



Etheridge

Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD GEORGETOWN MULTIPURPOSE
SPORTS CENTRE

ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2020,

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT GEORGETOWN MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS CENTRE

ON WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 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
Mr. Ian Kuhn, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Miss. Abbey Taylor, Executive Assistant

GALLERY

Mr. Ian Carroll
Mrs. Tammy Hughes
Mrs. Colleen Henry
Students from Georgetown State School:
Kadey Pedracini
Hayley Butler
Sharlee Pedersen
Carmilla Davis
Keira Wallace
Cliffy Attwood
Mrs. Pauline Tinknell
Mrs. Shannon Slyney

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:01am 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

That Council passes on its deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Mareea Lochel.

That on behalf of the Mayor, Councillors and Staff of Etheridge Shire Council that a sincere congratulations go to Ann Pedersen on the birth of Phoebe Noelene Pedersen born on the 14th of November 2020.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 21 October 2020

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 21 October 2020 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3034
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr Gallagher:

Requested update on the transport of potable water report from October General Meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

GMES1.

Bid Card Tender 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has accumulated small plant items and other assorted stock that are either antiquated or no longer required. Accordingly, it is intended to dispose of these items through a “Bid Card” Tender scheduled to be held on Saturday 12th December 2020 and Sunday 13th December 2020. Notification of Tender will be advertised in the November edition of the INFORM and notices will be dispersed throughout the local communities.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to recommend that:

- 1. The holding of a “Bid Card” Tender, on Saturday 12th December 2020 and Sunday 13th December 2020, to dispose of excess stock be endorsed.*
- 2. The list of items to be disposed of in the “Bid Card’ Tender (Attachment A) be endorsed.*

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

LOST
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3035
2/3

RESOLUTION

That Council requests that the director of engineering services create a report for an open auction for consideration at the December Meeting.

REASON FOR CHANGE OF RECOMMENDATION

Council believes that a more fair and equitable sale of items would be an open auction.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3036
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Students from Forsyth state school enter 9:27am

Ben McFarlane

Amy McFarlane

Filiara Salam

Mrs. Kelly Carroll

Mrs. Julie McFarlane

GMES2.

Floodways – Renewal Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the first report presented to Council pertaining to a sustainable renewal program for existing structures over floodways, that establishes a systematic, transparent framework for the cost effective management of the Shire's existing floodway structures that will ensure that this asset class continues to provide an acceptable level of service to the Shire's community and visitors alike, whilst enhancing asset management maturity and sustainability into the foreseeable future.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to recommend that:

- 1. An annual budget of \$455,000 for the Floodways Renewal Program (Attachment A);*
- 2. Year 1 of the attached program be adopted in principle, and*
- 3. The 15-year Floodway Structures Renewal Program be reviewed annually.*

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3037
5/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Presentation from students of Georgetown and Forsyth State Schools

RESOLUTION

That Council suspends standing orders at 9:53am

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3038
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10:19am

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:48am.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

That Council resumes standing orders at 10:48am

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3039
5/0

GMCCS1.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

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. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3040
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.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Ian Carroll entered the meeting at 10:55am

OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM

GMCEO1.

Application for Membership of NWQROC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Further to discussions relating to Etheridge Shire Council's interest in becoming a member of the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC). Please find attached correspondence from the Executive Officer, Greg Hoffman PSM with regard to membership.

Membership fees will be on a pro-rata basis.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Formally apply to become members of the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC) and attend the next meeting on the 3rd and 4th December in Hughenden.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3041
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Following on from attendance at a face to face meeting in Cloncurry and 2 teleconference hook-ups with NWQROC, the Mayor recommends that there are synergies with being a member of this organisation.

Etheridge Shire Council is a current member of FNQROC taking in areas east of this shire and including others on the Savannah Way. There is a true connection relating to roads, tourism and economic development.

However pertaining to more rural issues, such as natural resource management, roads and the Western Alliance of Councils. Etheridge Shire Council has a connection to similar shires to the south and west, which is NWQROC.

There is true value of being part of NWQROC and paying the required membership fees.

It is also recommended that Council continue to remain a member of FNQROC, as there are also synergies with this organisation.

GMCEO2.

Proposal to develop a new Corporate Plan for the Council

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Further to discussions relating to a review of the Etheridge Shire Council's Corporate Plan and ensuring it represents the views of the Council and the Community as a whole, I have sought an appropriate organisation to develop a new Corporate Plan subject to a review of the existing plan and undertaking community consultation.

In the planning cycle for Council, timing is critical to have the Corporate Plan updated prior to developing the 2021\22 budget which will commence in late February 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Enlist the services of the Mead Perry Group to develop the 2021-26 Corporate Plan for the Etheridge Shire Council

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3042
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

By legislation, Council has to have a Corporate Plan and such a plan needs represent the vision of Council and the Community.

As a subsequence that a new Council has been elected, it is appropriate that the 2018-23 Corporate Plan should be reviewed and updated as a minimum to reflect the current views of the Council and the Community as a whole.

GMCCS 2.

Public Notice of Meetings for 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At least once in each year, Council must publish a notice of the days and times when its ordinary meetings will be held and furthermore Council must publish this notice in a newspaper circulating generally in the Local Government area in accordance with Section(s) 277 (1) & (2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Adopts the following meeting dates as presented for 2020 pursuant to and in accordance with Section 277(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and furthermore Council will publish this notice within the Inform Newsletter and also on Councils website.

Month	Date	Venue	Time
January	Wednesday, 20 th January 2021	Georgetown	9:00am
February	Wednesday, 17 th February 2021	Georgetown	9:00am
March	Wednesday, 17 th March 2021	Georgetown	9:00am
April	Wednesday, 21 st April 2021	Georgetown	9:00am
May	Wednesday, 19 th May 2021	Georgetown	9:00am
June	Wednesday, 16 th June 2021	Georgetown	9:00am
July	Wednesday, 21 st July 2021	Georgetown	9:00am
August	Wednesday, 18 th August 2021	Georgetown	9:00am
September	Wednesday, 15 th September 2021	Georgetown	9:00am
October	Wednesday, 20 th October 2021	Georgetown	9:00am
November	Wednesday, 17 th November 2021	Georgetown	9:00am
December	Wednesday, 15 th December 2021	Georgetown	9:00am

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3043
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

At least once in each year, Council must publish a notice of the days and times when its ordinary meetings will be held which is in accordance with S.277(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

LGAQ's Bush Councils Compact

With regard to the LGAQ Bush Compact, Council express its concerns as per the tabled document.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3044
5/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Swimming pool security camera
- Finishing off the Sports Centre
- Pavers for 150 years Celebration
- Stop Over for Turtle Rock
- Create another tourist attraction in Georgetown – old time workshop
- Creating industrial land
- Map of town plan of old Cumberland Dam

Cr Barns

- Queried the status of the Etheridge Shire Drinking Water Quality Management Plan
- Requested in inspection of the Charleston Dam
- Requested an update of the ongoing status of the Rural Addressing Project
- Lot 160 opening of a road
- Stressed the importance of signage on the Kidston Shortcut Road
- Open question as to whether the Charleston Dam recreational Reserve camping issue be discussed given the prominence and location of the new dam.

Cr Haase

Cr Royes

- Status of Works for Queensland projects
- Upkeep of Council's website
- Status of Terrestrial
- Commencement of Rural Lands Officer
- Tour of the Einasleigh Common before the wet season
- Can council assist with the costs of workshops being held by NWRH
- Advertising in the inform
- Junior First Aid Course

Cr Hughes

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Ian Carroll left the meeting at 12:35pm and returned at 12:36pm

Cr Haase left the meeting at 2:06pm and returned at 12:09pm

SUGGESTION BOX ITEMS

- Implement Week Weed into the biosecurity plan where all land owners are encouraged to poison weeds for a week in the year. Identify the best time of year and teach the best practices for how to poison weeds.

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges the suggestion and same is part of Councils Operational Plan to review and update the biosecurity plan.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3045
5/0

- Fencing off the Georgetown Town Common to prevent cattle getting into the town etc.

RESOLUTION

That council agree to undertake a process to ensure the town boundary fence around Georgetown is to a cattle proof standard.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3046
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase left the meeting at 12:37pm and returned at 12:38pm

Mr. Ian Carroll left the meeting at 12:39pm and returned at 12:41pm

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Presentation by Mr. Tony Potter

Legal Matters

RESOLUTION:

That in accordance with Section 275, of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which states that the meeting be closed to the public for negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving Council for which a public discussion could prejudice the interests of the council. At 1:02pm to discuss the following matters;

REASON FOR CLOSURE:

To consider legal advice surrounding the outcome of the contractor for the Charleston Dam going into liquidation.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3047
5/0

COMING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION

That Council comes out of closed session at 1:55pm

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3048
4/0

RESOLUTION:

That Council continue to work with the liquidator for LDI to get the Charleston Dam finished.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM3049
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Barns left the meeting at 1:58pm and returned at 2:01pm

Mr. Tony Potter left the meeting at 2:03pm

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 2:21pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 16th December 2020.

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MAYOR

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DATE