalised:*

- Council undertakes a review of the Draft Bio Security Plan via a workshop;*
- Council invites the Bio Security Pest Management Committee to be part of the workshop*
- Council undertake any amendments to the Draft Bio Security Plan from the workshop*
- Council plans to have a finalised Bio Security Plan for adoption at the October General Meeting.*

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2966**  
**5/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

The Biosecurity Act 2014 sets out a legal framework for the management of invasive plants and animals across the state of Queensland and mandates that local government must have a biosecurity plan for the management of Invasive Biosecurity Matter within its Local Government Area and is responsible for ensuring Invasive Biosecurity Matter is managed within its Local Government Area, in compliance with the Biosecurity Act 2014.

**GMCCS3.**

Update On Talaroo Hotsprings, Talaroo Station On Land Described As Lot 2909 On Ph1368 Development Application (Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation) Material Change Of Use – (Impact Assessment) For Tourism (Major)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Council haD received a Development Application from the Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation seeking a Material Change of Use (Impact Assessment) for Tourism (Major) on land described as Lot 2909 on PH1368 (Talaroo Station).*

*The application was acknowledged by Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and issued a “Confirmation Notice” to the applicant.*

*The application was seeking a development approval for re-establishing a tourist development focused on the existing Hot Springs on land at Talaroo Station, Talaroo. The subject site is more properly described as Lot 2909 on PH1368 and has an area of 3,1500ha.*

*On the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in accordance with Section 63(2) of the Planning Act 2016; Council resolve to approve a Development Application for:*

*(a) Material Change of Use – (Impact Assessment) for Tourism (Major) Talaroo Hotsprings, Talaroo Station on land described as Lot 2909 ON PH1368 for the purpose of*

- 35 unpowered camping sites;*
- 50 powered camping/caravan sites (25 initially with a further 25 dependent on demand);*
- 10 glamping sites (luxury cabins) (5 initially with a further 5 dependent on demand);*
- Hub – Welcome centre, with ticketing, café, kitchen, amenities and retail space, pool and hot and cold spas, yarning circle;*
- Staff accommodation, communal kitchen with yarning circle, amenities and showers block;*
- Ability to operate cultural gatherings/festivals/events;*
- Ancillary facilities including new boardwalks throughout the site, interpretive displays and information/signage, public art, new private internal road, set down areas, parking areas etc;*
- Wellness Centre (longer term)*

*The applicant has submitted to Council a very minor change to the layout of the original approved Development*

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

*Resolve to note and receive the officers report and furthermore that Council inform the applicant that the Decision Notice issued dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 is still current and that the conditions contained in the said Decision Notice remain firm and furthermore that Council acknowledges the minor change to the layout of the development and does not consider this variation to be deemed sufficient to require the applicant to submit a Change Application in accordance section 78 of the Planning Act 2016*

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2967**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS4.**

**RV Friendly Townships**

**IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:**

**Declarations:**

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Gallagher declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS4 as he owns a business in town and may benefit from the potential increase in tourism, Cr Gallagher determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, he acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

- (a) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
- (b) If so, whether: -
  - i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
  - ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

***Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Gallagher has a perceived conflict of interest in Item titled "RV Friendly Townships" and furthermore that Cr Gallagher may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter.***

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2968**  
**3/0**

*Cr Royes did not participate in the discussion regarding the potential Conflict of Interest for Cr Gallagher as Cr Royes has also raised a potential Conflict of Interest in this Item GMCCS4. Cr Gallagher & Cr Royes did not vote on this matter due to their potential Conflict of Interest.*

*Council discussed each Conflict of Interests as separate matters.*

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Royes declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS4 as she has immediate family that own a business in the shire that may benefit from the increase in tourism. Cr Royes determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, he acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

- (a) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
- (b) If so, whether: -
  - i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
  - ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

***Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Royes has a perceived conflict of interest in Item titled "RV Friendly Townships" and furthermore that Cr Royes may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter.***

**MOVED: Cr. Barns**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2969**  
**3/0**

*Cr Gallagher did not participate in the discussion regarding the potential Conflict of Interest for Cr Royes as Cr Gallagher has also raised a potential Conflict of Interest in this Item GMCCS4. Cr Gallagher & Cr Royes did not vote on this matter due to their potential Conflict of Interest.*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*At the May 2020 General Meeting Council resolved to request the Chief Executive Officer to provide a detailed report on becoming an RV friendly town.*

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

*Resolve to note and receive the officers' report and furthermore that Council undertake the following action before committing to becoming a RV Friendly Town*

- 1. Council consults with all stakeholders (Caravan Park operators, Camping Ground operators, Caravan Industry Association of Australia, Shire business operators and Caravanning Queensland and the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia) to determine Council's approach to further developing a Recreational vehicle strategy;*
- 2. Council aims to have the consultation finalised with a report by the November General Meeting.*

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2970**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS5.**

**Get Ready Queensland Grant Program 2020-21**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Etheridge Shire Council has been awarded \$6,780 (excluding GST) from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to administer the 2020-21 Get Ready Queensland program. This program calls for Council to direct the funds towards activities that enhance community resilience and community knowledge of the requirements of disaster preparedness.*

*The allocated funds are to be expended before 30 June 2021. This report provides Council with options for the 2020-21 program funds to be administered in Etheridge Shire.*

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

*Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore resolves to utilise the Get Ready Queensland Funding to provide disaster resilience education to the schools in the shire subject to consultation with various principals.*

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2971**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Miss Melanie Hensel left the meeting at 11:51am*



**GMES3.**

Forsyth Landfill

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*A compliance inspection of Etheridge Shire Council's Landfills which was conducted on 5th and 6th of March 2019 by authorized officers of the Department of Environment and Science identified a non-compliance with environmental authority EPPR00239313.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

Resolve to:

1. *That a further report be placed before Council after the completion of community consultation with affected stakeholders,*
2. *Council amends the 2020/21 Budget and allocates additional funds to assist with lining the Forsyth landfill with clay that is compliant with the regulations.*
3. *And furthermore that Council Management prepare a further report which is be presented back to Council to show the long term options for the sustainability of the Forsyth Landfill.*

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2972**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Miss Melanie Hensel returned to the meeting at 12:02pm*

**GMCCS6.**

Railway Shed (Einasleigh)

**IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:**

**Declarations:**

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Royes declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS6 as she is the secretary of the Einasleigh Race Club and that this building may be donated to the Einasleigh Sporting entities for use as a shared facility. Cr Royes determined that this personal interest is of sufficient significance that it will lead to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that it would be best by not participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, Cr Royes acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

(a) Whether Cr Royes has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and

(b) If so, whether: -

i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or

ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Royes has a real conflict of interest in Item titled "Railway Shed (Einasleigh)" and furthermore that Cr Royes must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on.*

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2973**  
**4/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Royes left the meeting at 12:20pm*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Queensland Rail (QR) are finalising the asset ownership with Aurizon at Einasleigh station and the question has been raised as to who owned the Savannahlander shed.*

*The Savannahlander Shed was donated to Council back in 2009 for relocation to be use by the Rural Fire Brigade in Einasleigh.*

*Considering that the donation was over 10 years ago and the shed is still in-situ, QR have requested from Council the following;*

- do not have any need for the shed or*
- have any intention of removing the shed off the rail corridor.*
- Does Council still have a need for the shed and to confirm if Council still wishes to acquire the shed and that it is still required as a donation.*

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

*Resolve to note and receive the officers' report and furthermore that Council inform Queensland Rail that it will accept the Savannah Rail Shed subject to inspection and furthermore that council will discuss this matter with the Einasleigh Community at the consultation meeting scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2020.*

**MOVED:** Cr. Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2974**  
**4/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Mr Ian Carroll left the meeting at 12:21pm and returned at 12:23pm*

*Cr Royes returned to the meeting at 12:41pm*

**GMCCS7.**

**Australia Day Awards for achievements gained in 2020**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Etheridge Shire Council would like to invite its communities to 'celebrate what's great about Australia' in preparation for our Australia Day activities and events in 2021. To help us prepare nominations are now sought for Etheridge's annual Australia Day Awards. Council invites your nomination of individuals and/or groups who have made significant contributions to their community, and the Etheridge region, in 2020.*

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

**Call nominations for 2021 Australia Day Awards in the following categories:-**

- The Citizen of the Year;**
- The Junior Citizen of the Year;**
- The Community Organisation of the Year or Community Event of the Year;**
- Senior Sports Medallion;**
- Junior Sports Medallion**

**and furthermore that the nominations close 4.00pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with Council determining the recipients of the Awards at the General Meeting to be held Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and furthermore that Council endorse an application under the Australia Day Ambassador Program delivered by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and furthermore that Council will include an "Etheridge Shire Council Lifetime Contribution" award as part of the 2021 Australia Day Award Celebrations**

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED  
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2975  
5/0

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourn for lunch at 1:03pm*

**RESUMPTION**

*Council resumed the meeting at 1:34pm.*

**GMCCS8.**

**Etheridge Shire Council – University Scholarship Program**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*In the 2013/14 financial year Council introduced a University / Tertiary Scholarship program for the Etheridge Shire. Within the 2020/21 Budget Council has continued to sponsor and support this Scholarship Program.*

*This report is to seek the endorsement of the said policy and to confirm the opening and closing dates for the Scholarship.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Endorse the Etheridge Shire Council - University Scholarship Policy, Scholarship Agreement and Application Form and furthermore commence advertising from the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 with a closing date being 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with the annual scholarship recipient being publicly announced as part of the 2021 Australia Day Award ceremony.*

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED  
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2976  
5/0

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to develop an application criteria and a contract document for an additional scholarship program with a draft to be presented back to Council at the September 2020 General Meeting.*

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED  
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2977  
5/0

**GMCCS9.**

**Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – Aged Care**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*At its meeting of 19 June 2019, Council resolved:*

That Council:

*“Resolve to establish an advisory committee in accordance with Section 264 (1)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the purpose of Aged & Disability Accommodation and furthermore that Cr Attwood be appointed as the Chair of the advisory committee and Cr Loudon and Cr Gallagher be nominated as Council’s representatives on this advisory committee and furthermore that the Chief Executive Officer write a letter to the Gulf Cattlemen’s Association informing them of the establishment of this advisory committee”.*

*The inaugural meeting was held on 3 July 2019 at the Georgetown Council Chambers.*

*From this inaugural meeting monthly meetings were held up to February 2020. There wasn’t any advisory committee meetings held during March and April this year. A meeting with the new Council and its members was held on 21 May 2020.*

*Subsequent meetings are now held on the first Thursday of each month commencing at 9.00AM.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Endorse the minutes from the Advisory Committee Meeting (Aged & Disability Care) held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020.*

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2978**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS10.**

**Management of Etheridge Shire Council - Student Hostel**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The contract for the Management of the Student Hostel expires as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. This contract commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 for a period of three years with an option to renew for a further 12 months. This option was applied following mutual acceptance by Council and the Contractor.*

*Therefore, to enable sufficient time to “issue, assess and award” a new contract, Management is seeking the endorsement of Council to issue a Request for Tender for the Management of the Student Hostel.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to issue a Request for Tender for the Management of the Student Hostel with a view to having a report back to Council for the October 2020 General Meeting.*

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2979**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS11.**

Annual LGAQ Conference

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The 124<sup>th</sup> LGAQ Annual conference is to be held at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020. As a member of the LGAQ, Council is entitled to 2 delegates, with additional representatives attending as observers.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

- (i) *Resolve to approve the attendance of Cr \_\_\_\_\_ and Cr \_\_\_\_\_ as Delegates to the 124<sup>th</sup> LGAQ Annual conference; and furthermore approve the attendance of Cr's \_\_\_\_\_ as Observers to attend.*
- (ii) *Resolve to submit the following motions for the consideration of the LGAQ Executive:*

MOVED: Cr.

SECONDED: Cr.

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2980**  
**/0**

*This matter has been deferred until the September 2020 General Meeting*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Miss Melanie Hensel left the meeting at 2:25pm*

*Mr Ian Carroll Left the meeting at 2:29pm*

**GMCCS12.**

GNSS site at Georgetown - seeking advice in relation to securing tenure for Geoscience Australia

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The Queensland Government, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) operate the existing Earth Monitoring station in Georgetown. The site was established a number of years ago, circa 2012 with endorsement of the Etheridge Shire Council.*

*The site is one of ~170 existing GNSS (formally more commonly known as GPS) ground stations throughout Australia and is used to support several critical national geospatial and geoscientific programs, such as [Positioning Australia](#).*

*Over the next 2 years Geoscience Australia will be working to upgrade all existing GNSS ground stations (including this one) and establish 70 new sites across the country. This will enable Geoscience Australia to improve the accuracy of positioning for the country and ensure a coordinated national network that provides instant, accurate and reliable positioning data. This data will provide all Australians with positioning information improved from the current 5-10 m accuracy down to 3-5 cm within areas of mobile coverage and 10 cm in all other areas.*

*In line with the physical site upgrades Geoscience Australia are working to improve the land access processes, tenure arrangements and associated documentation.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to enter into a formal lease arrangement with Geoscience Australia for Lot 8 on SP266610 located on the eastern side of the Georgetown-Forsyth Road subject to the following conditions:*

- Tenure to be secured via Lease Agreement between Etheridge Shire Council and Geoscience Australia*

- *Permitted use: The Premises will be used for the purpose of collecting and communicating geoscientific and geospatial data. The lessee will construct, maintain and operate scientific equipment including a Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) ground station (Ground Station), including but not limited to installing, storing, operating, repairing, maintaining, altering, and replacing the Ground Station consistent with the evolving nature of geospatial and geoscientific technology.*
- *Long- term (30 year) Lease documented as 3 x 10 year sequential terms*
- *Lease rental rate - \$1,500 per month payable monthly in advance*
- *Commencement date: 1 October 2020*
- *Insurance: As a Commonwealth entity, the lessee is covered for all general insurable risks by Comcover (Minimum Public Liability Insurance \$10.0 million)*
- *Mutual indemnities: Each party will indemnify the other for the Term of the Lease from and against all losses, damages etc arising from negligent or unlawful acts or omissions and any breach of the Lease, except to the extent caused, or contributed, to by the indemnified party's act, omission, neglect or default*

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED  
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2981  
5/0

#### ATTENDANCE

*Cr Haase left the meeting at 2:30pm and returned at 2:34pm*

*Miss Melanie Hensel returned to the meeting at 2:33pm*

#### GMCCS13.

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*It is a statutory requirement under Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 that the Chief Executive Officer must present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government at least monthly.*

#### RESOLUTION

That Council:

*Resolve to adopt the monthly Financial Report which incorporates the monthly statutory financial statements (Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position & Statement of Cashflows) pursuant to and in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.*

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED  
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2982  
5/0

#### REASONS FOR DECISION

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 states that the Chief Executive Officer must present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government and furthermore that the financial statements must be presented if the local government holds its ordinary meetings monthly or less frequently to each meeting and the Financial Report presented to a meeting must be for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the previous month.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLUTION**

That Council suspend standing orders at 2:54pm.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2983**  
**5/0**

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**RESOLUTION:**

*That in accordance with Section 275(1) e & h of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following matters;*

- CEO Recruitment

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2984**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Mr Ian Kuhn, Director of Corporate & Community Services left the meeting at 2:55pm*

*Mr Les Morgan, Director of Engineering Services left the meeting at 2:55pm*

*Miss Melanie Hensel left the meeting at 2:57pm.*

*Miss Abbey Taylor left the meeting at 2:57pm.*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Miss Melanie Hensel returned to the meeting at 4:20pm.*

*Miss Abbey Taylor returned to the meeting at 4:20pm.*

*Mr Ian Kuhn, Director of Corporate & Community Services & Mr Les Morgan, Director of Engineering did not return to the meeting.*

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council resumes standing orders at 4.20pm*

MOVED: Cr.Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2985**  
**5/0**

**CEO Recruitment**

**RESOLUTION:**

**That Council:**

***Resolve to delegate authority to the Mayor in accordance with S.257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to enter into contract negotiations with the preferred applicant for the position of Chief Executive Officer.***

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2986**  
**5/0**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Gallagher**

- Enquired about the proposed concepts for street scaping of St George Street, Georgetown
  - Enquired about Councils work camp on the Hann Highway, whether Council has all permissions in place.
  - Enquired about whether Council would consider forming an Alliance of Councils for the Gulf Councils
  - Requested the removal of the wash down bay at Mt Surprise and requested that what components could be salvaged be brought back to Georgetown for storage and potential auctioned off in Councils Bid Card Tender
- 5/0**
- Enquired about whether Council would be receptive to undertaking the restoration of the Georgetown Ant Bed House by council
  - Enquired as to where Council is at with the progress of cleaning out the Cumberland Dam as per a written request received during the Budget process.
  - Enquired about whether Council could undertake the lining of the Sports Shed at the Gregg Bethel Memorial Oval

**RESOLUTION:**

**That Council:**

***Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to present a report on the proposed street scapping concept for St George Street, Georgetown for further discussion and consideration by Council at the September 2020 General Meeting.***

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2987**  
**5/0**

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

***Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to remove and demolish the Mt Surprise wash down bay and furthermore that any components that can be salvaged be auctioned off in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy.***

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2988**  
**5/0**



**Cr Barns**

- Queried about Council placing signage along roads to inform travellers of how far the next fuel station is
- Requested that the “Old Cob n Co” be featured and considered with the upgrade to the Terrestrial Centre

**Cr Haase**

- Enquired about the design options for the back wall of the new Terrestrial Café Hub
- Enquired about the progress of the grid installation along the Gilberton Road
- Enquired about the finalisation of the Mayors telecommunication

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

***Resolve to install audiovisual monitors for the backing of the café and the Unearth Etheridge website.***

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2989**  
**5/0**

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

***Resolve to endorse the actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer in implementing a telecommunications solution to assist the Mayor in performing his functions and also as the Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group.***

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2990**  
**4/0**

*The mayor did not vote on this matter as the Mayor had previously declared a Conflict of Interest in the matter in accordance with S.175D of the Local Government Act 2009 as per Resolution No. 2020/GM2883<sup>1</sup>*

**Cr Royes**

- Requested that the issues of Council conducting 1080 Baiting Programs for the rural sector of the Shire be placed in the Inform
- Requested information about regulations around camping in Einasleigh
- Informed Council of complaints regarding the smell coming from the Council Dump Point in Einasleigh
- Enquired about the generator for the Forsayth Treatment Plant
- Discussed possible options for a committee structure being established regarding the Management of the Einasleigh Common and requested changes be made to the agistment policy
- Requested an update on the installation of the Telstra Tower

**Cr Hughes**

- Requested that Council investigate the options of upgrading the SES vehicle.

<sup>1</sup> CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

***Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Hughes has a real conflict of interest in Item titled “Portable Satellite Communication Systems” and furthermore that Cr Hughes must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on.***

**MOVED: Cr. Barns**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED 4/0**

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- Requested that the senior primary students in the shire attend a council meeting towards the end of the year

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Haase Left the meeting at 5:38pm and returned at 5:40pm*

*Miss Melanie Hensel left the meeting at 6:01pm and returned at 6:03pm*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to contact the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) to seek an opportunity to acquire a secondhand RAR Fire and rescue unit.*

**MOVED: Cr. Hughes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2991**  
**5/0**

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed 6:24pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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MAYOR

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