



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD
ST GEORGE ST, GEORGETOWN
ON 20 JULY 2016
COMMENCING AT 9:00AM

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

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ATTENDANCE

Crs W Devlin, W Attwood, W Bethel, T Gallagher & T Barnes

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr Michael Kitzelmann, Chief Executive Officer
Mr David Munro, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Mr Gary Fletcher, Acting Director of Engineering Services
Miss Anna Christensen, Executive Assistant
Mrs Jodi Kernan, Payroll/HR Assistant

GALLERY

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9am and welcomed all in attendance, Cr Bethel was not in attendance.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the Ewamian People - the traditional custodians of this land where we meet for the General Meeting. We pay our respects to the Ewamian People, especially the Elders, past and present and acknowledge their traditional customs and laws and recognize their continuing connection to this Country.

We look forward to a long and continuing relationship with the Ewamian People and value any opportunities in strengthening relationships and partnerships through collaboration by respecting their Country.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting – Wednesday 15 June 2016

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held Georgetown on Wednesday 15 June 2016 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1750
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Business Arising from Minutes

CR Gallagher

Community Drought Funding - Opportunity of hosting another Football game under the community drought funding.

CR Attwood

Presentation from Remote Research Ranges

TIDS Funding on State Roads

ATTENDANCE

Jodi Kernan left the meeting at 9:35am and returned at 9:40am.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMES1.

Western Roads Upgrade Program

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to approve the construction and upgrade to the Gold Mine Road and Airstrip Road intersections that adjoin the Gulf Developmental Road in conjunction with the Western Roads Upgrade program.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1751
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ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel attended the meeting at 10:00am.

Jodi Kernan left the meeting at 10:03am.

Gary Fletcher left the meeting at 10:08am.

Jodi Kernan returned to the meeting at 10:08am.

Michael Kitzelmann left the meeting at 10:08am and returned at 10:10am.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:15am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:30am.

9. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt the monthly Financial Report which incorporates the monthly statutory financial statements (Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position & Statement of

Cash flows) pursuant to and in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ending 30 June 2016.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1752
5/0

GMCCS2.

Matters of Attention – Etheridge Shire Council 2015|2016 Interim Audit

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Receives and notes the contents of the 2015/2016 Interim Audit – Matters Arising from Councils external auditor Moore & Stephens and furthermore that Council acknowledges the effort of all Council Staff directly involved within the Audit process.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1753
5/0

GMCCS3.

Application for Renewal of Term Lease 0/210400 over Lot 11 on TE27

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to offer no objections for the renewal of Term Lease 0/210400 described as Lot 11 on TE27 subject to the property remaining consistent with the rural zoning as described within Council's Planning Scheme.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1754
5/0

GMCCS4.

Naming of two (2) creeks on the Forsayth – Georgetown Road, Forsayth

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to support the naming of the two (2) creeks situated along the Forsayth-Georgetown Road, Forsayth after the Haigh and Fitzsimmons families and furthermore that Council writes to the Department of Transport & Main Roads seeking the approval from the road manager to have the appropriate creeks named after two pioneering families of Forsayth.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1755
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GMCCS5.

Purchase of amusement rides (Shire Functions/General Hire)

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to purchase several items of inflatable rides and a tandem trailer to a maximum combined value of \$25,000 and furthermore that Council consider adding a small hire fee of \$50 to its 2016/17 Fees & Charges for the hire of the equipment which will assist and offset the general maintenance of the said equipment.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1756
5/0

GMCCS6.

Grant Funding – Sport & Recreation Services

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Council resolve to approach an Incorporated Community Organisation Group to assist Council apply for funding to upgrade the sports lighting at the Gregg Bethel Memorial Oval, Georgetown and furthermore that Council resolve to lodge an application under Round 5 of the Get Playing Places and Spaces to apply for additional funding under Round 5 of the Get Playing Places and Spaces for the installation of outdoor fitness equipment with Council undertaking the grant writing, the installation, and acquittal of funds on behalf of the Incorporated Community Organisation Group.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1757
5/0

GMCCS7.

Nomination for Election of LGAQ President

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1758
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Jodi Kernan left the meeting at 11:22am and returned at 11:24am.

GMCCS10.

Social Media Policy

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt Etheridge Shire Council's – "Social Media Policy".

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1759
5/0

GMCCS11.

Recruitment – Two (2) Term Employees for NDRAA

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to amend the Organisational Structure to accommodate two new full time positions under a term employment arrangement for a Graduate Civil Engineer and an Engineering Assistant to be utilised for the delivery of the 2016 NDRRA works.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1760
5/0

GMCCS12.

Upgrade of IT Equipment

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to purchase the following HP Spectre Pro x360 for use by Councillors and furthermore that the existing iPad units be allowed to be sold off for \$150 per unit to staff subject to any internal requirements for staff requiring a tablet to perform their duties.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1761
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Cr Devlin voted against this motion.

GMCCS13.

Get Out, Get Active

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves and endorses the remainder of the Get Out, Get Active funds to be utilised for an additional 12 week fitness and nutritional program.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1762
5/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

That Council suspends standing orders at 11:52am.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1763
5/0

CLOSURE OF MEETING

RESOLUTION

That in accordance with Section 275(1) (e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following matters;

- Offer to Purchase Lot(s) 18 & 26 on SP217469 (Residential Estate – Georgetown)
- Tender ESC2016-002 – Einasleigh Town Maintenance Tender
- Employment Matters

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1764
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Anna Christensen and Jodi Kernan left the meeting at 11:55am.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

RESOLUTION

That Council resumes standing orders at 12:32pm.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1765
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.33pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.20pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS8.

Offer to Purchase Lot(s) 18 & 26 on SP217469 (Residential Estate – Georgetown)

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to accept the offer for Lot 18 on SP217469 and furthermore that Council accepts the offer for Lot 26 on SP217469.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1766
5/0

GMCCS9.

Tender ESC2016-002 – Einasleigh Town Maintenance Tender

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to award the Einasleigh Town Maintenance Contract to Applicant A (Mr Mark Leonard) for a period of 24 months expiring on the 30th June 2018 in accordance with the terms and conditions contained within Part B (Specifications) & Part D (Contract) of the Request for Tender documentation.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1767
5/0

GMCCS14.

Employment Matters

RESOLUTION

That Council endorses the recommended actions by the Chief Executive Officer for the management of contract employees with consideration of legal and financial implications.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1768
5/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

Drought Assistance Funding (community sporting events)
Provision of Health and Fitness Equipment
Proposed trip to various areas in the Shire to show Council support

RESOLUTION

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to establish a steering committee for the planning of an annual sporting event, specifically a rugby league match, commencing in the 2017 calendar year.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1769
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate and organise an alternative community sporting event to be held in 2016.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1770
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Michael Kitzelmann left the meeting at 1:30pm.

RESOLUTION

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report for a proposed gymnasium or indoor multipurpose sporting facility.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1771
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Michael Kitzelmann returned to the meeting at 1:38pm.

Cr Barnes

Councillor's portfolios – Key points of contact for Etheridge communities
Traffic Management/signage in Etheridge Shire townships
Gulf Development Road Line Marking/Signage
Strategic and Economic Development Officer

RESOLUTION:

That the Chief Executive Officer presents to Council a Traffic Management Plan for each of the townships within Etheridge Shire.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1772
5/0

RESOLUTION

That the Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to liaise with Transport and Main roads for a review of line markings along the Gulf Development road between Mt Surprise and Georgetown with specific consideration for approaches to narrow bridges.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1773
5/0

RESOLUTION

That the Council requests the Chief Executive Officer prepare a report outlining options to enable economic development activities in the shire to progress, furthermore this should include identification of key competencies of a Strategic and Economic Development Officer.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1774
5/0

RESOLUTION

That the Council requests the Chief Executive Officer prepare a report outlining options for the establishment of an Economic and Agricultural Development office.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1775
5/0

Cr Bethel

Support from the Katter Party for development of Northern Australia and the Gilbert River Agricultural Precinct

Routh Creek Road

ATTENDANCE

Michael Kitzelmann left the meeting at 2:00pm and returned at 2:01pm.

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to liaise with the Gilbert River Agricultural Precinct to hold an industry forum to discuss the development along the Gilbert River.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1776
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Jodi Kernan left the meeting at 2:09pm and returned at 2:11pm.

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer liaise with the current owner of Routh Creek Station and Curley's Transport in response to safety concerns raised regarding the entrance to Routh Creek Station, furthermore this is to be in accordance with Council's road maintenance policy.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1777
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Cr Devlin abstained from voting due to a perceived conflict of interest.

Cr Attwood

Pest Management – Weed Control

Einisleigh

- Tank at the hall, issues with the tank stand
- Shed at the airport

Georgetown

- Installation of water bubbler at the Gregg Bethel memorial oval

Attended Gulf Cattleman's meeting, Council attending Disability Conference in Cairns on 24 August to support Barry Hughes and Katarina Keough

Gulf Savannah Development signage in the Etheridge Shire

RESOLUTION

That Council endorses representation at the Disability Conference in Cairns on the 24 August 2016; representatives to attend are Cr Devlin and Cr Attwood.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1778
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Etheridge Shire work with Gulf Savannah Development on the Tourism Tropical North Queensland signage project and furthermore that Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that sufficient signage is developed for placement at;

- Gilbert River Rest Area
- Cumberland Chimney
- Georgetown
- Mt Surprise
- Einisleigh
- Forsyth
- The Lynd
- Forty Mile Scrub

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1779
5/0

Cr Devlin

Beautification of River Walk
Membership for FNQROC
Membership for GSD

Opening of the Suggestion Box by Mayor Warren Devlin.

Community Feedback and Suggestions

- Formation of Working Group for beautification of Caschafor Park, Forsayth (Ian Carroll)
- Scope for Rodney Tansey to spend more time on maintenance in Forsayth (Ian Carroll)
- Budget for Forsayth Improvements Group each Financial Year (Ian Carroll)
- Excellent service and assistance (Alan and Kathy Hawdon, Sydney)
- Opening of Terrestrial Centre earlier, tourists are being turned away due to late opening hours (Julie Dance)
- Event signs either side of each township in Etheridge Shire be erected with removable letters advertising up and coming events (Warren Bethel)
- Mayor to put in a monthly Inform article
- Commendation to Bekky due to her friendly smile and helpfulness (Anne and Jim Robertson, NZ)

Discussion regarding rotational inform articles from each Councillor

RESOLUTION

That the Chief Executive Officer develop a plan for consideration by Council for beautification of the Georgetown river walk and furthermore, as a minimum, that the Chief Executive Officer takes action to minimize the fire risk as a result of overgrown weeds along the riverbank on the western side of the Etheridge River within the Georgetown boundary.

MOVED: Cr Devlin

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1780
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to write to FNQROC requesting Etheridge Shire Council be accepted as full financial members and furthermore, upon approval of membership, the Chief Executive Officer is authorised to pay membership fees.

MOVED: Cr Devlin

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM17781
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CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 2:55pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the <Enter Date in full Minutes will be confirmed (Next Meeting)>.

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