



Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2021,

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

A photograph of a building, likely the Council Chambers in Georgetown, with a paved area in the foreground. The building is a long, low structure with a dark roof and a paved area in front of it. There are some trees and bushes in the background.

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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 Logan Bethel, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

GALLERY

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

N/A

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS

Council sends its deepest condolences to the family of Johnny Blacklock

Council would like to congratulate Gus and Adelaide French on their 60th Wedding anniversary

Council congratulated Miss Logan Bethel on her appointment to Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer.

Council farewell Miss Abbey Taylor from her role of Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer and thank her for her valuable assistance to council whilst in the position.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Ian Carroll entered the meeting at 9:04am

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 17 November 2021

RESOLUTION:

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

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.1
5/0

Corrections: N/A

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr Royes:

- 21.4.8 – development of a Sport and Recreation Facilities Policy – informed that an update should be provided at the January meeting

Cr Haase

- 21.11.15 – requested an update
- 21.10.20 – requested an update – informed it will be discussed in committee

Cr Gallagher:

- Gm2972 – Forsyth landfill – expressed the importance of moving forward on this matter – informed that DES is looking into funding – there will be a workshop on a solution in January.

MAYORAL MINUTE

CEO Ken Timms declared COI and left the room at 9:14am

RESOLUTION

Upon completion of a successful annual CEO appraisal process, Council grant an incremental wage adjustment in line with the contractual arrangements per the CEO's employment schedule and furthermore that Council recognise that the package be adjusted retrospectively.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.2 MAYOR
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Ken Timms returned to the meeting at 9:18am

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. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.3 DCS
5/0

1

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2021 to 30th November 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.

RECOMMENDATION

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

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.4 DCS
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10:03am

Miss Mikayla Bethel attended the morning tea in celebration of completing her Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:23am

2

Minutes of the Aged Care Advisory Committee Meeting held 18th November 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Aged Care Advisory Committee held their most recent meeting on Thursday 18th November 2021. Tabled for Council's consideration are the unconfirmed minutes of this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council: -

1. Receive the Minutes of the Aged Care Advisory Committee meetings held 18th September 2021 (unconfirmed); and
2. Adopt the Committee's recommendation that Ms Dallas McKeown's resignation from the Committee be accepted and that Ms Renae Woodforth be appointed as a member of the Committee.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.5 DCS
5/0

3

Etheridge Agricultural Forum Event Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After a successful Gilbert River Agricultural Forum event in April 2021, the plans for a 2022 event are underway. This report provides Council with a draft event plan and budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Approves the suggested event format, commits \$30,000 to host the "Etheridge Agricultural Forum" in Georgetown on the 29th and 30th March 2022. Furthermore, that Council advises the officer to pursue sponsorship opportunities for the event to recoup costs.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.6 DCS
5/0

4

2022 Australia Day Awards Nominations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council invited the community to nominate individuals and/or groups who have made a significant contribution to their community and the Etheridge region for the 2022 Australia Day Awards. Nominations closed on Friday 3 December 2021.

In addition to the annual Australia Day Awards, Council is invited to award a Senior Statesperson at the 2022 Australia Day ceremony.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That in accordance with s264 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council constitute a Special Committee to assess Australia Day nominations and recommend award recipients to Council; and
2. The Special Committee be constituted by five (5) Members and a Committee Clerk (to provide administrative advice and assistance), as follows: -
 - Mayor, Cr Barry Hughes (Member and Chair)
 - Deputy Mayor, Cr Laurel Royes (Member)
 - Cr Joe Haase (Member)
 - Cr Cameron Barns (Member)
 - Cr Tony Gallagher (Member)
 - Mr Ken Timms, or delegate (Committee Clerk)

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.7 DCS
5/0

5

Amendment to 2021/22 Schedule of Fees & Charges

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The new exhibit at the Terrestrial Centre is now open to the public, warranting a review of the admission fees. Currently, the admission fee for the Ted Elliott Mineral Collection is \$10.00.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council amend its 2021/22 Schedule of Fees and Charges to include: -

- Admission Fee: Ted Elliott Mineral Collection \$10.00
- Admission Fee: Unearth Etheridge Display \$10.00; and
- Admission Fee for both exhibits \$15.00.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.8 DCS
5/0

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.9 DES
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Andrew McKenzie left the meeting at 10:57am and returned at 11:02am

1

Funding Opportunities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has recently received information concerning the new rounds of funding available through the Bridge Renewal Program (BRP), Heavy Vehicle Safety & Productivity Program (HVSP), Phase 3 of Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) and the Queensland Resilience & Risk Reduction Fund 2021-22 (QRRRF)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to

Nominate the following projects for the Bridge Renewal Program.

- a. Upgrade of the Queenslander Creek crossing at chainage 1.4 km on North Head Road to meet a maximum council contribution of \$200,000.

Nominate the Georgetown Wash down Bay for the Heavy Vehicle safety & Productivity Program in order of priority to meet a maximum council contribution of \$150,000.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.10 DES
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase left the meeting at 11:33am and returned at 11:34am

2

Amendment to Plant Budget and the Purchase of a Second Hand Grader

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purchase of this second hand grader will require the Plant Budget to be amended to allow for its purchase. This will mean the plant budget for 22/23 for the rental grader will need to be bought forward to allow the purchase.

The purchase of this grader will enhance Councils fleet and will provide cost benefits in relation to down time due to break downs that are being experience with Councils ageing fleet currently.

RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to section s235(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council resolves to accept the amendment to the plant budget and the purchase of the second hand 140M grader from G.N.Bulter and provide for the purchase price when reviewing the 2021/22 Budget early 2022.

<i>Delivered January 2022</i>			
<i>Plant #</i>	<i>Items for Trade</i>	<i>Purchase Second Hand Grader</i>	<i>Purchase Price GST Excl</i>
<i>Second Hand</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>140M Grader Cat Pin No – CAT00140PB54500340</i>	<i>\$440,000</i>

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.11 DES
5/0

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

[Redacted]

Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 12:36pm

Bailey Cowan attended the lunch for presentation of his NQ SportStar Pack.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:18pm.

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.12 CEO
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mr Jason Karsten entered the room at 1:33pm and left at 1:34pm

RESOLUTION

That Council engage Ms Elizabeth Taylor consulting town planner to conduct an assessment of Georgetown against the town planning scheme to identify non-compliant developments and recommend to council a strategy to rectify non compliances.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.13 DCS
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council hold an opening for the Charleston Dam in February 2022 and official guests be invited.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.14 CEO
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council have an opening for Unearth Etheridge display in March 2022 and official guests be invited.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.15 CEO
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CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED REPORTS

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 2:30 to discuss rating concessions under section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 which states that

- (1) A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.
- (2) A committee of a local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the committee be closed to the public.
- (3) However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss
- (d) Rating Concessions.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.16
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COMING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION

That Council come out of closed session at 2:57pm

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.17
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Miss Abbey Taylor left the meeting at 2:42pm and returned at 2:56pm
Miss Logan Bethel left the meeting at 2:42pm and returned at 2:56pm

6

Request for Discount on Rates & Waiver of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the owner of rate assessment No. 251-10300, property located at 13 Cumberland Street, Georgetown, advising that they failed to receive their rates notice and have subsequently missed discount. They are now seeking Council's discretion in granting discount and waiving accrued interest.

RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to section 130(10) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council determine not to grant discount and waive accrued interest on rate assessment No. 251-10300, located at 13 Cumberland Street, Georgetown.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.18 DCS
5/0

7

Request for Discount on rates & Waiver of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the owner of rate Assessment No 00517-00000-000, property located at "The Oaks Station" Einasleigh, advising that they failed to receive their rates notice and have subsequently missed discount. They are now seeking Council's discretion in granting discount and waiving accrued interest.

RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to section 130(10) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council do not grant discount and waive accrued interest on rate assessment 517-00000, located at "The Oaks Station", Einasleigh.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.19 DCS
5/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

That Council suspend standing orders at 2:59pm for a presentation from Griffith University on the development of a tourism master plan for the shire.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.20
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ATTENDANCE

Griffith University representatives left at 4:22pm

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

That Council resume standing orders at 4:24pm

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.21
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RESOLUTION

That Council thank Griffith University for their presentation on the tourism modelling for the shire and look forward to receiving their master plan.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.22 CEO
5/0

Savannah Access Road

RESOLUTION

That Council in cooperation with the *Maintained and Unmaintained Unformed Roads Policy* have no objections to the development of an access road off Springfield Rd to Savannah at the cost and responsibility of the property owner.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.12.23 DES
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ATTENDANCE

Miss Abbey Taylor left the meeting at 4:35pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Requested privacy screening at ladies toilets at shire hall
- Requested work remediate erosion occurring near multi sports centre

Cr Barns

- Suggested introduction of a list of picture and explanatory biography's for each employee of council at the entrance of the council office and inform
- Raised the toilet block and water and power/lighting issue at the Einasleigh Park
- ESC Carpooling suggestion- that 2wd vehicles be used for in town sealed road use, and 4wd for no sealed road use only
- Raised the trip hazard at the Gregg Bethel Oval
- How best to ensure that ESC road signage be taken down off road sections when not required
- Raised the issue with the Country and Western radio channels, that can't be received in western creek area
- Enquired about the bus run from Forsayth to Georgetown
- Requested an update on any word for funding streams for TMR highway road crossings

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- Requested an update on the Travelers Tavern Crossover
- Enquired about Environmental officer visitations to Etheridge Shire Council from TMR

Cr Haase

- Enquired about faded Georgetown sign coming into town over bridge from west.
- Follow up mosquito discussion after info sent out in inform.
- Would councillors be open to the suggestion of having a short prayer at the beginning of the general meeting?
- Raised the Hostel issues and maintenance... drainage - gets flooded significantly inside and in walkway during rain. Also other maintenance issues.
- Enquired about planning for maximising local use of flood funding... how do we avoid over relying on an external contractor

Cr Royes

- Raised Einasleigh Common Yards (\$60,000) Good opportunity over the wet to erect the yards etc? (Pending.....ability to access the site!)

Cr Hughes

N/A

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 5:06pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 19th January 2021.

B. G. Hughes
MAYOR

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DATE