



# Etheridge Shire Council

## CONFIRMED MINUTES

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GENERAL MEETING OF  
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 2021,

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



CONFIRMED MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING, 21 April 2021

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 2021**  
**COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Crs, Barry Hughes, Laurell Royes, Joe Haase, Cameron Barns, 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**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:59am 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**

- Council would like to send their deepest condolences to the family of David Steele formerly of Einasleigh
- Council would like to acknowledge and congratulate Mrs Irene Beard, former resident of Georgetown on reaching the milestone age of 100 years young

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

"Upon a satisfactory performance appraisal of the Chief Executive Office – Ken Timms by myself in consultation with full Council, I have signed off on his probationary period and confirmed his appointment as Chief Executive officer of the Etheridge Shire Council".

**Background**

The Chief Executive Officer commenced his contract with Council on Tuesday 6th October 2020 and his contract included a 6 month probationary period, this finished on Tuesday 6th April 2021.

I have done intermittent reviews of his work and consulted Councillors and key employees over these 6 months. On Tuesday 6th April, I undertook an appraisal of his work and set some key milestones going forward. I am very happy with the Ken's work ethic and performance to date.

I have confirmed the Chief Executive Officer's employment with Council.

**MOVED: Cr. Hughes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.1.MAYOR**  
**5/0**



**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 17 March 2021**

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 17 March 2021 be confirmed.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.2.CEO**  
**5/0**

Corrections:

Cr Royes -

That in Cr Royes' General Business in the March Minutes where it states:

- Requested information on the Einasleigh Recreational/ Park Area tennis court
- Requested information as to who oversees the Council works being done in the Einasleigh Township and how they inspect these works"

The second dot point is to be removed as it was only part of the conversation.

Cr Barns –

That in Cr Barns' General Business in the March Minutes where it states

"Raised the Issue of the Bridge over the Copperfield river at Kidston"

Should be changed to:

"Inquired whether GENEX could make a contribution for or to replace the Copperfield River Bridge at Kidston, further to their road use agreement with council"

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Cr Royes:

- GM2796 Requested and update on the progress of the Mt Surprise fence
- Requested and update on the Mt Surprise wash down bay – informed that it will be turned into a truck stop area
- GM3058 Inquired about what was happening with the reserve in Kidston – informed that progress is underway

Cr Haase:

- Suggestion box items from the last meeting were recorded to be brought to this meeting

DES:

- Informed Council that GM3092 that the task has not yet been completed

Cr Barns:

- 21.03.08 requested and update on the drug and alcohol policy – informed that it will be presented to the May General Meeting
- Requested and update on the progress of the Georgetown town fence
- Requested an update on the biosecurity plan
- 21.02.05 road closed signs requested an update

Cr Gallagher:

- Requested an update of the land purchases in Mt Surprise
- GM2849 requested an update on the purchasing of pavers for the 150 years celebration. Suggested that there needs to be publicity in the community to inform them of such
- GM2869 clarified the costs to Council – informed that FNQ ROC is covering costs
- GM925 Expressed his concerns for the aged care committee
- Correction on GM3045 "week weed" is to be changed to "weed week"

Cr Hughes:

- GM3030 Potable water is to be completed by the 30<sup>th</sup> April – requested an update on the matter

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**ATTENDANCE**

Dan Hall entered the gallery at 9:19am

Cr Haase left the meeting at 9:27am and returned at 9:29am

**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS**

**DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Briefing Report**

RESOLUTION

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

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.3.DCCS**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Les Morgan left the meeting at 9:32am and returned at 9:33am

**1**

Operational Plan Review for the Quarter ending March 2021

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 March 2020/21 quarter in accordance with Section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.4.DCCS**  
**5/0**

RESOLUTION

That further to the operational plan review, with regard to mosquito fogging that a report be brought back to the Council meeting in May on how the program will be accomplished. Such a report to council will include as a minimum:

- Suitable resources to undertake the program
- Training timeframes
- Environmental and health considerations to fogging for community information

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.5.DCCS**  
**5/0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourn for morning tea at 10:01am*



**RESUMPTION**

Council resumed the meeting at 10:20am.

**2**

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2020 to 20 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 March 2021.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.6.DCCS**  
**5/0**

**3**

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – Aged Care

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Minutes of the most recent Aged Care Advisory Committee Meeting are presented to the Council Meeting for consideration.

RESOLUTION

That Council:  
Endorse the minutes from the Advisory Committee Meeting (Aged & Disability Care) held on 18 March 2021.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.7.DCCS**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Les Morgan left the meeting at 11:23am and returned at 11:24am

**4**

Georgetown Horse and Pony Club

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a letter from the Georgetown Horse and Pony Club Committee requesting Council's assistance in the maintenance of 'the Recreation Grounds by way of mowing the surrounding area of their bar, toilets and catering shed when Council's Town Maintenance Crew may be able to fit it in on a semi-regular basis.

The Committee also requests maintenance of the road surrounding the arena prior to their Draft being held the first weekend of June, to ensure a more accessible route for trucks coming in and out with stock as well as competitors attending the event.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Receive the letter of request from the Georgetown Horse and Pony Club Committee and furthermore supports the concept of the maintenance of 'the Recreation Grounds by way of maintaining the vehicular access only.

And further that management bring forward a policy of maintaining Sport and Rec Grounds in the Shire.

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.8.DCCS**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Miss Abbey Taylor left the meeting at 11:34am and returned at 11:37am

Cr Haase left the meeting at 11:41am and returned at 11:43am

**CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED REPORTS**

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 11:54am under section 254J (1) and (3) which states that *negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government, for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.* To decide who will be awarded the second round of the 2021 Etheridge Shire Council Career Development Program

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.9**  
**5/0**

RESOLUTION

That Council come out of closed session at 12:01pm

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.10**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Mr Dan Hall left at 11:54am

Mr Les Morgan left the meeting at 11:56am and returned at 11:56am

**5**

Etheridge Shire Council – Career Development Program 2021 (Round 2)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the September 2020 General Meeting Council introduced a Career Development Program for the Etheridge Shire. Within the 2019/20 Budget Council has continued to sponsor and support a Scholarship Program which is also intended to incorporate (4) four rounds of applications for career development. To be eligible for Career Development, the student needs to maintain their residency in the Etheridge Shire.

Nominations for the second round closed as at Friday 19th March 2021.



RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to award the second round of the 2021 Etheridge Shire Council Career Development Program to Juliane Cowan capped to \$3,500 or the cost of registration of the event.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.11.DCCS**  
**5/0**

**DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**Briefing Report**

RESOLUTION

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

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.12.DES**  
**5/0**

**1**

Multi Tyre and Smooth Drum Rollers – Trade

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement to undertake the necessary steps to meet the maintenance and construction roller requirements for the 2021/2022 works program.

It should be noted that there will be a further report to the next meeting of Council regarding the staff resources and other plant required to fully meet the requirements of these works.

RESOLUTION

As part of Councils plant replacement program Council seek a report to procure four replacement rollers. And further Council trade in plant numbers 4058, 4068, 4078 and 4088.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.13.DES**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Ian Kuhn left the meeting at 12:27pm and returned at 12:29pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourn for lunch at 12:39pm*

**RESUMPTION**

*Council resumed the meeting at 1:08pm.*

2

Mitsubishi Pajeros – Trade

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report analyses the light executive vehicle owned by Council and seeks to minimise their running costs, optimise their trade value and thereby minimise their life cycle costs.

RESOLUTION

As part of Councils plant replacement program Council seek a report to procure two 4x4 Station Wagons to replace three 4x4 Station Wagons. And further Council trade in plant numbers 1077, 1177, 1193. The results of the above tender be brought back to Council for approval.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.14.DES**  
**5/0**

3

Freightliner Argosy Prime Mover

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks to analyse the various options to remedy the operational problems with the recently acquired Freightliner Prime Mover, as recommend a path forward to achieve the intended objectives.

RESOLUTION

That this matter lay on the table and that management are requested to supply a comprehensive report on the replacement of this piece of machinery and such a report come back to the next Council Meeting.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.15.CEO**  
**5/0**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Briefing Report**

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Chief Executive Officer's Briefing Report.

**MOVED: Cr. Barns**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.16.CEO**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Haase left the meeting at 2:09pm and returned at 2:10pm



1

Proposed Change to the May General Meeting Date

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 on the local government's website. Any changes to these dates need to be adopted by Council and advertised to the community.

The Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Assembly 2021 is being held from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2021, which clashes with May's General Meeting date being the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This forum is important to the Etheridge Shire and should be attended.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to amend the May 2021 General Meeting date from the 19th May 2021 to 21st May 2021 in accordance with S.254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.17.CEO**  
**5/0**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Presentation from Xzibit

RESOLUTION

*That Council suspends standing orders at 3:08pm for a presentation for Xzibit on the fit out of the upgraded Terrestrial Centre.*

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.18.**  
**5/0**

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

RESOLUTION

*That Council resumes standing orders at 4:03pm*

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.19.**  
**5/0**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Gallagher**

- Informed Council that the give way signs on Gulf Development Road have not taken into consideration the short notice for trucks to slow down – suggested that the Director of Engineering Services approach TMR and inform them of the issues with the give way signs

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to formally raise with TMR serious safety issues in relation to the new give way signs on the Gulf Development Road.

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.20.DES**  
**5/0**

- Informed Council of the issues with the grid on Gulf Development Road near Sandy Creek
- Inquired about the Council owned vacant blocks in the Main Street of Georgetown
- Informed Council of the overgrown Blocks in Georgetown – stressed that more action needs to be taken
- Queried about fencing off the Charleston Dam
- Informed Council about the meeting for Georgetown's 150 years celebration
- Questioned about the 4kz radio station

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Haase left the meeting at 4:23pm and returned at 4:29pm

**Cr Barns**

- Questioned if the shortcut between Kidston/ Gilberton and Einasleigh / Oasis Rd to be signed? Is Lot 160 access still to be sealed at the same time as the Charleston Dam Access, does the time and workforce material constraints affect this timeframe?
- Have water leaks at the Terrestrial been repaired?
- Local Community Grants Scheme (Or LCRI); was stated on the 18/01/21 that the 18 causeways that were approved were to be completed by June this year: When is it now conceivable that they can be completed? What now has to occur to see that they are completed in the limited timeframe available? Have staffing and materials been logistic to achieve this? (Can DES provide a grant chart to show council what works can be completed by this EFY, or within end of calendar year 2021.)
- Are there additional officers in council that can sign off to receive Dingo scalps if the primary relevant officer isn't available?
- A response for Mr Miles letter to council, he hasn't received any recognition for submitting it. – (was email on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April)
- Einasleigh Mobile phone battery backups as was mentioned in the Einasleigh Consultation meeting, has any research been done on this issue to deal with connectivity issues there when the mains power goes down?
- Update on the review of the registration of all shire wide Road Gravel pits, as mentioned in the operational plan.
- For major future events hosted by council, can we employ local entertainers to perform instead of hiring outsiders from afar, to better reflect local talent and vibe?
- What Insurance is set for the access of speedboats and personal activities on the Charleston Dam?
- When will Dagworth to Van Lee Road be graded?
- When will Gilberton road be graded?

**Cr Haase**

- Access to the Forsayth airport which can get cut off during the wet at the Qlder ck crossing. Do we need to consider this as an emergency management issue?
- Xzibit may be able to help upgrade tech in the boardroom



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**Cr Royes**

- Rural addressing

**Cr Hughes**

- Sculpture featuring prospector
- Council land at Curly's Depot

RESOLUTION

That Council advise that the parcel of land in question is not available for sale.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

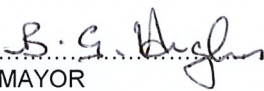
**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.04.21.CEO**  
**5/0**

- Green waste closer to Georgetown
- Ag precinct proposal

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 5:13pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

  
MAYOR

25.1.5.2021  
DATE

