



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN
:
ON THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 2016,
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

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ATTENDANCE

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

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
Ms Anna Christensen, Executive Assistant

GALLERY

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:02am and welcomed all 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 lores 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.

APOLOGIES AND CONDOLENCES

RESOLUTION:

That Council pass on their condolences on the passing of Uncle Noel Lacey, Mr Ronnie Bethel, Ms Mary Dhu and Mr Jeffrey McQuillan.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1782
5/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 9:09am for the following deputations;

- *Teleconference with Initiative Capital*
- *Ian Carroll on behalf of Forsyth Improvements Group*
- *John Brisbane on behalf of Northern Gulf.*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1783
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Ian Carroll attended the meeting at 9:00am.
Rebekah Hill attended the meeting at 9:15am.
David Munro left the meeting at 9:54am and returned at 10am.
Anna Christensen left the meeting at 10:17am and returned at 10:18am.
Rebekah Hill and John Brisbane left the meeting at 10:25am.
Michael Kitzelmann left the meeting at 10:26am and returned at 10:27am.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10:45am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:55am.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 10:55am.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1784
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting – Wednesday 20 July 2016

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the July General Meeting held at Georgetown on 20 July 2016 be confirmed subject to the following amendments:

That on Page 12 under the heading General Business – Suggestion Box, the wording of the suggestion from Cr Warren Bethel be changed to include 'all townships in the Etheridge Shire'.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1785
5/0

Business arising from Minutes – Wednesday 20 July 2016

That Council resolves to amend Resolution number 2016/GM1761.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1786
5/0

Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to purchase the most appropriate technology equipment to support Councillors in the conduct of their duties.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Devlin

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1787
5/0

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Discussions regarding reports from Engineering Services, Childcare Centre and Terrestrial Centre.
Action Taken List from previous meetings.

CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMES1.

Council Representation on Etheridge Shire Council Workplace Health and Safety Committee

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve that Cr Troy Barnes and Cr Will Attwood be nominated as a member of the Workplace Health and Safety Committee.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1788
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Anna Christensen left the meeting at 11:48am and returned at 11:52am.

GMES2.

Western Roads Upgrade Program

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to (1) liaise with the current owner of Lot 1SP258857 adjacent to Council Lot 994SP258857 to negotiate truncating a corner of Lot 1SP258857 for the provision of a new access from the Gulf Development Road (GDR) through Council property to the Ewamian Aboriginal Land Trust property and (2) make application to DTMR to re-instate an access a suitable distance further along the GDR and (3) construct an approved intersection together with re-alignment works to link existing gravel road accesses through Council property in conjunction with the Western Roads Upgrade program.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1789
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Gary Fletcher left the meeting at 11:52am.

CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2016 to 31 July 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 Cashflows) pursuant to and in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ending 31 July 2016.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1790
5/0

GMCCS2.

Increase in FTE – Corporate & Community Services

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to amend the Organisational Structure under Community Services and increase the FTE by 0.5 of a person within the specific function of Parks & Gardens.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1791
5/0

GMCCS3.

Selection of 2016 Australia Day Awards for achievements gained in 2016

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Call nominations for 2017 Australia Day Awards in the following categories:-

- The Citizen of the Year;***
- The Junior Citizen of the Year;***
- The Community Organisation of the Year;***
- Senior Sports Medallion;***
- Junior Sports Medallion***

And furthermore that the nominations close 4.00pm on Friday 2 December 2016 and Council determines the winners of the Awards at the General Meeting to be held Wednesday 21 December 2016.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1792
5/0

GMCCS4.

Etheridge Shire Council – University Scholarship Program

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Endorse the Etheridge Shire Council - University Scholarship Policy and furthermore commence advertising from the 25th August 2016 with a closing date being 27th January 2017.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Devlin

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1793
5/0

GMCCS5.

Proposed Community Event 2016 & 2017

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- 1. Resolve to endorse and support the Steering Committee consisting of Cr(s) Gallagher, Barnes & Bethel, Director Corporate & Community Services, Manager of Building, Planning & Community Facilities plus the services of other staff members as required, and furthermore that this Steering Committee meet on a fortnightly basis to plan for this event and provide Council with the appropriate updates and approval for any financial expenditure.***
- 2. Resolve to host a family/community sports day during the month of October 2016 and furthermore that Council utilises a portion of the Community Drought Assistance Fund to assist in covering any expenses associated with this event.***

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1794
5/0

GMCCS7.

Building our Regions Round 2 – Detailed Application Stage

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to support the “Detailed Application” titled “Forsayth Water Treatment Plant Upgrade” under Round 2 of the Building our Regions Fund and furthermore that Council is committed to the delivery of this project and has endorsed the budget for this project and furthermore that Council will cover the ongoing discretionary and whole of life costs for this piece of infrastructure.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1795
5/0

GMCCS8.

Local Government Grants & Subsidies Program (LGGSP - 2016/17)

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to lodge an application under the Local Government Grants & Subsidy Program 2016/17 for the supply and installation of playground equipment located at Mt Surprise, and furthermore that Council has the capacity to meet the ongoing discretionary and whole of life costs associated with this capital infrastructure.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1796
5/0

GMCCS9.

Request for the appointment of a Special Holiday for 2017 under Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Advise the Treasurer, Minister for Employment & Industrial Relations, Minister for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Hon Curtis Pitt (MP) that Etheridge Shire will apply for a Special Holiday pursuant to Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983 for the following events;

- 1. Cairns Agricultural Show – Friday 21st July 2017, as the Etheridge Shire holiday***
- 2. Etheridge Show / Forsayth Turnout – Friday 4th August 2017, as a bank holiday for the Etheridge Shire.***

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1797
5/0

GMCCS10.

Local Government Borrowings 2016|2017

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report and furthermore that Council submit its Long Term Financial Forecast to Queensland Treasury Corporation and request the Queensland Treasury Corporation undertake a financial sustainability review of Council, considering that the last Financial Sustainability review was conducted in 2007.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1798
5/0

GMCCS11.

Financial Assistance – Horsemanship Clinic (Einasleigh)

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to provide financial assistance under the Community Drought Support Flexible Financial Hardship Policy of \$250 per participant.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1799
5/0

GMCCS13.

Gilbert River Agricultural Precinct

RESOLUTION

GRAP Requests Council:

Establish a business or investment prospectus for the development of an agricultural precinct along the Gilbert River.

GRAP Requests Council:

To continue to lobby on behalf of the project area for:

- a) Water allocations to be equitably allocated to the land with the capacity to develop***
- b) To ensure changes to the Vegetation Management Bill are conducive with agricultural development in Etheridge Shire***

GRAP Requests Council:

Work on behalf of GRAP to establish the group as an incorporated body and furthermore that prior to a decision being made council will consult with GRAP.

That Council:

Endorses the recommendations by the Gilbert River Agricultural Precinct and furthermore, requests the Chief Executive Officer to develop a plan to enact these recommendations.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1800
4/0

Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to arrange a workshop to clearly define the development actions in support of the Gilbert River Agricultural Precinct prior to the next Council general meeting.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1801
4/0

Cr Bethel declared a conflict of interest and did not vote on these resolutions.

ATTENDANCE

David Munro left the meeting at 12:37pm and returned at 12:38pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 12:57pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:45pm.

GMCCS14.

Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) Conference, Albany

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Approve the attendance of Michael Kitzelmann (CEO) and Cr Warren Devlin, Cr Will Attwood as an alternative in the event that the Mayor cannot attend, to attend the Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) conference to be held in Albany, Western Australia on the 26th – 28th October 2016 inclusive.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1802
5/0

GMCCS15.

2016 National General Assembly of Local Government – Call for Motions

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Approves Cr Devlin, Cr Bethel, Cr Attwood and Director of Corporate and Community Services/Deputy Chief Executive Officer David Munro's attendance at the 2016 Local Government Association Queensland Conference and that the nominated delegates are Cr's Devlin and Bethel.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1803
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to submit the motions already presented to North Queensland Local Government Association conference to the annual Local Government Association of Queensland Conference and furthermore, a motion be presented with the following wording;

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland lobby the state government to upgrade all developmental roads to a dual lane standard, for example the Gulf Development Road and the Burke Development Road.”

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1804
5/0

GMCCS16.

Peace Monument Ceremony

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve the attendance of Cr's Warren Devlin, Will Attwood and Troy Barnes and Chief Executive Officer Michael Kitzelmann, to attend the Georgetown Peace Monument Ceremony in Sydney the 4th September 2016 and furthermore to fund flights and accommodation for Eric and Brian Tan to attend.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1805
5/0

GMCCS6.

Draft Development / Business Plan – Georgetown Riverwalk

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the Officers report regarding the Draft Development / Business Plan for the Georgetown Riverwalk and furthermore that Council provides additional input and feedback into the Draft Plan.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1806
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Anna Christensen left the meeting at 2:35pm and returned at 2:38pm.

GMCCS17.

Etheridge Learning Facility Update

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore based on the numbers for the 2017 calendar year it is not viable for Council to continue to provide the financial support for this service. Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to take steps to close the facility.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1807
4/0

Cr Bethel declared a conflict of interest and did not vote on this matter.

GMCCS19.

Draft Development Plan – Gymnasium

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officer's report and furthermore that Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to identify potential grant funding for the project.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1808
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Devlin left the meeting at 2:49pm and Cr Gallagher assumed Chair.

Anna Christensen left the meeting at 2:49pm and returned at 2:54pm.

GMCCS21.

Stronger Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants Program 2016-17

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to lodge an application under the Stronger Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants Program 2016-17 for the conduct of a Community Resilience Fair in each township within the Etheridge Shire and in the event that funding is only available for one event that it be conducted in the township of Forsayth.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1809
4/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for afternoon tea at 2:58pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 3:14pm.

ATTENDANCE

Ian Carroll left the meeting at 3:14pm.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 3:14pm.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1810
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Devlin returned to the meeting at 3:40pm and resumed position as chair.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

MOTION:

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

- Mining Lease Application (MLA: 30223) – Compensation Agreement
- *Employment Matters*
- *Wet Hire of Plant and Equipment – Review of Tender Process.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1811
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Anna Christensen and David Munro left the meeting at 3:40pm and returned at 5:06pm.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 5:06pm.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1812
5/0

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION:

That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 5:06pm.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1813
5/0

6. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS12.

Mining Lease Application (MLA: 30223) – Compensation Agreement

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to consent to the mining lease being granted over the surface of Perryvale Road, subject to the applicant first entering into a compensation agreement, a draft of which appears as Appendix A to this resolution and furthermore that the conditions as outlined by the applicant are formally signed under a Legal Instrument.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1814
5/0

GMCCS18.

That Council endorses the CEO recommendation in relation to employment matters.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1815
5/0

GMCCS20.

Wet Hire of Plant and Equipment – Review of Tender Process

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Receives and notes Officers Report.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1816
4/0

Cr Bethel declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 4:02pm. Cr Bethel did not vote on this resolution.

Cr Bethel returned to the meeting at 5:05pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Letter of Sympathy

RESOLUTION:

That Council resolves to send a sympathy letter to the family of Ronnie Bethel expressing our sincere sympathy and acknowledging his contributions not only in his time serving as a Council officer but also for his contribution to the community.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1817
5/0

Cr Barnes

- Request for Council contributions to Camp Cobbold
- Recruitment of an Economic Development Officer
- Council engage with Karly Royes in relation to the block of land previously utilised by Mt Garnet Race Club

RESOLUTION:

That Council cover the registration costs for Etheridge Shire residents in financial difficulty to attend the Camp Cobbold event held in September utilizing the community drought assistance hardships funding, furthermore the Chief Executive Officer is requested to advise Camp Cobbold organiser's of the eligibility criteria of this assistance and to emphasise that this is one off funding out of the Department of Communities drought assistance hardship fund.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1818
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Anna Christensen and David Munro left the meeting at 5:40pm and returned at 5:47pm.

RESOLUTION:

That the Chief Executive Officer commence the recruitment process to engage a fixed term Economic Development Officer to coordinate projects of significance across the Etheridge Shire and for the development of a strategic economic development plan outlining strategies and milestones for project delivery.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

DEFEATED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1819
2/3

Cr Bethel abstained from voting due to a perceived conflict of interest.

The Mayor utilized his casting vote in relation to GM17819 and voted against the motion.

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer review the current traffic management plan for all townships in Etheridge Shire and furthermore that dedicated road train routes be formalized to reduce risk in high risk domestic areas for example schools.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1820
3/0

Cr's Bethel and Devlin abstained from voting due to a perceived conflict of interest.

Cr Attwood

- Council subsidise Councillor internet connection where required
- Request for a representative to attend the Northern Gulf Resource Management Group symposium being held at Croydon on the 30th of August to discuss pest management activities within Etheridge Shire
- Request for permission to invite Minister for Health, the Honorable Cameron Dick to attend Camp Cobbold regarding the effects on health by the extended drought
- Mt Surprise progress association request use of Council facilities to hold a movie night

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to take steps to ensure all Councillors have access to necessary internet connections in accordance with Council's Expense Reimbursement Policy.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1821
5/0

RESOLUTION:

That Council resolves to authorize each Councillor to communicate with external parties associated with their delegated portfolios.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1822
5/0

Cr Devlin

- TIDS Update
- Western Roads Upgrade
- Hann Highway
- Far North Queensland Regional Roads Group Technical Committee
- Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Council

Suggestion Box

- Citizen of the Month Award
- Implementation of Local Laws Animal Management

RESOLUTION:

Council expresses its gratitude and sincere thanks to Mr Gary Fletcher for his assistance and efforts over the past three months as the Acting Director of Engineering Services.

MOVED: Cr Warren Devlin

SECONDED: Cr Troy Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1823

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 6pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 21st September 2016.

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