



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY 2024
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
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ATTENDANCE

Mayor Barry Hughes
Cr. Ian Carroll
Cr. Laurell Royes
Cr. Seven Ryan via Teams
Cr. Ian Tincknell

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services
Mrs. Renee Bester, Executive Assistant to the CEO

OPEN GALLERY

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 12.06pm 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

Condolences:

Condolences to the family of Terry Wieland formally of Avoca Glen.

Congratulations:

Nil

Apologies:

Nil

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 19th June 2024

Corrections:

Cr Tincknell wishes his vote to be recorded against resolution #24.06.13 on pg. 11 of the Minutes of the General Meeting held 19th June 2024.

RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 19th June 2024 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.01
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES

Cr Royes

#24.04.10 – Confirmation of resolution

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director of Corporate Services

1. Director of Corporate Services Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.02
5/0

2. Operational Plan Fourth Quarterly Review

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 (1st April – 30th June 2024) progress report on implementing Council's 2023/24 Operational Plan.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the fourth quarterly progress report on Council's progress toward implementing its 2023 / 24 Operational Plan.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.03
5/0

3. Financial performance for the period 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Twelfth month End of Month report for June 2024, 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 to Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, resolve to adopt the monthly financial report for the period ending 30th June 2024, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.04
5/0

4. RADF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Regional Art's Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting was held 10th July 2024, in Georgetown. The minutes of this meeting are tabled for Council's review.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- receive the unconfirmed minutes of the RADF Advisory Committee Meeting held 10th July 2024, and further;
- Adopt the recommendations included within the RADF Advisory Committee meeting minutes

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.05
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Renee Bester left the meeting at 12.29pm and returned to the meeting at 12.29pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12.59pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.39pm

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director of Engineering Services

5. Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.06
5/0

6. Deletion of Amberlee Road

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been contacted by owner of the Tonks Camp (527 Forst Home Road) , seeking Council's consent, to delete the name Amberlee Road from the Etheridge Shire Council Road Register permanently.

RESOLUTION

That

1. Council informs the applicant that Council offers no objection to the proposal to delete the Amberlee Road permanently.
2. Council authorise Engineering department to take the Amberlee Road off the ESC Road register

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.07
5/0

7. Closure of a segment of Carnes Road

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been contacted by a Paddy's Road resident, seeking Council's consent, to close a segment of the Carnes Road.

RESOLUTION

That

1. Council inform the applicant that Council offers no objection to the proposal to close a segment of the Carnes Road from chainage 24.40 km to the intersection of the Paddy's road permanently.
2. Council authorise the Engineering Department to take the segment of the Carnes Road from chainage 24+40 km to the Intersection of the Paddy's road.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.08
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 2.50pm to discuss (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of 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. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.09
5/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 2.54pm.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.10
5/0

8. Tender for Queenslander Creek & approaches upgrade project, Forsyth – ESC2024-017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the consideration of tenders received for the Queenslander creek and approaches upgrade project (Construction of box culvert) on Cobbold Gorge Road in Forsyth.

RESOLUTION

That Council accept the tender of DIC Pty Ltd to the value of \$ 849,327 (Ex. GST) for tender ESC2024-017.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.11
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

9. Standing Orders and Meeting Procedures Policy - Adoption

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for council to formalise Post-Election Meeting resolution by considering to adopt the Standing Orders and Meeting Procedures Policy, reflecting the updated “Best practice example standing orders for local government and standing committee meetings” as published by the Queensland Government and updated as at March 2024, following legislative amendments to the Local Government Act 2009.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Adopt the Standing Orders and Meeting Procedures Policy (C057), replacing all and any historical policies or procedures with the same or similar title or intent.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.12
5/0

10. Biosecurity Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Adoption

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council’s Biosecurity Advisory Committee held its most recent meeting on 10th July 2024. The minutes of this meeting are tabled for Council’s review.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Biosecurity Advisory Committee meeting held 10th July 2024
- update the Terms of Reference to remove Cr Royes and add Cr Ryan as Chair of the Biosecurity Advisory Committee as per committee positions assigned at the Statutory Post Election Meeting held 28th March 2024.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.13
5/0

11. Chief Executive Officers’ Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.14
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council engage the services of LoGo Appointments for the recruitment of the role of a Chief Executive Officer.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.15

12. Request for Community Assistance provided to Community Organisations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council called applications under its three (3) Community Assistance Policies, with the application period closing Friday 31st May 2024 for events being held 1st July 2024 through to 30th June 2025. A total of 20 applications were received for in kind support, grants and sponsorship.

RESOLUTION

That Council: -

1. Provide Grant & Sponsorship assistance in accordance with Council’s ESC-C047 Grants to Community Organisations Policy & ESC-C049 Sponsorship to Community Organisations Policy to the approved organisations subject to the following conditions:
 - Council’s grant/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 grant/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 grant/sponsorship.
 - The applicant must provide a grant/sponsorship acquittal on the approved form.
 - Surplus grant/sponsorship funds from the approved project shall be reimbursed to Council calculated on a proportional basis accordingly to the percentage of Council’s grant/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.
2. Provide In-kind assistance in accordance Council’s ESC-C050 In Kind Support to Community Organisations Policy to the approved organisations subject to the condition that the recipient organisation suitably acknowledge Council’s support of their event.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.07.16
5/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Tincknell	Query regarding the grading of the Torlinger Road
Cr Ryan	Forshadow a motion to consider the verbal recording of General Meetings
Cr Carroll	Green waste collection
Cr Carroll	Cattle grid 1st Street
Cr Carroll	Laurie Baron's drain
Cr Carroll	Neem trees (Rakai - opposite the hospital)
Cr Carroll	Organisation change - Forsayth town maintenance
Cr Carroll	FASC survey of lands
Cr Carroll	Transfer station contractual completion and required re-design costs.
Cr Royes	Local Council Energy Partnership (LCEP) (1.2 million funding stream) - Have we/are we making an application to assist with future DA's related to renewable energy projects
Cr Royes	Bus Parking (Georgetown) - Report/Investigate the location of dedicated bus parking in the town area.
Cr Royes	Water Fill Facility Georgetown - Report/investigate the establishment of a water fill supply to avoid the issue of travellers "taking" water from business/private residences
Cr Royes	Full review of Town/public facility service levels - to ensure Council meets community expectation.
Cr Royes	Investigate a dedicated position/responsibility to seek external funding across council operations. (Grant Officer)

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Cr Royes	Letter Tony Murphy - Hann Highway, Bundock Creek Crossing and Einasleigh Crossing
Cr Royes	Letter Adriene Copeman - Hann Highway

ATTENDANCE

Cr Ryan left the meeting at 4.41pm due to a conflict of interest with a General Business item and returned to the meeting at 4.42pm.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.06pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 14th August 2024.

Cr. Barry Hughes
MAYOR