



Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY 2022,
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2022

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

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 Logan Bethel, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

GALLERY

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.11am 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

Cr Royes declared a prescribed conflict of interest for item 1 in the Open Addendum regarding the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) National & State Conference will be held at Airlie Beach 1-3 March 2022 and will leave the room during the discussion of this matter and will not vote.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 15th December 2021

RESOLUTION:

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

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.01.1
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr Haase, Cr Gallagher & Cr Royes

- 21.9.12- Gilbert River Cemetary- Requested an update on policy being developed. Expressed importance on moving forward with this matter.

Cr Haase

- 21.11.13- Requested an update.

Cr Barns

- 21.9.15- Town Common- Requested an update on policy development- informed the process has been commenced.

Cr Gallagher

- 21.12.8, Terrestrial- Requested an update on developing day passes.
- 21.05.12, Pavers- Requested bringing this matter to future workshops, discussions on creating a possible display.

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. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.01.2 DCS
5/0

1

2nd Quarterly 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 second quarterly (1 October – 31 December 2021) progress report on implementing Council's 2021/22 Operational Plan.

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.01.3 DCS
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 9.56am

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase left the meeting during Adjournment for Morning Tea to attend the Men's Health Clinic.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10.18am

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase returned to the meeting at 10.31am.

2

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2021 to 31st December 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 31st December 2021, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.01.4 DCS
5/0

3

Regional Biosecurity Plan – Proposal to establish a Biosecurity Advisory Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Southern Gulf NRM have finalised a working draft of the proposed Regional Biosecurity Plan. Southern Gulf NRM will be distributing the draft Biosecurity Plan to constituent members for localised consultation, prior to commencing a wider general consultation process.

To aid in providing feedback on the draft Regional Biosecurity Plan, and to act as a working group for the subordinate Shire Biosecurity Plan, it is proposed that Etheridge Shire Council establish an advisory committee under section 264 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RESOLUTION

That Council: -

1. Pursuant to section 264 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council establish an Advisory Committee (Biosecurity Planning Advisory Committee) to assist Council to: -
 - Consider and provide feedback on the draft Regional Biosecurity Plan; and
 - Develop a subordinate, Shire Biosecurity Plan.
2. Communicate to the predetermined list nominated by Council inviting them to become members of the proposed Biosecurity Planning Advisory Committee.
3. Direct the Director of Corporate Services (or delegate) to prepare a draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Biosecurity Planning Advisory Committee for consideration at the February 2022 Council meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.01.5 DCS
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ATTENDANCE

Mr David Fletcher left the meeting at 11.21am and returned at 11.22am.
Miss Logan Bethel left the meeting at 11.22am and returned at 11.24am.
Cr Haase left the meeting at 11.37am and returned at 11.38am.

4

Minutes of the Australia Day Award Special Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its December 2021 Meeting, Council constituted an Special Committee under section 264 of the Local Government Regulation to consider Australia Day Award nominations and recommend to Council the proposed award recipient(s). The Committee held its meeting on 5th January 2022.

RESOLUTION

That Council adopt the recommendations made by the Australia Day Award Special Committee.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.01.6 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 #22.01.7 DES
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Hughes left the meeting at 12.14pm and returned at 12.16pm

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 12.22pm

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Hughes left the meeting during adjournment for lunch to attend the men's health clinic.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.29pm

CHAIRING THE MEETING

Deputy Mayor Cr Royes declared Chair of the meeting in Mayor Hughes absence.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Royes declared a prescribed interest and left the meeting at 1.31pm.

CHAIRING THE MEETING

Cr Gallagher declared Chair of the meeting in Cr Royes and Mayor Hughes absence.

CONSIDERATION OF ADDENDUM OPEN REPORTS

1

ALGWA National & State Conference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received notification that the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) National & State Conference will be held at Airlie Beach 1-3 March 2022. ALGWA have forwarded a conference program and are seeking registrations

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Recognise that attendance at the ALGWA 2022 National and State Conference is '*discretionary professional development*' under the Councillor Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy, for which Council will pay the costs of travel and attendance; and
2. Authorise Deputy Mayor, Cr Royes attend the ALGWA 2022 National and State Conference to be held at Airlie Beach from the 1st to 3rd March 2022, with Council meeting all costs of attendance.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.01.8 DCS
3/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Royes returned to the meeting at 1.35pm and resumed as the Chair of the meeting.

2

Forsyth Dump Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been investigating various options to upgrade the Forsyth Waste Facility, which would allow Council to address the present environmental issues surrounding the current landfill facility.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to;

1. Construct a pilot waste transfer station at Forsyth to conform with EPA recommendation for the future of the Forsyth Landfill operation and furthermore modernise the site for sustainable environmental practices.
2. Furthermore that council advise the community of Forsyth of the proposed changes to the waste disposal to the township.
3. Nominate the Forsyth transfer station for funding under the Regional and Remote Recycling Modernisation Fund, with a proposed council contribution of \$100,000 or 20%.
4. Should the funding application be unsuccessful, Council allocate \$50,000 in the 2022/23 budget for the design of transfer station to be funded in a future budget.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.01.9 DES
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Hughes returned to the meeting at 1.43pm and resumed as Chair of the meeting.

3

Tender Supply and Delivery of Culverts (VP284251)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A tender was place with Local Buy for Supply and Delivery of Culverts for Cobbold Gorge TIDS project
Tenders were assessed and ranked by price and meeting the criteria in the tender assessment sheet attached.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the tender provided by Civilmart for the Supply and Delivery of Culverts to the value of \$596,863.64 Incl GST

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.01.10 DES
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. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.01.11 CEO
5/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

Cr Barns

Cr Haase

- Requested an update on the next crew for flood damage?
- Raised having a prayer at the beginning of general meetings?

Cr Royes

- Pool - Develop a system that ensures the easy accessibility of the facility can continue.
- Social Media - requests for a greater presence on social media. (Road conditions/ weather in general/ Covid etc)

Cr Hughes

ATTENDANCE

Cr Barns left the meeting at 2.53pm.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 3.07pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 16th February 2022.

B. G. Hughes
MAYOR

17 / 2 / 2022
DATE