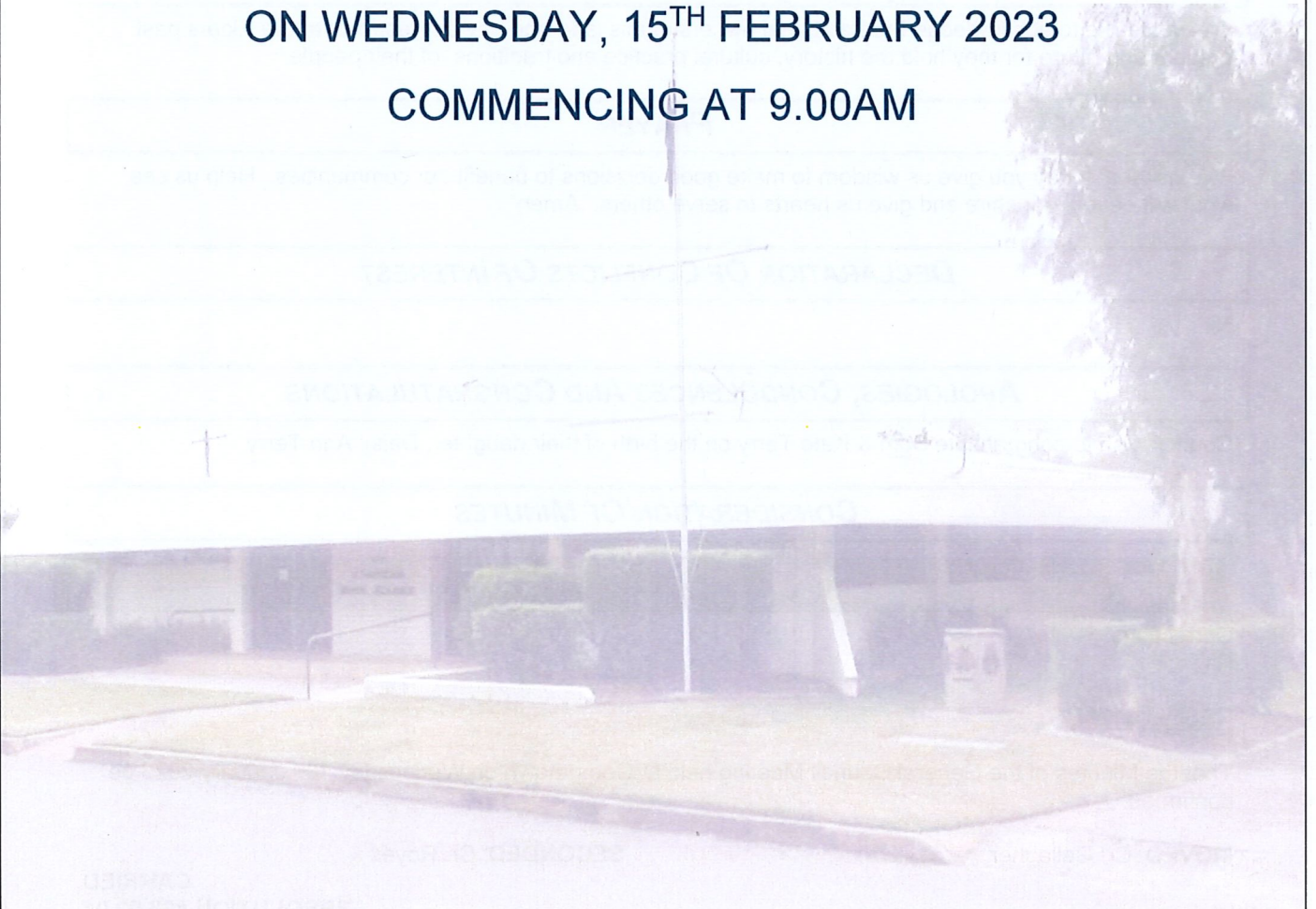




Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY 2023
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2023

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Barry Hughes
Cr. Laurell Royes,
Cr. Joe Haase
Cr. Tony Gallagher
Cr. Cameron Barns

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

Nil

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.09 am and welcomed all in attendance. Cr. Barns advised by phone that he would be arriving late due to wet weather.

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 AND CONGRATULATIONS

Council wish to congratulate Sam & Kate Terry on the birth of their daughter, Daisy Ann Terry.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 18th January 2023

Corrections:
Nil

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 18th January 2023 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.01**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES

Cr. Royes - #23.01.14 Traffic signs – TMR have advised they would like to implement district wide.

Cr. Gallagher - #22.08.15 Trucks parking opposite BP Roadhouse on GDR – David Fletcher provided feedback that trucks are unable to park within 10 metres from a stop sign. Cr. Hughes suggested GDR is falling apart and may have success if included in the development approval.

Cr. Haase - #22.04.08 Georgetown Land use Survey – reinstated as Business Arising

Cr. Haase – #220620 Industrial Lots – Ken advised that he had made contact and although they advised they would provide feedback prior to the council meeting. Ken has not yet received

Cr. Haase - #221215 & #230114 Installation of video surveillance - How will the travelling around road closed signs progress transition with new engineer incoming. Do we require a local law to cover recording in a public place. David Fletcher suggested using different barriers that are unable to be driven through.

Cr. Gallagher - #230112 – Council accepted quote from Shepherds – David Fletcher advised this has been accepted.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director Corporate Services

1. Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.02DCS
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Barns joined the meeting at 10.12am.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10.27am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10.51am.

2. Financial Performance (Actual vs. Budget) for the period 1 July 2022 to 31st January 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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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 January 2022, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.03DCS
4/1

Cr. Royes requested her vote against this agenda item be recorded.

3. *Town Common Policy*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council adopted its Town Common Policy on the 20th of July 2022. The Policy introduced a number of changes to the rules for agisting cattle on town commons. Since its introduction, Council has received a number of submissions in respect of the changes which culminated in a meeting with Einasleigh Town Common agistees on the 14th of November 2022.

Following further deliberations at Council's workshop held 25th January 2023, a number of changes are proposed.

RESOLUTION

That Council adopted the amended Town Common Policy and allow current agistees through to 30th June 2023 to implement the Policies requirements.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.04DCS
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN ADDENDUM SESSION REPORTS

4. *Appointment to the Aged Care Advisory Committee*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In January 2023, Council accepted a recommendation from the Aged Care Advisory Committee Meeting to call for expressions of interest to fill a vacancy on the Committee.

By the closing date for expressions of interest, only 1 submission had been received, that of Ms Valerie Gray of Forsayth.

RESOLUTION

That Council appoint Ms Valerie Gray to the Aged Care Advisory Committee.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.05DCS
5/0

5. Independent Living Facility and Staff Housing Projects

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its recent briefing Council received a progress update on the Georgetown Independent Living Facility for the Aged and Green Street Staff Housing project. Both projects have reached the point where Council must resolve to formally commit to the next stage for the projects and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to apply for loans to fund their construction.

RESOLUTION

That Council: -

1. Commit to the construction of: -
 - a. Stage 1 of the Georgetown Independent Living Facility for the Age (6 x 2-bedroom houses); and
 - b. Green Street Staff Housing Project (6 by 2 bedroom houses);At an estimate total project cost of \$6M.
2. Investigate and pursue funding sources for both projects to minimise the cost to ratepayers; and
3. Apply for loans through the Queensland Treasury Corporation to fund the balance of the construction costs.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.06DCS
3/2

Cr. Royes and Cr. Gallagher requested their votes be recorded against this agenda item.

6. Mosquito Control

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has investigated aerial treatment (fogging) as a means of mosquito control. Contacting the supplier that services Normanton & Croydon (Dana Quirk) the cost of a fogging service is \$2,200 per visit.

Further investigation has been completed into different methods of control.

RESOLUTION

1. That Council engage the services of Mr D Quirk to conduct a trial mosquito control program (fogging) in Georgetown comprising of 3 treatments in a fortnight.
2. Engage the services of a suitably qualified professional to develop an integrated mosquito management plan to guide Council's activities.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.07DCS
4/1

Cr. Gallagher requested his vote be recorded against this agenda item.

ATTENDANCE

David Fletcher left the meeting at 11.53am and returned at 11.55am.

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 11.58am 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. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.08DCS
5/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 12.05pm.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.09DCS
5/0

7. Properties Outstanding Rates 3 Years Plus

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Current Properties in Etheridge Shire which have outstanding rates 3 Years or more. Outstanding amount as of 15 February 2023.

Assessment No.	Property Description	Street Address	Amount
00104-00000-000	L1 MPH2281	First Street, Forsayth	\$6,860.75
00452-30231-000	L1 MLG30231	Forsayth Road, Forsayth	\$2,445.00
00452-30232-000	L1 MLG30232	Forsayth Road, Forsayth	\$4,480.87

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to section 140(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolve to commence proceedings to sell assessment no. 00104-00000, described as L1 MPH2281 for arrears of rates.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.10DCS
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Andrew McKenzie left the meeting at 12.07pm.

Ken Timms left the meeting at 12.07pm and returned at 12.08pm.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director Of Engineering Services

8. Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.11DES
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12.41pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.20pm.

RESOLUTION

Following Councils review of the Shire Road Load Limit, any current permits for over 8T limit be revoked due to the current impending weather conditions and will be reviewed weekly each Wednesday.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.12DES
5/0

9. Supply & Delivery of Backhoe

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2022/2023 budget provides for the procurement of One New Backhoe Loader.

In accordance with relevant legislation and the Etheridge Shire Council Procurement Policy, Tenders for this item of plant were invited in December 2022 and closed January 2023. Tenders for this plant were sourced through Local Buy tender arrangements Heavy Plant Machinery Equipment NPN2.15-2.

Caterpillar is one of the world's leading brands, which has a reputation for its support services and parts availability. An important feature of the recommendation is that the workshop is geared up to maintain and service Cat equipment.

The tender evaluation process was completed and the details of each Tender is provided in this report.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the following Tender from Hasting Deering for the supply and delivery of Option 1 - 432 Backhoe Loader and attachments.

Plant #	Items for Trade	Recommended Tender	Purchase Price GST Excl
New	5013 John Deere 315SK Backhoe Loader and attachments	Hastings Deering 432 Backhoe Loader and attachments (Option 1)	\$244,000.00

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #23.02.13DES
5/0

Chief Executive Officer

10. Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.14CEO
5/0

RESOLUTION

The Council nominate Cr. Barry Hughes to attend the annual Mayor Delegation to Brisbane with FNQROC.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.15CEO
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to support the reestablishment of a training facility on what was formally known as the Longreach Pastoral College.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.02.16CEO
5/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr. Gallagher

- Does Council let residents know when flushing the water mains – David advised Shane can notify residents that will be affected
- Email from Colleen Henry – replied to verbally by the Officer and CEO to follow up with written correspondence to confirm plots
- Columbarium in Kidston – To be brought to 2023-2024 budget
- Are Council closing cemeteries? – There are no current plans to close cemeteries however and workshop to discuss cemeteries has been suggested.
- Signage around Georgetown – Crampton Road sign (TMR), School speed sign (School)

Cr. Barnes

- Curb side rubbish collection in Forsyth – tied in with Waste Transfer Station project
- Timing of the street scaping – Cr. Hughes advised it was in progress but currently no movement at this stage

Cr. Haase

- Register interest for future community battery programs
- Hostel to remain open on public holidays that fall midweek – DCS has advised this is not part of the Hostel Managers role
- Waste and water expenses are rising – should we be consulting officers in these areas.
- Employment Strategy – Upskilling current employees. CEO suggested workshopping opportunities

Cr. Royes

- Lynd Roadhouse parking/camping – Raised with TMR to look at parking and rest areas on the Kennedy Development Road
- Employment Strategy – register our interest particularly with boarding schools for work experience

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- Shire Postal Service – Cr. Hughes spoke with Adam Williamson (Service Delivery Manager) regarding the glitches in their system and the impact on our communities regarding his planning, programming and communications.
- Monthly Departmental Profit & Loss – Level 3 Revenue & Expenditure Workshop
- Lynd medical clinic – Mowing maintenance, cattle in enclosure. CEO to follow up on maintenance budget and communications
- Snap, send solve – Verbal responses not adequate.
- Mt Surprise Bike Park – Maintenance has been scheduled with David. Budget considerations for dressing up the bike park.
- Council road maintenance scheduling in conjunction with community events -

Cr. Hughes

- Forsayth Dump – pit is full with current levels above the top level of the pit

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 3.57pm.

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

B. G. Hughes 20/3/23

MAYOR

DATE

