



*Etheridge Shire Council*

# UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD GEORGETOWN SPORTS CENTRE  
MEETING ROOM

ON WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 2022

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN**

**ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 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  
Miss Logan Bethel, Executive Assistant

**APOLOGIES**

Mr. Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.01am 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."*

**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 Royes declared a declarable Conflict of Interest for Item 1 in the Director Engineering Services Open Session Report regarding the Dagworth Road Realignment. Council voted Cr Royes could stay in the room during discussions on this matter, however will not vote.

Cr declared a declarable Conflict of Interest for an Item in General Business regarding camping at a truck pad across from the Lynd Oasis Roadhouse. Cr Royes will leave the room during discussions on this matter and will not vote.

**APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS**

Council would like to congratulate Robbie Lethbridge and Kath Green on the birth of their daughter Ruby Paige Lethbridge.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Corrections:**

Nil

**RESOLUTION:**

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be confirmed.

**MOVED: Cr. Barns**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.01**  
**5/0**

**Special Budget Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Corrections:**

Item 4. Adoption of 2022/23 Revenue Statement, grammatical errors.

Typing Error- Category 6 “Rural – Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture”, should be 0.3668 not 03.668.

**RESOLUTION:**

That the Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be confirmed.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.02**  
**5/0**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Cr Barns- 22.07.06, Requested an update on the Town Common Policy.

**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 #22.08.03DCS**  
**5/0**

**1**

**Financial Report (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 July 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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022, as presented.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.04DCS**  
**5/0**

**2**

**Aged Care Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Aged Care Advisory Committee met on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. A copy of the Meeting minutes is presented for Council's information.

RESOLUTION

The Council receive the minutes of the Aged Care Advisory Committee meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 and adopt the recommendations made therein.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Hughes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.05DCS**  
**5/0**

**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. Barns**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.06DES**  
**5/0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourned for morning tea at 10.11am.*

**RESUMPTION**

*Council resumed the meeting at 10.34am.*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Royes declared a conflict of interest for the next item on the Agenda regarding the Dagworth Road Realignment.*

RESOLUTION

That Council allow Cr Royes to stay in the room for discussions on this matter but will refrain from voting.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.07**  
**4/0**

**1**

**Dagworth Road Realignment**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a request from Mr and Mrs Prior of Vanlee concerning the possibility of realigning Dagworth Road so it doesn't run between the station houses.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to:

1. Realign the road as per option 2 at an estimated cost of \$9,000, with any required grids being supplied by the property owner.

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.08DES**  
**4/0**

**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**Briefing Report**

RESOLUTION

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

**MOVED: Cr. Hughes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.09CEO**  
**5/0**

**1.**

**Change of General Meeting Dates**

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.

Due to Executive Officer absences in September and the LGAQ Conference in October, Council is seeking to amend the previously adopted September and October General Meeting Dates.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012. Council changes the September General Meeting Date from the 21/09/22 to now be held on the 14/09/2022, and to change the October General Meeting Date from the 19/10/22 to now be held on the 12/10/22. Furthermore, Council publish the amended notice of meeting dates on Council's website, in the inform newsletter and on display in the Council Office.

**MOVED: Cr Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.10CEO**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Miss Logan Bethel left the meeting at 11.07am and returned at 11.11am.*

*Cr Barns left the meeting at 11.31am and returned at 11.35am.*

*Cr Haase left the meeting at 11.49am and returned at 11.51am.*

*Mr David Fletcher left the meeting at 12.01pm and returned at 12.03pm.*

*Cr Haase left the meeting at 12.13pm and returned at 12.15pm.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourned for lunch at 12.29pm*

**RESUMPTION**

*Council resumed the meeting at 1.21pm.*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Haase left the meeting at 1.33pm and returned at 1.38pm.*

*Cr Haase left the meeting at 1.46pm and returned at 1.51pm.*

*Cr Barns left the meeting at 2.29pm and returned at 2.31pm.*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council received correspondence from Mr and Mrs Pugh requesting a renewal for Permit to Occupy lot LA AP18875:PO 234246:PAR CASTLETON.

**RESOLUTION**

That Council advise Mr and Mrs Pugh and the Department of Resources that Council has no objections to their proposed renewal of permit to occupy on LA AP18875:PO 234246:PAR CASTLETON.

**MOVED: Cr Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.11CEO**  
**5/0**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Gallagher**

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- When trucks, caravans and buses ect are parked close to the stop sign on either side of the G.D.R it is impossible to see if there is traffic coming unless you poke out the length of a car. I travel across this piece of road very regularly and I believe this is an accident waiting to happen.

I would like to propose we put a submission to T.M.R and get an area declared no parking or standing in that spot. I have spoken to the police and they are very much aware of this problem, but can't do anything unless it is declared as above then they can enforce and move people on.

**RESOLUTION**

That Council contact Transport Main Roads Traffic Division requesting an Evaluation of Safety at the intersection of St George Street and the Gulf Development Road.

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.12DES**  
**5/0**

- Is it possible to have power accessible on the oval to stop running power leads from the catering shed?
- Requested an update on Defibrillators.
- Smiley Face Speed Signs of Mt Surprise- are they going to be returned?

**Cr Barns**

- Voiced concern on the Narrow Road Causeways on the Tonks Camp/Forrest Home Road.
- The Telstra Tower at Blancourt: Believed to be sufficient height and is located alongside fibre optic cable, to allow for 3G-4G coverage of the area especially in relation to Agricultural business (Telemetric monitoring, etc) that may present in the future if this industry increases in that region.

**Cr Haase**

Nil

**Cr Royes**

- A funding application was submitted an online grant submission portal on the 14th of July.

**RESOLUTION**

That Council withdraw the Nature Assist grant application for Red Rock Hill proposed fenced area & Baldy Knob Paddock.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.13DCS**  
**3/2**

*Cr Hughes recorded that he voted against the above resolution.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council commence activities to complete Rural Addressing as a matter of urgency.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.14DES**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Haase left the meeting at 3.20pm and returned at 3.22pm.*

- Kidston Road - activation of road user agreement.
- Unauthorised Camping - Einasleigh.
- Einasleigh Township Road Signage: Update on request for replacement signs

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Royes declared a Conflict of Interest for the following matter and left the meeting at 3.26pm.*

- Unauthorised Camping - The Lynd Oasis Truck turnaround (**Oasis Roadhouse is registered caravan park, 50 metres from this site**) However issue has been raised by trucking company unable to access truck pad or turn around due to the caravans parked here)

RESOLUTION

That Council contact Department Transport and Main Roads highlighting the issue and recommend a solution.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barns**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.08.15DES**  
**4/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Royes returned to the meeting at 3.31pm.*

**Cr Hughes**

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 3.32pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

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MAYOR

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DATE