



Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2023

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

A photograph of a building, likely the Council Chambers, with a flagpole in front. The building is a modern, multi-story structure with a glass facade. The flagpole is in the foreground, and there is a paved area in front of the building.

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ATTENDANCE

Crs, Barry Hughes, Laurell Royes, Joe Haase and
Tony Gallagher

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services
Mr. David Fletcher, Director Engineering Services
Mrs Renee Bester, Executive Assistant

APOLOGIES

Cr. Cameron Barnes

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."

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

Nil

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS

Apologies - Cr. Cameron Barnes

RESOLUTION

Council resolve that a leave of absence be granted to Cr. Cameron Barnes.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.01
4/0

Council would like to send condolences to the family of Bruce Butler on his passing.
Council would like to send condolences to the family of Neville Pozzi on his passing.
Council would like to send condolences to the family of Maria Sellings on her passing.

Council would like to congratulate to Katrina and Tom McCallum on the birth of their son Bruno Hayes McCallum.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 14th December

Corrections:

Nil

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 14th December 2022 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.02
4/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr. Royes – #22.08.14 Rural Addressing – Currently confirming the address numbering that is required to be ordered then will progress to ordering.

Cr. Haase - #22.04.08 Town Planning Compliance Study – Georgetown letters to be issued

Cr. Gallagher - #22.05.15 Community Assistance Grants – Grants were granted as per the recommendation.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.03DCS
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council suspend standing orders at 9.31am.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.04
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Wayne Young (Gulf Savannah NRM) joined the meeting at 9.32am.

Gulf Savannah NRM gave a presentation of the draft Northern Gulf Region 'Natural Resource Management Plan 2022-2032'.

RESOLUTION

That Council resume standing orders at 10.05am.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.05
4/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10.06am.

Council awarded Paul Attwood with a Certification of Recognition for 15 years of service with Etheridge Shire Council.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10.52am.

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Second Quarter 2022/23 Operational Plan 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 quarter (1 July – 31 December 2022) progress report on implementing Council's 2022/23 Operational Plan.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the second quarterly progress report on Council's progress toward implementing its 2022/23 Operational Plan.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.06DCS
4/0

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Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2022 to 31st December 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 December 2022, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.07DCS
4/0

3

2022/23 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 2022/23 Annual Report is presented for Council's adoption.

RESOLUTION

That in accordance with s182 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopt the 2022/23 Annual Report as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #23.01.08DCS
4/0

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Aged Care Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Aged Care Advisory Committee met on the 15th December 2022. A copy of the Meeting minutes is presented for Council's information.

RESOLUTION

That Council: -

1. Receive the minutes of the Aged Care Advisory Committee meeting held 15th December 2022;
2. invite expressions of interest from the community to fill the vacancy on the Aged Care Advisory Committee created from Mrs C. Henry's resignation; and
3. Write to Mrs Henry to thank her for her contribution to the Advisory Committee's achievements.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.09DCS
4/0

5

Review of Drug & Alcohol Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A review of Council's Drug and Alcohol Policy has been completed, updating it in response to the last 12 months of increased randomised testing.

RESOLUTION

That Council adopt the revised Drug and Alcohol Policy, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.10DCS
4/0

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. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.11DES
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Haase left the meeting at 12.14pm and returned at 12.16pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12.45pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.19pm.

1

2023 DFRA Collection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following the declaration of the January 2023 rain event, a quote was sort from Shepherd Services for the collection and submission to QRA of asset damage.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the quoted unit rates provided by Shepherd Services for the collection and submission of the 2023 DFRA event.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.12DES
4/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION 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. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.13CEO
4/0

ATTENDANCE

David Fletcher left the meeting at 2.26pm and returned at 2.29pm.

Cr. Haase left the meeting at 3.02pm and returned at 3.05pm.

RESOLUTION

Due to the recent declared disaster event including closure of roads throughout the region that Council resolve to lobby to Transport & Main Roads (TMR) for the installation of digital road condition signage similar to other TMR districts at strategic locations within the shire to warn travelling public of impending road conditions ahead.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.14CEO
4/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Blindspot/Blackspot Funding
- Town Common Workshop
- Georgetown Town Fence

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- Replace gate behind rodeo grounds with motorbike grid
- Shade sail at the daycare centre

Cr Barns

- NA

Cr Haase

- NA

Cr Royes

- Strategy for managing road closures in southern end of shire
- Seek and prioritise funding for major crossings on Kennedy Development Road
- Communication of works agenda/plan month by month
- Compose a list of GPS coordinates for all rural properties

Cr Hughes

- NA

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to go into closed session to discuss the appraisal of the Chief Executive Officer.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.15CEO
4/0

ATTENDANCE

CEO, Directors and Executive Assistant left the meeting at 3.45pm.

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.16CEO
4/0

ATTENDANCE

CEO, Directors and Executive Assistant returned to the meeting at 3.51pm.

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 recognize that the package be adjusted accordingly.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.01.17 MAYOR
4/0

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 3.59pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 15th February 2023.

B. G. Hughes
MAYOR

16/2/2023
DATE

