



Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2022

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE 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 Gemma Bethel, Finance Administration Officer.

GALLERY

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.00am and welcomed all in attendance.

Standing orders were suspended by the Mayor. All Officers to leave the meeting, Chief Executive Officer to remain.

Chief Executive Officer updated Council on the correct meeting procedure when raising a "Prescribed or Declared Interest, in a Council Meeting context"

Meeting resumed at 9.36am

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."

PRAYER

"We ask that today you give us wisdom to make good decisions to benefit our communities. Help us see what will benefit our shire and give us hearts to serve others. Amen".

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Barns declared a prescribed conflict of interest for item 1 of the Closed Session Agenda pertaining to the sale of Vacant Land in Forsayth. Cr Barns will leave the meeting during discussions on this matter and will not vote.

Cr Haase declared a prescribed conflict of interest to item 7 in the Open Session Agenda pertaining to the RADF Advisory Committee. Cr Haase will leave the room during discussions on this matter and will not vote.

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS

Council would like to congratulate Wayne & Ashton Fitzgerald on their recent marriage.

Council would like to send their deepest condolences to the friends and family of Bobby Pedracini.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Corrections:

Nil

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 20 April 2022 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.01
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr Gallagher- asked about the road into the toilet block at Forsayth, in regards to the placement of fencing and correct position, possibly not enough room. David Fletcher clarified question.

Cr Gallagher- asked if the toilet block is located on the all sports reserve or on town common. Ken showed a town map to clarify.

Cr Hughes- 22.03.06- asked on progress on the QR Shed.

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 #22.06.02 DCS
5/0

1

2020/21 Annual Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to s182 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council must prepare an Annual Report for each financial year.

The draft 2020/21 Annual Report is presented for Council's adoption

RESOLUTION

That in accordance with s182 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopt the 2020/21 Annual Report as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.03 DCS
5/0

2

Fourth 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 fourth quarter progress report on implementing Council's 2021/22 Operational Plan.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer's fourth quarterly progress report toward implementing its 2021 / 22 Operational Plan.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.04 DCS
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10.25am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10.41am.

3

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2021 to 31st May 2022

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 May 2022, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.05 DCS
5/0

4

2022/23 Schedule of Fees & Charges

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year Council is required to adopt by resolution a Schedule of Fees & Charges for its services.

RESOLUTION

That in accordance with Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009 Council adopt the 2022/2023 Schedule of Fees and Charges.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.06 DCS
5/0

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Aged Care Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Aged Care Advisory Committee met on the 19th May 2022. A copy of the Meeting minutes are presented for Council's information.

RESOLUTION

The Council receive the minutes of the Aged Care Advisory Committee meeting held 19th May 2022.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.07 DCS
5/0

6

Application for Permanent Road Closures

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been contacted by Mr S Keough, Lyndhurst, seeking Council's consent to permanently close a number of unformed, gazetted roads traversing Lyndhurst Station. Plan 21-432 identifies the road corridors in question. Approx 560Ha of roads are proposed to be closed.

RESOLUTION

That Council inform the applicant that Council offers no objection to the proposed permanent road closure, provided that the applicant meet all costs associated with the road closures.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.08 DCS
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase declared a prescribed interest and left the meeting at 11.25am.

7

Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council at its April Meeting resolved to establish a Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee to assist Council with administering RADF funding. In addition, Council nominated a number of shire residents to be members of the RADF Advisory Committee. In recent times, Council staff have contacted the nominated individuals seeking their acceptance to be members of the Advisory Committee. All but 1 have agreed to be members of the Advisory Committee. Accordingly, Council is able to confirm the Committee's membership and Terms of Reference.

RESOLUTION

That Council adopt the RADF Advisory Committee Terms of References as tabled, and appoint the following people as Advisory Committee Members: -

- Members: Mrs Lucy Elegy
Ms Shannon Zohl
Mrs Nardeen Hayden
Mrs Rebekah Haase

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.09 DCS
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase returned to the meeting at 11.29pm.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.10 DES
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Brent Moyle & Corina from Griffith University joined the meeting at 12.04pm and presented "Unearthing Etheridge, The Master Plan" during adjournment for lunch.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.00pm.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Barns declared a prescribed interest for the matter of Sale of Vacant Land in Forsyth and left the meeting at 1.14pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 1.15pm to discuss sale of land 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 the sale of land.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.11
4/0

COMING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION

That Council come out of closed session at 1.45pm

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.12
4/0

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Sale of Lot 3 MPH2253 Sixth Street Forsayth

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council at its March 2022 resolved to sell Lot 3 MPH2253, located at Sixth Street Forsayth by public tender. The tender was advertised in the April edition of the Inform community newsletter. At the time of the closing date (20th May 2022), Council had received a total of 3 submissions.

RESOLUTION

That Council accept the tender submitted by Linda and Andrew Barns to purchase L3 MPH2253, located at Sixth Street, Forsayth, for an amount of \$10,000.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.13 DCS
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Barns returned to the meeting at 2.04pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 2.05pm to discuss Wet Plant and Equipment Preferred Suppliers List 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 the Wet Plant and Equipment Preferred Suppliers List.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.14
5/0

COMING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION

That Council come out of closed session at 3.00pm.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.15
5/0

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Preferred Suppliers for Wet Hire of Plant and Equipment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tenders were invited for the Register of Preferred Suppliers for Wet Hire of Plant and Equipment from July 2022 and expiring on December 30 2023 (18 Calendar months). This will allow tenders to run for the construction season and not align with the financial year as has been the case which had caused issues with rate changes mid construction season thus having to shift tenderers around due to rate increases especially on TMR contract works.

At the close of tenders on Wednesday 25th May 2022, forty one (41) submissions were received. Assessment of the Tenders has been within the guidelines of the Council Procurement Policy and Legislation, namely: Local Government Act Qld 2009 Section 104 (3) in respect of sound contracting principles with a register of preferred suppliers to be maintained by Council in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 sections 233.

The Assessment panel consisted of Director of Engineering Services David Fletcher, Infrastructure Services Operations Manager Allan Parry, Works Supervisors Dan Alexanderson, Josh Sinapius and Phillip Kernan. Council were compliant with its obligations under the Local Government Act and Regulation; specifically that the tender process was designed to ensure the tenders were assessed in accordance with Section 104 (3) of the Local Government Act

1. Value for Money; and
2. Open and effective communication; and
3. The development of competitive local business and industry; and
4. Environmental protection; and
5. Ethical behaviour and fair dealing.

Tenders were assessed on the following criteria:

1. Local Content 10%
2. Price 40%
3. Plant Specifications and Condition 30%
4. Work Place Health and Safety Compliance 20%

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept Preferred Supplier Registers as presented for the Wet Hire of Plant and Equipment established from the tenders received for ESC2022-004.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.16 DES
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CONSIDERATION OF OPEN ADDENDUM REPORTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.17 CEO
5/0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members from Griffith University were invited to attend Junes General Meeting to present their prepared Unearth Etheridge Master Plan and Tourism Directions Paper.

RESOLUTION

Council would like to acknowledge and thank the team from Griffith University for the development of the Tourism Directions Paper and the Master Plan and presenting it to Council at the general meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.18 CEO
5/0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer seek to attend the LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit being held at the Gold Coast on the 29th and 30th June.

RESOLUTION

That the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor be authorized to attend the LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit on the 29th and 30th June 2022.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.19 CEO
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council wish to consult with stakeholders and negotiate arrangements to acquire part of the stock route reserve heading west from Georgetown for the development of an industrial subdivision.

RESOLUTION

That the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor be delegated to consult with the 2 stakeholders and further negotiate suitable arrangements with TMR and DOR to freehold the land (as per drawing TSV 19080, version 2) for the proposed Industrial Estate in Georgetown.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.20 CEO
5/0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council have been in discussions with Namoi Cotton and further investigations are currently being undertaken in securing potential further business.

RESOLUTION

That the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor be delegated to consult with Namoi Cotton to secure this potential business for Georgetown.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.21 CEO
5/0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chief Executive Officer has inspected 2 residences in Georgetown for the potential staff housing. Both residencies require further work, however upon completion these homes would suite Council staff housing needs.

RESOLUTION

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorized to negotiate the purchase of these 2 residences subject to budget limitations.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #22.06.22 CEO
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GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Pot Holes in Normanton Street between Butcher Shop and Riverwalk

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- Re painting of Painted map in Green's Park (very faded)
- Catholic Church 150 Celebration

Joint Business with Cr Barns

- The possibility of employing a full time town maintenance officer in Forsayth.

Cr Barns

- Update on the opening grades on shire roads, the integration between Shire Council maintenance grading and Flood Damage Funding zones to achieve road grade
- The continuity of work to support our local Earthmoving contractors in the future
- FDA Burn rate
- Update on shire gravel pits for roads
- Are inspections being done on shire roads with RACCAS or similar?
- Does council believe that the council paid positions for the servicing of weeds/seeds/pests, stock management and Biosecurity, is adequately staffed?

Cr Haase

- Response to emails/ requests - how do we ensure emails sent to info@etheridge get some form of response recently Georgetown camp draft sent a letter 3 times but still waiting for any response back
- Do any of the new road sections between Gtown and Croydon meet specs for 110km/h? Could we consider putting in an application if they do?
- Discussion regarding new avenues for pushing Forsayth road completion.
- Plaque at the peace garden monument are fading/faded.

Cr Royes

- Christmas light display suggestion (Council funded)
- "Etheridge Events" - dedicated social media page
- Request for road maintenance (Gregory development road) - Einasleigh Campdraft Association.

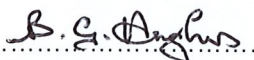
Cr Hughes

- Council housing repair audit

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 4.24pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 20th July 2022.


MAYOR

27/7/2022
DATE

