



Etheridge

Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD GEORGETOWN MULTIPURPOSE
SPORTS CENTRE

ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020,

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT GEORGETOWN MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS CENTRE

ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Les Morgan, Director of Engineering Services
Miss. Abbey Taylor, Executive Assistant
Mr. Michael Brookes, Infrastructure and Engineering Services Manager

GALLERY

Mr. Graham Steele

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."

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Tenielle Verrall entered the meeting at 9:01am

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS

Council welcomes Ken Timms to his first council meeting as CEO and wishes him all the best.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Jim Miles entered the meeting at 9:02 am
Mrs. Susan Miles entered the meeting at 9:02am

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 16 September 2020

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 16 September 2020 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3018
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr. Gallagher:

Raised the report titled "Purchase of Residential Land (Georgetown)" that was presented to the September General Meeting which provided information on the offers that were made on the blocks of land that Council was selling. Cr Gallagher is requesting an update on Lot 17 on SP217469.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

GMES1.

Gilberton Road

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council has approximately 1,700km of road under its care and control with limited funding to maintain these roads. Accordingly, it is prudent to ensure that the roads in greatest need of maintenance works get attention first.

In line with this approach it is considered that the southernmost 80km of Gilberton Road does not need grading at this point and that isolated repairs be carried out to Gilberton Road between the recently completed 30km section and Gilberton Station Road.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve that Gilberton Road maintenance and repairs will be held off until immediately after the wet season.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3019
5/0

GMES2.

Gilberton Station Road

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council has approximately 1,700km of road under its care and control with limited funding to maintain these roads. Accordingly, it is prudent to ensure that the roads in greatest need of maintenance works get attention first.

In line with this approach it is considered that the Gilberton Station Road does not require full grading at this point and that isolated repairs be carried out to the road.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to recommend that:

1. Gilberton Station Road from Gilberton Road to Chainage maintenance and repairs will be held off until immediately after the wet season.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3020
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 allotment 30 on SP217469.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to accept the offer received for Lot 30 on SP217469 for \$20,000 for residential purposes only.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3021
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Tenielle Verrall left the meeting at 9:41am and returned at 9:44am

GMCCS2.

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.

Meetings are now held on the third Thursday of each month commencing at 9.00AM.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Endorse the minutes from the Advisory Committee Meeting (Aged & Disability Care) held on 17 September 2020.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3022
5/0

GMCCS3.

Management of Etheridge Shire Council - Student Hostel

IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST RELATED TO THIS ITEM:

Declarations:

DECLARABLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Haase declared that "I Councillor Haase and my wife are a nominated volunteers as back-up carers in case of the Georgetown Student Hostel manager's absence, as a volunteer I believe I can participate in the decision in the best interest of the public." Mayor Hughes asked the three remaining Councillors whether they believe Cr Haase can participate. Mayor Hughes recommends that Cr Haase can participate in the meeting but cannot vote on the matter.

RESOLUTION

That Cr Haase has a declarable conflict of interest in this matter and he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, abstained from voting.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3023
4/0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The current contract for the Management of the Student Hostel expires as at the 31st December 2020.

Council at its meeting on 19 August 2020 resolved:

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.

Tenders which were invited for the Management of the Student Hostel Facility – Georgetown closed on 28 September 2020.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to accept the tender from Karen Remfrey for the Management of the Student Hostel Facility – Georgetown for a period of two (2) years.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3024
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Cheryl Bryan entered the meeting at 10:08am and left and 10:08am

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10:12am

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:40am.

GMCCS4.

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 30 September 2020.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3025
5/0

GMCCS5.

Rural Addressing (Etheridge Shire Council)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rural addressing is a simple, straight-forward method of identifying, locating and addressing properties in rural areas throughout Australia. It conforms to Australian Standard AS/NZ 4819:2003, which is based upon a model developed by ANZLIC – the Spatial Information Council.

In Queensland, the responsibility for implementing rural addressing lies with local government.

Council at its General Meeting held on 17 June 2020 resolved :

“To review the existing data that was compiled by Council in 2010 to ensure of its accuracy and furthermore delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to implement the process of providing Rural Addressing throughout the Rural Sector of the Shire”.

A review of the rural addressing data has now been conducted by Shepherd Services Pty Ltd.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer’s report and the completed review from Shepherd Services Pty Ltd.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3026
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Considers an allocation to implement Rural Addressing throughout the Shire as part of a budget review.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3027
5/0

GMCCS6.

Operational Plan Review for the Quarter ending September 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Chief Executive Officer is required to present a report on Council's progress towards implementing the annual "Operational Plan".

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the Operational Plan review for the September 2020/21 quarter in accordance with Section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3028
5/0

OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM

GMES3.

Supply and Delivery of New Prime Mover

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council needs a versatile Prime Mover that can pull its existing low loader to float equipment from work sites to the workshop for repairs and haul a second trailer to enable the delivery of potable water and diesel fuel to work sites and to all six (6) camps throughout the shire.

Accordingly, this report sets out the path to purchase this much needed plant item with neutral impact to the 2020/2021 budget.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to recommend to purchase a Freightliner Argosy prime mover from 110 from RGM Maintenance at a cost of \$265,248.00 (GST exclusive) as specified in the tender specification.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3029
5/0

GMES4.

Supply of Potable Water and Diesel to Work Camps

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council has a significantly increased workload approaching that will add strain to the current practice of delivering potable water and diesel to the ensuing worksites throughout the

Council. Maintenance of the current practice will also see a significant increase in costs to supply these essentials to the crew.

Accordingly, this report seeks to set out a path to supply these essentials cost effectively whilst ensuring that the Work, Health and Safety of Council's work force is maintained.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to recommend to purchase the supply and deliver of a new potable water/diesel Tanker by way of a tender through "Local Buy".

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3030
5/0

GMCCS7.

Application for Discount

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Correspondence has been received from RW & KM McFarlane (copy attached) requesting that discount be allowed on their parcel of land.

The owners always pay on time and during the recent resurvey of their land, the rate notice for a newly created parcel of land (assessment # 00241-05000-000) was not paid.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Advice RW & KM McFarlane that in this particular instance, Council is of the opinion that circumstances were beyond their control and as such, Council has allowed discount on their rate assessment # 00241-05000-000.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3031
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase left the meeting at 12:05pm and returned at 12:05pm

Mrs. Cheryl Bryan entered the meeting at 12:06pm and left at 12:06pm

Mr. Graham Steele left the meeting at 12:09pm

Mr. Jim Miles left the meeting at 12:10pm

Mrs. Susan Miles left the meeting at 12:10pm

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Presentation by Mr. Tony Potter on the Charleston Dam Project

RESOLUTION

That Council suspend standing orders at 1:40pm.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3032
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Les Morgan left the meeting at 1:44pm and returned at 1:47pm

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

That Council resumes standing orders at 2:52pm

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3033
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for afternoon tea at 2:43pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting 2:57pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Requested that Council let the public know the cost of pavers for the 150 years celebration
- Requested an update on the WHS committee meeting
- Inquired about extra funding for the operating of the Student Hostel
- Asked for further information on Traineeships in Council
- Suggested that Council investigate ways to set-up of a wash down bay somewhere in the shire
- Provided information on the condition of the Einasleigh Common and requested an update on the action that has been taken
- Requested an update on the maintenance of Cumberland Dam
- Inquired if there had been correspondence in regards to Riverview causeway

Cr Barns

- Inquired about 1080 baiting progress
- Raised the question about fuel information being included in the Shire signage
- Requested an update on the general maintenance of telemetry at the water treatment plant
- Requested information on the proposed program for the upgrade on the road from Georgetown to Croydon

Cr Haase

- Proposed that council decide on dates for community consultation meeting throughout the shire
- Stressed the importance of a technology upgrade in the Council Office boardroom
- Questioned the availability for use of the meeting room in the sports complex
- Raised the idea of Forsyth School being an evacuation centre
- Suggested that invitations are sent to school children to attend the next Council Meeting
- Requested an update on the funding for RADF
- Raised the issue of cattle in Georgetown township
- Inquired if any of Eric Tran's suggestions in his deputation earlier in the year had been considered in the street scaping plan.
- Advised that parking be available for tourists to be able to stop and have a closer look at "Turtle Rock" and "Crocodile Rock"
- Recommended that the Georgetown Multipurpose Sports Centre have an Official Opening in conjunction with the Christmas Night Markets.
- Requested an update for the membership with Savannah Way

Cr Royes

- Sought out the outcome/ progress of the Kidston Reserve lease
- Queried about an incident resulting in damage to the Einasleigh public toilets.
- Requested update on the Rural Lands Officer job vacancy
- Informed Council of the Gilbert River headwaters action group
- Informed council of the condition of a crossing at Dulthara
- Presented an update from the Einasleigh Progress Association meeting
- Requested an update for no camping signs in the Einasleigh Car Park
- Sought out an update for the regulations around camping at the Einasleigh Pub
- Inquired about the progress of the Terrestrial works

Cr Hughes

- Requested an update on the closure of the Works Supervisor position
- Informed Council of membership with FNQROC
- Informed Council of water projects in QLD and the standing of importance of the Gilbert River Irrigation Project to RDATN
- Shared information of the Karumba Barramundi Centre and its impressiveness
- FNQROC telephone meeting
- Visit from Shane Stone Next week – Councillors are welcome to attend meeting
- Informed Council of the Cobbold Gorge Road maintenance
- Raised the issue of the 1080 baiting program

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 12:33pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting 1:00pm

ATTENDANCE

Cr Barns left the meeting at 1:17pm and returned at 1:19pm

Mr. Tony Potter entered the meeting at 1:24pm

Cr Royes left the meeting at 1:31pm and returned at 1:33pm

Mr. Michael Brookes left the meeting at 4:45pm and returned at 4:47pm

Cr Haase left the meeting at 4:52pm and returned at 4:53pm

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 5:05pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 18th November 2020.

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MAYOR

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