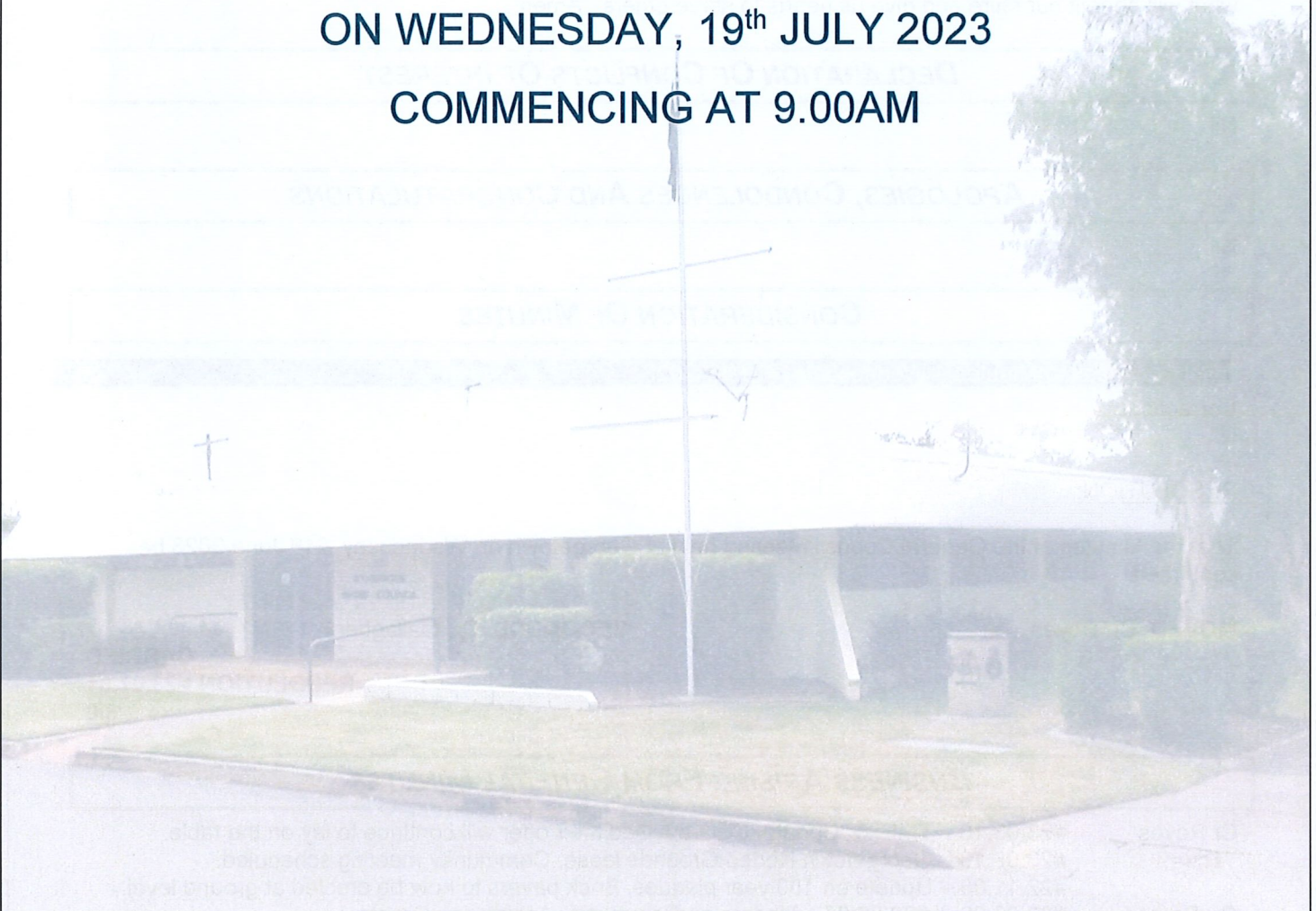




Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH JULY 2023
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
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ATTENDANCE

Cr. Barry Hughes
Cr. Laurell 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

Nil

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 21st June 2023 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.01
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES

Cr Royes #23.03.10 – TMR Pit Update. CEO advised their offer will continue to lay on the table.
#23.05.13 – Georgetown Rodeo Grounds lease. Community meeting scheduled.
#22.11.08 – Update on 150 year plaques. Brick pavers to now be erected at ground level.
Cr. Barnes #23.06.06 & #23.06.07 – Update on Community Assistance Grants
#23.05.04SP – Update on the Georgetown Housing Projects

#23.01.09 – Waste Transfer Station Update
#23.02.06 – Update on funding distribution.
Cr. Gallagher #22.11.24 – Tourism Proposal Charleston Dam

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 #23.07.02DCS
5/0

2. Financial Performance (Actual vs. Budget) for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 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 30th June 2023, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.03DCS
5/0

3. Fourth 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 fourth quarter (1 July – 30 June 2023) progress report on implementing Council's 2022/23 Operational Plan.

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.04DCS
5/0

4. Review of Procurement Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 198 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires Council to prepare a Procurement Policy, and for the Policy to be reviewed annually.

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As part of the development of Council 2023/24 Budget, a review of Council's Procurement Policy has been completed.

RESOLUTION

That in accordance with s198 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopt the reviewed Procurement Policy, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.05DCS
5/0

5. RADF Meeting – 11 July 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's RADF Advisory Committee held its most recent meeting on 11 July 2023. The minutes of the meeting are tabled for Council's review.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the unconfirmed minutes of the RADF Advisory Committee meeting held 11 July 2023.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.06DCS
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 10.23am 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. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.07
5/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 10.55am.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.08
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10:56am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 11.19 am

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to receive the update provided by the Director of Corporate Services regarding matters pertaining to operations at the student hostel.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.09DCS
5/0

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. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.10DES
5/0

Chief Executive Officer

7. Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.11CEO
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Gallagher left the meeting at 12.29pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12.31pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:10pm.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to schedule a Special Meeting – 2023/24 Budget at 9.00am on Wednesday 26th July 2023.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.12CEO
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to delegate Mayor Barry Hughes to attend the FNQROC Federal Delegation in Canberra from 31st July – 3 August 2023.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.13CEO
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to tender for Queensland Restoration works for Zone 3.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.14CEO
4/0

8. Adoption of Sustainability Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council was one of 14 recipients of a grant to become a Sustainable Destination. Etheridge Shire Council, in partnership with Griffith University, has prepared a draft document including:

- Sustainability Policy
- The Sustainable Destinations Communications Plan
- Etheridge Sire Council Communications Plan

As part of this project, these draft documents were presented for community comment from 29th June to 10th July 2023. In addition, Community Information sessions were held in all four townships during the week beginning 3rd July 2023. No community feedback was received.

RESOLUTION

That Council adopt the following documents as presented:

- Sustainability Policy
- The Sustainable Destinations Communications Plan
- Etheridge Sire Council Communications Plan

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.15CEO
4/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM REPORTS

9. Shire Bus Request

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence regarding a request for a Shire bus. This request follows the change in ownership of Bedrock Village and Undara Experience. The transport of students is no longer covered by insurance, and therefore Discovery Parks no longer approve their vehicles for this use. Principal of Mt Surprise State School, Brooke Chudleigh, has requested consideration of a shire community bus in order to minimise the effect this change will have on the students and community members of Mt Surprise.

RESOLUTION

That Council formally receive the correspondence and advise the Mt Surprise State School that in this instance Council is unable to fund the purchase of a Community Bus for Mt Surprise, however is more than willing to advocate on behalf the Mt Surprise State School to Education Queensland for greater assistance so the school can transport students to much needed learning activities.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.16CEO
4/0

10. LGAQ Conference Motion

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Proposed motion to be raised at the Annual LGAQ Conference.

The motion's focus is on the State Government to pressure for solutions, hopefully removing the need for ILUAs, but if that is not possible expediting the process of securing ILUAs and, most importantly of all, guaranteeing to pay all the costs involved in negotiating them and any ongoing costs e.g., royalties, employment guarantees, etc.

Etheridge Shire Council is needing to negotiate 201 ILUAs over the next couple of years. A huge cost to Council and jeopardies future road works jobs in the shire.

RESOLUTION

That Council propose the following motion at the Annual LGAQ Conference:-

That the LGAQ calls on the State Government to give greater priority to finding solutions to the unrealistic demands and high costs being imposed on councils renewing Quarry Sales Permits by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries' (DAF) interpretation of the Native Title Act 1993 (NTA) and future action requirements.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.17CEO
4/0

11. Annual Valuation effective 30 June 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Valuer General, Department of Resources seeking Council's views in relation to the revaluation of your local government area as part of the 2024 revaluation program that will take effect on 30 June 2024. Consistent with the Land Valuation Act 2010, Council is required to advise of their support or otherwise for a revaluation in 2024.

RESOLUTION

That Council formally receive the correspondence for the Annual Valuation Project to be undertaken by the Department of Resources effective 30 June 2024 and advise the Valuer-General, Department of Resources that Council has no objections to the project.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.18CEO
4/0

12. Grid Application

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received an Application for a Grid to be installed on Mount Little Road, Gilbert River on the Littleton National Park Boundary. The grid will replace an existing 4 metre gate.

RESOLUTION

That Council formally accept and approve the Grid Application as presented to be located on the Mount Little Road, Gilbert River on the Littleton National Park Boundary subject to the following conditions (included in application):

- Agreement to urgent maintenance work

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- Agreement to remove grid and make good

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.19CEO
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to tender for the sale of 2000 Toyota Landcruiser Troop Carrier (VIN JTERB71J200005066).

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.20CEO
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve that the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Corporate Services be delegated to consult with stakeholders and further negotiate the sale of a block of Industrial Land.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #23.07.21CEO
4/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Cr Barnes - Cattle in the Charleston Dam Fenced Area, concerns about water quality as a result
- Cr Barnes - Charleston Dam Boat Ramp has a severe lip upon entry from ground to cement surface

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase declared a 'Declarable Conflict of Interest' in the following matter and left the meeting at 1.57pm. Cr Haase took no further part in the discussion.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase returned to the meeting at 2.08pm.

- Cr Barnes - Request for Council consideration for travel expenses incurred by RADF committee
- Cr Gallagher - Traffic Control - Does Council have staff that are trained to do traffic control. We used to. If not, is it worthwhile having someone trained?
- Cr Gallagher - Still getting questions on Rural Addressing. Is it possible to go in the inform. What is the process for mining leases and claims, tourist free camps, replacement street signs etc.
- Cr Gallagher – Town entrance includes gate off hinges, flood rubbish on fence, man gate not operational, vacant blocks not mowed.
- Cr Gallagher – Issue relative to the movement of Shepherds onto the vacant block in the main street.
- Cr Haase - Riverwalk signage to include previous river heights/flood markers

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2.18pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 16th August 2023.

 17/8/23
MAYOR DATE