



# Etheridge Shire Council

## CONFIRMED MINUTES

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GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS  
CENTRE, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2021,

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



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**HELD AT MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS CENTRE, GEORGETOWN**

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**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. David Fletcher, Director of Engineering Services  
Mr. Andrew McKenzie, Director of Corporate Services  
Miss Abbey Taylor, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

**GALLERY**

Mrs Tammy Hughes

The Chair 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."*

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS**

Council would like to send deepest condolences to the family of Mrs Irene Beard.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 15 September 2021**

**RESOLUTION:**

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 15 September 2021 be confirmed.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.1**  
**5/0**

Correction: that at the end of the meeting where it says "There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 3:48pm".be changed to "There being no further business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 3:48pm." as the mayor was not present.



**Special Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 5 October 2021**

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 5 October 2021 be confirmed.

**MOVED: Cr. Barns**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.2**  
**5/0**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Cr Royes

21.7.8 – Requested an update on the status of agreement

Cr Barns

21.9.12 – Cemeteries requested an update

21.5.15 – Road Register – requested an update – informed it will be at November Council meeting

GM30... - Regional Biosecurity plan – requested an update – informed it is yet to go back to a workshop

Cr Gallagher

GM2988 – Wash bay at Mount Surprise – informed that work will commence soon

21.5.12 – 150 years celebration – was there any money left over from the budget to help with the pavers –

DCS will compile a report on the matter

Cr Haase

21.9.19 – Sought clarification as to what matter this was in relation to

Gm2972 – Landfills – requested an update – informed that Council is considering a transfer station and a budget component will be created

**ATTENDANCE**

Students from Forsayth State School entered the meeting at 9:25am

Lucy Elgey – Staff

John Lis – Staff

Kaelea Lis

Sahra Lis

Domino Forskitt

Renee Matthews entered the meeting at 9:30am

Students from Mount Surprise State School entered the meeting at 9:30am

Summah Coulson

Connor Kennedy

Aran Atkinson

Georgia Cameron

Tayah Hopkins – Staff

Brooke Chudleigh – Staff

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

RESOLUTION

That Council suspend standing orders at 9:31am to welcome the senior classes from Mount Surprise and Forsyth State Schools.

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.3**  
**5/0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourn for morning tea at 9:55am*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Sonja Johnson entered the meeting at 10:30am*  
*David Kempton entered the meeting at 10:30am*

**RESUMPTION**

*Council resumed the meeting at 10:45am.*

**PRESENTATION FROM RDATN**

RESOLUTION

That Council suspend standing orders at 10:45 am for a presentation from David Kempton and Sonja Johnson from regional Development Australia Tropical North.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.4**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Students left at 11:05am*  
*Renee Matthews left the meeting at 11:05am*

*David Kempton left the meeting at 11:43am*  
*Sonja Johnson left the meeting at 11:43am*

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

RESOLUTION

That Council resume standing orders at 12:00pm

**MOVED: Cr. Hughes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.5**  
**5/0**

RESOLUTION

That Council send a thank you to the Forsyth and Mount Surprise schools for attending the Council Meeting.

**MOVED: Cr. Barns**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.6.MAYOR**  
**5/0**

RESOLUTION

That the Etheridge Shire Council in partnership with Regional Development Australia, Tropical North make an application to the relevant minister/s the proposal to develop the Etheridge Shire Council Agricultural and Irrigation Precinct.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.7.MAYOR**  
**5/0**

**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS**

**DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES**



**Briefing Report**

RESOLUTION

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

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.8**  
**5/0**



**1 First Quarter 2021/22 Operational Plan Implementation Progress Report**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with s174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, tabled for Council's reception is the Chief Executive Officer's first quarter (1 July – 30 Sept 2021) progress report on implementing Council's 2021/22 Operational Plan.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the first quarterly progress report on Council's progress toward implementing its 2021 / 22 Operational Plan.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.9.DCS**  
**5/0**



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### Active Gameday Grant Program

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At a recent workshop, Council identified the Einasleigh Tennis Court as the subject of an application to the Active Gameday Grant Program to upgrade the playing surface.

An application is currently being prepared. To support the application, Council must provide evidence of its commitment to co-fund the project.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to: -

1. apply for a grant under the Active Gameday Grant Program to upgrade the playing surface to the Einasleigh Tennis Court; and
2. allocate an amount equal to 20% of the project cost as its co-contribution to the project, in accordance with the Program's Guidelines at the next Budget review.

#### RESOLUTION

With regard to the active gameday grant program recommended for the Einasleigh Tennis Court, that Council resolve not to apply for same due to the project not being fully scoped out. Further that management look at a maintenance program for the tennis court.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.10.DCS**  
**5/0**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourn for lunch at 12:50pm*

#### **RESUMPTION**

*Council resumed the meeting at 1:16pm.*

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### Financial Performance (Actual v Budget)

#### 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 to and in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, resolve to adopt the monthly Financial Report the period ending 31 July 2021, as presented.

**MOVED: Cr. Barns**

**SECONDED: Cr. Hughes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.11.DCS**  
**5/0**

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**Amendment to 2021/22 Schedule of Fees & Charges**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has recently facilitated a muster of part of the Einasleigh Town Common. A number of cattle required NLIS tags before they could be removed from the common. Council supplied the NLIS tags.

Supply of NLIS tags is normally a fee for service, recoverable from the owner. Council's 2021/22 Schedule of Fees & Charges has not allowed a fee for supply of NLIS tags. It is recommended that Council set a fee to recover the cost of supplying NLIS tags.

RESOLUTION

That Council amend its 2021/22 Schedule of Fees and Charges to set a fee of \$5.00 (plus GST) per NLIS tag supplied to owners of cattle agisted on Council's Town Commons and reserves held under trusteeship.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.12.DCS**  
**5/0**

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**Minutes of the Aged Care Advisory Committee Meeting held 16th September 2021**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Aged Care Advisory Committee held their most recent meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Tabled for Council's consideration are the unconfirmed minutes of this meeting, together with the confirmed minutes of the Committee meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the Minutes of the Aged Care Advisory Committee meetings held 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (confirmed) and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (unconfirmed).

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.13.DCS**  
**5/0**

**DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**Briefing Report**

RESOLUTION

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

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.14**  
**5/0**

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**Building our Regions Grant Opportunity**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Building our Regions Program provides \$70M in funding for Regional Local Governments to improve their water supply and sewerage systems. Funding rules vary according to the size of the Council, Etheridge is in the very small service provider category which means Council can apply for funding of up to \$2,000,000 and do not require to have any contribution, but contributions are encouraged. In March 2020 Council received an 'Options Investigation and Concept Design' paper prepared by AECOM on the Georgetown Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Upgrade. This paper looked at options and assessment of the modifications necessary to the existing WTP in order to treat water from the Charleston Dam. This paper provides all of the details and estimates necessary to submit an EOI. Projects must be ready for construction by 15 February 2023. Expressions of Interest need to be submitted by 23 September 2021.

RESOLUTION

That Council submit an EOI for the Georgetown Water Treatment Plant upgrade.

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.15.DES**  
**5/0**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Briefing Report**

RESOLUTION

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

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Hughes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.16**  
**5/0**



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**Application for Conversion of RTL over Lot 3075 on PH728**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Department of Resources requesting Council's views or requirements including any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values that the department should consider and/or that may affect the future use of the land, in relation to the land described as Lot 3075 on PH728 - 2021/002420, with the proposed use being Freehold.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Advise the Department of Resources that they have no objections to Lot 3075 on PH728 being used for Freehold.

Subject to roads being off alignment, council advise the Department of Resources that:

- a) Council acknowledge that Abingdon Road is a constructed road asset of Council and is maintained by Council
- b) From the documentation given and a search of Council records it may be possible that Abingdon Road and Mistletoe Road are off alignment and this can be confirmed by undertaking a survey of the road/ road corridor. As council currently does not have any available resources to undertake such a survey.

Further that any gravel pits be excised out of the Freehold Land.

**MOVED: Cr. Hughes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.17.CEO**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Haase left the meeting at 3:21pm and returned at 3:23pm*

*Mr David Fletcher left the meeting at 3:31pm and returned at 3:34pm*

*Cr Barns left the meeting at 3:38pm and returned at 3:39pm*

**CLOSED SESSION**

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 356pm under section 254J 3 (b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to discuss industrial matters affecting employees.

**MOVED: Cr. Hughes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.18**  
**5/0**

RESOLUTION

That Council come out of closed session at 4:29pm

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.19**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Mrs Tammy Hughes left the meeting at 3:57pm*

*Miss Abbey Taylor left the meeting at 4:22pm*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council instruct management to expand drug and alcohol testing in line with Council's Drug and Alcohol Policy.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.20.DCS**  
**5/0**

**Purchase of Lot 105 on Plan SP295139**

**RESOLUTION**

Pursuant to section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council resolve that there is only one supplier available, that being the registered owner, for the purchase of Lot 105, on Plan SP295139; and That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to conclude the purchase of Lot 105 on Plan SP295139, being 8 Green Road.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #21.10.21.DCS**  
**5/0**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Gallagher**

- Address for Peter Shay currently living in FORSAYTH on unnamed road off First Street he wants to build a shed and not sure of the boundary.
- Clearing of area for parking at Forsayth cemetery
- Road Trip – profile of road
- Email from Beverly Pedracini

**Cr Barns**

- Is there ways council can do better to promote what we do?
- Can we seek to increase numbers at community council gatherings such as 48-72 minimum hours prior notice of meetings and events?
- Caseys rest, have heard there is a \$100k grant fund being put forward, and that there is an expression of interest for a memorial to all the people who perished, between Mt Surprise and Georgetown.
- Council Camps, conjecture these are too far apart and add to this increased rate of traffic the road damage and the cost from travelling vehicles is seen by ratepayers.  
What would council consider to be a solution to this, set operation radius's, etc?
- Cul de sac construction on First street - Is this still in a work program

**Cr Haase**

N/A

**Cr Royes**

- Dental Clinic - What is the arrangement with Queensland Health / RFDS to advertise and facilitate the dental clinics in our Shire. Are we ensuring that our community is aware of this service?

**Cr Hughes**

- Dump at Ortona



**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 5:37pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

*B. C. Hughes*  
MAYOR

*18.11.2021*  
DATE

