



# Etheridge Shire Council

## UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF  
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023  
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
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**ATTENDANCE**

Cr. Barry Hughes  
Cr. Joe Haase  
Cr. Tony Gallagher  
Cr. Cameron Barns

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Neil Crotty, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Andrew McKenzie, Director Corporate Services  
Mrs. Renee Bester, Executive Assistant

**APOLOGIES**

Cr. Laurel Royes

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 AND CONGRATULATIONS***

**RESOLUTION:**

That the request received by Cr. Royes for a leave of absence (apology) be accepted for the General Meeting of Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**MOVED:** Cr. Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Haase

**CARRIED  
RESOLUTION #23.05.01  
4/0**

Condolences to the family of Kevin Brix.

Condolences to the family of Bill Tincknell.

Congratulations to Dan & Kassie Sheahan on the birth of their daughter Penny.

***CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES***

**General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Corrections:

Nil

**RESOLUTION:**

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 be confirmed.

**MOVED:** Cr. Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.02**  
**4/0**

### Special Meeting Minutes – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Corrections:

Nil

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 be confirmed.

**MOVED:** Cr. Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.03**  
**4/0**

## ***BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES***

Cr Haase

#22.12.15 Surveillance cameras on road closed signs. DES to address in June briefing report.

#22.07.22 De-maining of Forsayth Road including comprehensive report to be presented to Council.

#22.04.08 Land Use Studies and correspondence progress.

#23.02.07 Two-part resolution (development of an integrated Mosquito Management Plan).

Cr. Barnes

#23.03.10 TMR Pit Endorsement – DES advised this is ongoing with regards to (a) gravel quantity and quality, (b) rehabilitation requirements & (c) ILUA

#23.02.06 Georgetown Independent Living Facility Funding – progress update

#22.01.09 Forsayth Waste Transfer Station – Survey completed and Trinity are working on design. Interim solution requested pending compaction.

Cr. Gallagher

#23.04.18 Confirmation that this is for the Mt Surprise Bus Shelter and location

Cr. Hughes

#23.01.14 TMR Digital Signage

## ***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. Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.04DCS**  
**4/0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10:08am.

**RESUMPTION**

Council resumed the meeting at 10:28 am

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to suspend standing orders.

**MOVED:** Cr. Haase

**SECONDED:** Cr. Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.05DCS**  
**4/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Liz Taylor entered the meeting to discuss Land Use in Mt Surprise at 10.31am pm and left the meeting at 11.44am.

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to resume standing orders.

**MOVED:** Cr. Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.06DCS**  
**4/0**

**2. Financial Performance (Actual vs. Budget) for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023**

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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023, as presented.

**MOVED:** Cr. Hughes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.07DCS**  
**4/0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12.28pm.

**RESUMPTION**

Council resumed the meeting at 1:20pm.

**3. Aged Care Advisory Committee Meeting**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Aged Care Advisory Committee met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. A copy of the Meeting Minutes is presented for Council's information.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the minutes of the Aged Care Advisory Committee meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

**MOVED:** Cr. Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr. Barns

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.08DCS**  
**4/0**

#### **4. *Review of Borrowing Policy***

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council resolved to apply for a new loan facility to fund the Georgetown Independent Living Facility for the Aged and Green St Staff Housing Project, with the intent to seek grants to offset the need to draw down the loan facility. In line with this resolution, and Council's decision at its Special Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Council is required to update its long-term financial forecast model, long-term cash flow forecast, and Borrowing Policy to recognise the new loan.

To this end, the Borrowing Policy adopted at Council's July 2022 Budget Meeting, has been updated. Council is requested to adopt the revised Policy.

##### RESOLUTION

That Council adopt the revised 2022-23 Borrowing Policy, as presented.

**MOVED:** Cr. Haase

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.09DCS**  
**4/0**

#### **5. *Georgetown Walking Network Plan***

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Georgetown Walking Network Plan

##### RESOLUTION

That Council adopt the Georgetown Walking Network Plan as tabled.

**MOVED:** Cr. Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.10DCS**  
**4/0**

### ***CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS***

#### ***Director Of Engineering Services***

#### **6. *Briefing Report***

##### RESOLUTION

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

**MOVED:** Cr. Hughes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Barns

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.11DES**  
**4/0**

**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**7. Briefing Report**

RESOLUTION

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

**MOVED:** Cr. Haase

**SECONDED:** Cr. Barnes

**CARRIED  
RESOLUTION #23.05.12CEO  
4/0**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council received correspondence dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 from Georgetown Horse & Pony Club requesting to be removed from the lease over land located at Lot 18 CP850073.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to:

- a) Receive and accept correspondence from the Georgetown Horse & Pony Club Inc (ABN 63 056 246 281) also known as Georgetown Campdraft to relinquish the shire lease that they currently hold over Lot 18 on Plan CP850073 described as the Rodeo Grounds, Hayman Street, Georgetown.
- b) Relinquish the lease as of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and Council resume responsibility for the Georgetown Equestrian Grounds located at Hayman Street (Lot 18 on Plan CP850073)
- c) Consult the affected clubs with regard to the future use of the Georgetown Equestrian Grounds.

**MOVED:** Cr. Haase

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED  
RESOLUTION #23.05.13CEO  
3/1**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council received correspondence dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 from Gulf Stockman's Challenge Club Inc. regarding their recent incorporation, in addition to requesting information regarding Council's community assistance process.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to:

- a) Receive and accept correspondence from the Gulf Stockman's Challenge Club Inc and advise that they can apply for assistance via Council's Community Assistance policy.
- b) Wish the newly incorporated club well with their future endeavours for the benefit of the community.

**MOVED:** Cr. Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED  
RESOLUTION #23.05.14CEO  
4/0**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council received correspondence dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from J & J Jorgensen regarding town planning matters.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to:

- a) Receive and accept correspondence from J & J Jorgensen and request that they attend a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer.

**MOVED:** Cr. Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.15CEO**  
**4/0**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Mr Neil Crotty left the meeting at 3.40 pm and returned at 3.42 pm

### **8. Appointment of Acting CEO**

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Act 2009 section 195 states that:

A local government may appoint a qualified person to act as the chief executive officer during –

- (a) Any vacancy, or all vacancies, in the position; or
- (b) Any period, or all periods, when the Chief Executive Officer is absent from duty or cannot, for another reason, perform the chief executive officers responsibilities.

Current Chief Executive Officer, Ken Timms, has applied to the Chair for a period of leave of two weeks which has been approved.

#### RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to appoint Mr Neil Crotty as acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 through to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

**MOVED:** Cr. Hughes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.16CEO**  
**4/0**

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council received correspondence dated 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023 from Einasleigh Progress Association regarding the abolishment of Night Cart Lane.

#### RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to:

- a. Receive and accept correspondence from Einasleigh Progress Association regarding the Night Cart Lane, Einasleigh.
- b. Seek further information and report back via a drop in meeting with possible options.

**MOVED:** Cr. Hughes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #23.05.17CEO**  
**4/0**

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council received correspondence from multiple agistees regarding current Town Common Policies.

#### RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to:

