



Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS
CENTRE, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2021,

COMMENCING AT 8.30AM



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ATTENDANCE

Crs, Barry Hughes, Laurell Royes, Cameron Barns, Joe Haase 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
Miss Gemma Dance-Bethel, Business Administration Trainee

GALLERY

Tammy Parry
John Hoare

The Chair declared the meeting open at 8:32am 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."

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

That Council suspend standing orders at 8:33am for a delegation from Tammy Parry Regional Director, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and John Hoare, Director of North West Minerals Province and METS.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.1
3/0

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

That Council resume standing orders at 9:22am

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.2
4/0

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

N/A

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS

Council would like to congratulate Joe and Rebekah Haase on the arrival of Torah Grace Haase.

Congratulations to Jesse Butler and Courtney Wallace on the arrival of Gwendolyn Ivy-Rose Butler.

Council would like to send its deepest condolences to the family of Bryant Bethel and Betty Jackson (nee Roebuck) and George Butler and Gilbert McIntyre.

TELECONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 254K (*Participating in meetings by audio link or audio visual link*) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 states that:

- (1) *A local government may allow a person to take part in a meeting of the local government by audio link or audio visual link.*
- (2) *A committee of a local government may allow a person to take part in a meeting of the committee by audio link or audio visual link.*
- (3) *A councillor or committee member who takes part in a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) is taken to be present at the meeting if the councillor or member was simultaneously in audio contact with each other person at the meeting.*

RESOLUTION

That Cr Haase be allowed to attend the meeting via teleconference.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.3
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Students from Georgetown State School entered the meeting at 9:29am

*Jada Wallace
Niki Bethel
Sheridan Young
Jorja Bethel
Reece Pugh
Tyler Murphy
Bailey Moody
Joanne Timms (faculty)*

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

That Council suspend standing orders at 9:28am to welcome the senior class from Georgetown State School.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.4
4/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 9:50am

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:19am

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase entered the meeting at 10:20am

RESOLUTION

That Council send a thank you to Georgetown State School for attending the Council Meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.5.MAYOR
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 20 October 2021

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 20 October 2021 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.6
5/0

Corrections:

Cr Haase noted that in the last meeting it was not recorded that Cr Hughes attended the meeting
Cr Gallagher – General Business – email from Bev Pedracini is not noted

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr Gallagher

- 21.05.12 – was there any money left over from the centenary budget for the pavers
- 21.10.6 – assigned to the mayor – informed that the letters have been sent
- 21.10.17 – Department of resources – Mistletoe – informed it has been completed
- 21.7.8 – Bolworra – sought clarification of the location of the camp – informed that an agreement will be drafted
- 21.9.19 – Policy for the town commons

Cr Haase

- 21.1.15 – Building our regions funding expressions of interest for a water treatment plant – was there a closing date
- 21.05.12 – has a site been chosen yet informed that the location has not yet been determined and this matter will go to a workshop.
- 21.6.1 – informed it was signed yesterday

ATTENDANCE

Mr Jason Karsten entered the meeting at 10:26am
Mr Jason Karsten left the meeting at 10:29am
Georgetown Students left the meeting at 10:30am

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. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.7.DCS
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Miss Gemma Bethel left the meeting at 10:39am and returned at 10:41am

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Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2021 to 31st October 2021

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 Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, resolve to adopt the monthly Financial Report the period ending 30th September 2021, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.8.DCS
5/0

2

Application for surrender and re-issue of Permit to Occupy over land described as Lot 1 AP7405

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Department of Resources seeking Council's views or requirements on the application to surrender and re-issue a permit to occupy over land described as Lot 1 AP7405.

RESOLUTION

That Council advise the Department of Resources that it supports the surrender of the existing Permit to Occupy (0/217684) and subsequent re-issue of a Permit to Occupy over land described as Lot 1 AP7405.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.9.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. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.10.DES
5/0

ATTENDANCE

*Miss Abbey Taylor left the meeting at 11:38am and returned at 11:41am.
Mr. David Fletcher left the meeting at 11:43am and returned at 11:44am.
Miss Abbey Taylor left the meeting at 11:46am and returned at 11:48am*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1

Public Notice of Meetings for 2022

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, and in other ways the local government considers appropriate in accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopts the following meeting dates as presented for 2022 pursuant to and in accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and furthermore Council will publish the notice of meeting dates on Council's website, in the inform newsletter and on display in the Council office.

Further community consultation and workshops are recommended throughout the year on specific issues including road inspections (Public notice of these events will be forthcoming).

Month	Date	Venue	Time
January	Wednesday, 19 th January 2022	Georgetown	9:00am
February	Wednesday, 16 th February 2022	Georgetown	9:00am
March	Wednesday, 16 th March 2022	Georgetown	9:00am
April	Wednesday, 20 th April 2022	Georgetown	9:00am
May	Wednesday, 18 th May 2022	Georgetown	9:00am
June	Wednesday, 15 th June 2022	Georgetown	9:00am
July	Wednesday, 20 th July 2022	Georgetown	9:00am
August	Wednesday, 17 th August 2022	Georgetown	9:00am
September	Wednesday, 21 st September 2022	Georgetown	9:00am
October	Wednesday, 19 th October 2022	Georgetown	9:00am
November	Wednesday, 16 th November 2022	Georgetown	9:00am
December	Wednesday, 13 th December 2022	Georgetown	9:00am

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.11.CEO
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase left the meeting at 12:03pm and returned at 12:08pm
 Mr Allan Parry entered the meeting at 12:13pm
 Cr Barns left the meeting at 12:15pm and returned at 12:17pm

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

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Supply and Delivery of Prime Mover Truck

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2021/2022 budget provides for the procurement of One New prime mover truck.

In accordance with relevant legislation and the Etheridge Shire Council Procurement Policy, Tenders for this item of plant were invited early October 2021 and closed late October 2021. Tenders for this plant were sourced though Local Buy tender arrangements Trucks (Cab Chassis) – NPN04.13.

The tender evaluation process was completed and the details of each Tender is provided in this report.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the following Tender from UD Trucks – Western Truck Group Pty Ltd

<i>Items for Trade</i>	<i>Recommended Tender</i>	<i>Purchase Price GST Excl</i>
NIL	UD Trucks – Western Truck Group Pty Ltd	\$222,059.00

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.12.DES
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 12:33pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:05pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Question about road use agreement with Genex
- Update on Bev Pedracini email

Cr Barns

- Would council consider applying for either the Federal Funding Packages “Bridges Renewal Program” or the “Heavy Vehicles Safety and Productivity Program”, to fully complete the Kennedy Development Road Highway by upgrading the crossings (Einasleigh River Crossing at Lyndhurst, and Bundock Creek) given the amount of resources and government funding already spent on it?
- Further to this, can the Copperfield River bridge at Kidston, or the Einasleigh river bridge at Carpentaria be considered with this, or similar funding?

Cr Haase

Cr Royes

- Einasleigh Railway shed removal update

RESOLUTION

That the Einasleigh Railway Shed be moved as a matter of priority to the Einasleigh Race Track Reserve as a first preference. Second preference being the Einasleigh Town Common Yards.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.13.DCS
5/0

- Einasleigh - residents concerned about emergency communication during the wet season. (Increasing unreliability of both mobile and landline networks)
- Expressions of interest from the Oak Park, Lynd, Mt Surprise and Einasleigh communities to host specifically requested "wire art" workshops. (Members of each community have had discussions with a facilitator willing to service these areas) They have requested council support to fund these events.

Cr Hughes

- List of priority projects for consideration from the \$150 million funding stream recently announced by Senator Susan McDonald.
- Delegates for upcoming ROC meetings.

RESOLUTION

That Council delegate Mayor Hughes and DCS Andrew McKenzie to attend the NWQROC meeting held in Burke Shire and that CEO Ken Timms attend the FNQROC meeting held in Cairns.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.14.CEO
5/0

RESOLUTION

To ensure that council completes all flood damage works, they go to tender to secure a contractor to undertake a package of restoration work for the approved flood damage works.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.11.15.CEO
5/0

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 2:10pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 15th December 2021.

B. G. Hughes
MAYOR

16.12.2021
DATE