



Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2023
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



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ATTENDANCE

Cr. Barry Hughes
Cr. Royes
Cr. Joe Haase
Cr. Tony Gallagher
Cr. Cameron Barnes

OFFICERS PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

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

Nil

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jake & Anna Bethel on the birth of their daughter Mary-Beth Frances Bethel.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 17th May 2023

Corrections:
Nil

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 17th May 2023 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.01
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES

Cr Royes #23.04.19 – Confirmation of the resolution for Mt Surprise Bus Shelter
#22.08.14 – Rural addressing letters have been sent
Cr. Barnes #23.05.04 – Independent Living Facility funding progress has no change
#22.07.22 - Demaining of the Forsayth Georgetown Road – Council decided to take no further progress

Cr. Gallagher #22.10.07 - Sale for arrears – Council should action on 20/06/2023. ESC has contacted Preston Law and we are awaiting further advice

Cr. Hughes #23.05.04 – Confirmation that Council have resolved to accept the tender but no progress yet

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. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.02DCS
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2. Financial Performance (Actual vs. Budget) for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 May 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 31st May 2023, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.03DCS
5/0

3. Asset Recognition Threshold and Useful Lives

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is best practice to periodically review Council's asset recognition thresholds and useful lives to ensure strategic asset management plans, valuations and depreciation rates continue to meet Council's long-term asset sustainability needs.

S 206 (2) Local Government Regulations regarding Council Asset Recognition thresholds and Schedule of Asset Useful Life determination and accompanying table.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Council to consider and adopt the asset acquisition thresholds and asset useful lives determination summary as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.04DCS
5/0

4. Community Assistance – In Kind

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council called applications under its three (3) Community Assistance Policies, with the application period closing Monday 15 May. Applications under Council's In-kind Support Policy have been received from the following organisations – see attached schedule.

RESOLUTION

1. That in accordance with the In-kind Support Policy, Council provide in-kind support to the organisations listed in the attached schedule on the condition the recipient organisations suitably acknowledge Council's support of their event.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.05DCS
5/0

5. Community Assistance - Sponsorship

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council called applications under its three (3) Community Assistance Policies, with the application period closing Monday 15 May. Applications under Council's Sponsorship Policy have been received from the following organisations – see attached schedule.

RESOLUTION

That Council provide sponsorship assistance to the organisations listed on the attached schedule subject to the following conditions: -

- Council's sponsorship funding must be used for the approved project, that is the project the subject of the application.
- Council's contribution is capped at the amount provided. Any cost over runs will be the responsibility of the applicant.
- Council's sponsorship will be paid upon completion of the approved project.
- The applicant must complete the approved project within 12 months from the award of the sponsorship.
- The applicant must provide a sponsorship acquittal on the approved form.
- Surplus sponsorship funds from the approved project shall be reimbursed to Council calculated on a proportional basis accordingly to the percentage of Council's sponsorship to the total project cost (for example: if Council's contribution is 80% of the project cost, Council is reimbursed 80% of the surplus funds).
- The applicant must provide acknowledgement of Council's assistance in all promotional material and give Council due recognition and credit for its support.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.06DCS
5/0

6. Community Assistance - Grants

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council called applications under its three (3) Community Assistance Policies, with the application period closing Monday 15 May. Applications under Council's Grants to Community Organisations have been received from 3 organisations. – see attached schedule.

RESOLUTION

That Council: -

1. Provide grant assistance to the organisations listed on the attached schedule subject to the following conditions: -
 - Council's grant funding must be used for the approved project, that is the project the subject of the application.
 - Council's contribution is capped at the amount provided. Any cost over runs will be the responsibility of the applicant.
 - Council's grant will be paid upon completion of the approved project.
 - The applicant must complete the approved project within 12 months from the award of the grant.
 - The applicant must provide a grant acquittal on the approved form.
 - Surplus grants funds from the approved project shall be reimbursed to Council calculated on a proportional basis accordingly to the percentage of Council's grant to the total project cost (for example: if Council's contribution is 80% of the project cost, Council is reimbursed 80% of the surplus funds).
 - The applicant provide acknowledgement of Council's assistance in all promotional material and give Council due recognition and credit for its support.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.07DCS
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ADJOURNMENT

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

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:34 am

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

7. Land Use Study – Mt Surprise

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 11.03am to discuss negotiations relating to legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government 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. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.08DCS
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RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 11.20am.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.09DCS
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council commissioned its consulting Town Planner to conduct a land use compliance study in the Township of Mt Surprise. Council's planner conducted an inspection of Mt Surprise and has produced an initial report for Council's consideration.

RESOLUTION

That Council hold further consideration of this matter over to its next available workshop, to benefit from the advice of its consulting Town Planner.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.10DCS
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director Of Engineering Services

8. Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.11DES
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CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

9. Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.12CEO
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Barns left the meeting at 11.40 and returned at 11.42am.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to tender for recoverable works for Zone 2.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.13CEO
5/0

10. *Application for Agricultural Show Public Holiday*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Department of Industrial Relations seeking Council's nomination(s) for the Shire's Agricultural Show and / or Special Holidays for 2024.

Online publishing of special holiday dates occurs only after all applications from Councils have been received and approved by the minister and published in the Queensland Government Gazette. Closing date to nominate your special holiday for 2024 is 3 July 2023

RESOLUTION

That Council adopt Friday 2 August 2024 as Etheridge Special Holiday titled Etheridge Show Day.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.14CEO
5/0

11. *LGAQ Annual Conference*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Local Government Association of Queensland that that 2023 LGAQ Annual Conference is scheduled for 16th October 2023 – 18th October 2023 at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to send the following representatives to attend the 2023 LGAQ Annual Conference in Gladstone from the 16th to 18th October 2023:

- Mayor Barry Hughes
- Cr Laurell Royes
- CEO Ken Timms

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.06.15CEO
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ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12.26pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:00pm.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Barns left the meeting at 3.05pm and returned at 3.13pm.
Cr Haase left the meeting at 3.23pm and returned at 3.25pm

RESOLUTION

That management of flood damage works ensure all roads not done in previous years claims are prioritised and works programmed accordingly

