



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD

ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 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
Ms Anna Christensen, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES

Mr David Munro, Director of Corporate and Community Services

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:05am 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

MOTION

That Council pass on their condolences to Pam Swaine on the passing of Justin Swaine.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1823
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting – Thursday 18 August 2016

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Thursday 18 August 2016 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1824
5/0

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 7 September 2016 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1825
5/0

Business arising from Minutes

Cr Barnes

RESOLUTION:

Resolution NO.2016/GM1800 be rescinded in support of report GMCCS15 closed session Gilbert River Agricultural Precinct.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1826
5/0

6. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

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 August 2016.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1827
5/0

GMCCS2.

Etheridge Shire Council – Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2016

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers Report and furthermore that Council endorse the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting dated 31 August 2016 in which a copy of the Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2016 were presented to the Audit Committee in accordance with Section 211(1)(b)(iii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1828
5/0

GMCCS3.

The Future of NQLGA – Discussion Paper

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to advise the North Queensland Local Government Association (NQLGA) of Councils that Etheridge Shire Council resolve to support inviting of the additional members and for the NQLGA to cover the same geographic footprint as the developing Northern Australia and furthermore Etheridge Shire Council requests that the NQLGA review their operational structure.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1829
5/0

GMCCS4.

Development Application for:

Reconfiguration of a Lot One (1) into Two (2) Lots and creation of an Access Easement on land described as Lot 2 on SP275047 via Gilberton Road, Kidston, Parish of Putaburra/Nepowe and County of Percy

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

In accordance with the Integrated Planning Act 1997 as amended and the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 Council approve a Development Permit for:

- ***Reconfiguration of a Lot One (1) into Two (2) Lots and creation of an Access Easement on land described as Lot 2 on SP275047 via Gilberton Road, Kidston, Parish of Putaburra/Nepowe, County of Percy***

Subject to the following conditions as identified in Attachment 2 – Draft Decision Notice [Section A – Assessment Managers Conditions (Council) and refer Attachment A and B for Conditions and Advice from Concurrence Agency Response (Department of State Development Infrastructure and Planning -DSDIP)].

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1830
5/0

GMCCS5.

Etheridge Shire Council - Internal Audit Committee

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and furthermore that Council resolve to accept the recommendations made by the Audit and Risk Management Committee:

- 1. That the Audit & Risk Management Committee endorses Etheridge Shire Council's Annual & Strategic Internal Audit Plan (2017-2019) and furthermore that Etheridge Shire Council extends the contract with its current Internal Auditor "Pacifica" for an additional 12 months (expiring on 31 December 2017) and that Etheridge Shire Council revisit the market after this period via Tender.***
- 2. That the Audit & Risk Management Committee notes and receives the Officers Report and furthermore endorses Etheridge Shire Council's 2015/2016 Financial Statements for presenting to the Auditor General's (representative) and furthermore that Council has prepared the FYE 2016 Statements in accordance with the requirements contained within the Local Government Act & Regulations and in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.***
- 3. That the Audit & Risk Management Committee notes and receives the Officers Report and furthermore the Audit & Risk Management Committee requests that the Chief Executive Officer continue reporting to the Audit & Risk Management Committee on Council's progress towards meeting the mandatory compliance obligations for Etheridge Shire Council and furthermore, the Audit & Risk Management Committee endorses Etheridge Shire Council's 2016/2018 Safety Management Plan.***

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1831
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Senior Constable Ian Carroll attended the Gallery at 9:36am.

GMCCS6.

Etheridge Shire Council – Drug & Alcohol Policy

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to endorse and support the implementation of a Drug & Alcohol Policy and endorse the associated changes to the Drug & Alcohol Policy and furthermore that Council endorse and support the continuation and implementation of random Drug & Alcohol testing for Council Employees, Council Contractors and Councillors.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1832
5/0

GMCCS7.

Ownership of the Forsayth Police Cells

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to inform the Forsayth Improvements Group that Council supports the project for the relocation of the Old Forsayth Police Jail Cell to Lot 19 - 20 on SP134360 (Georgetown-Forsayth Road) and furthermore that Council will approve the transfer of funds from the Forsayth Improvements Reserve to assist in the restoration of the Old Forsayth Police Jail Cell subject to Council first receiving quotes for any materials required for this restoration project and furthermore that prior to opening this building to the public, Council will need to ensure that it meets the requirements under Workplace Health & Safety and the Building Code to enable compliance with Council's insurer's.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1833
5/0

GMCCS9.

Einasleigh Progress Association – Matters of Concern

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the letter from the Einasleigh Progress Association and furthermore that Council provides a written response to the issues raised by Progress Association.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1834
5/0

GMCCS10.

Economic Development Fund – ETAG 2017 Print Media Advertising

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to approve ETAG's Economic Development Fund Application for 2017 Print Media Advertising on the basis that there is a direct cash contribution equivalent to 20% of the total project value, where Etheridge Shire's economic development fund component be limited to a maximum of \$8000 and furthermore failing to comply with this requirement Council resolves to deny the application.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1835
5/0

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Attwood declared a perceived conflict of interest due to affiliated membership with the auditing body; Cr Attwood clearly declared that there was no personal gain or other influence. Mayor Warren Devlin approved Cr Attwood's participation in discussion however as per Cr Attwood's declaration he will refrain from voting.

GMCCS11.

Economic Development Fund – ETAG Geotourism Application

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to approve ETAG's Economic Development Fund Application to engage Angus Robinson to consult on Etheridge Shire's Geotourism opportunities.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1836
4/0

GMCCS12.

Update Pest Management Committee

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Notes and receives the report and furthermore Council does not support the recommendations from the Pest Management Committee at this time. Council requests the Pest Management Committee review the issues recommendations to budget preparation prior to 2017/18 Financial Year.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1837
5/0

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Attwood declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 10:21am.

GMCCS13.

Economic Development Fund – Northern Gulf 3D-C

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Notes & receives the Officers report and furthermore that Council denies the application under the Economic Development Grant Fund as it does not comply with the policy.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1838
4/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:28am and returned at 11:05am.

ATTENDANCE

Gallery attendants left the room at 11:05am.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 11:05am.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1839
5/0

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Bethel declared a conflict of interest in relation to GMCCS14, additionally Cr Bethel declared a perceived conflict of interest in relation to GMCCS15 and left the room at 11:55am.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

MOTION:

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;

- *Management of Etheridge Shire Council Student Hostel*
- *Tender ESC2016-003 – Register of Preferred Suppliers of Wet Hire of Plant & Equipment*
- *Gilbert River Agricultural Precinct.*

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1840
5/0

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION:

That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 12:44pm

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1841
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel returned to the meeting at 12:47pm.

6. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS8.

Management of Etheridge Shire Council - Student Hostel

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to issue a Request for Tender for the Management of the Student Hostel with a view to having a report back to Council for the October General Meeting.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1842
5/0

GMCCS14.

Tender ESC2016-003 – Register of Preferred Suppliers of Wet Hire of Plant & Equipment

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report and furthermore that Council resolve to issue the Request for Tender (ESC2016-003) for the Register of Preferred Suppliers of Wet Hire of Plant & Equipment as at 24th September 2016 with a closing date being Friday 14th October 2016 at 12.00pm and furthermore that the Request for Tender documents will only be available through the LG Tender Box website (www.lgtenderbox.com.au).

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1843
4/0

Cr Bethel did not participate in closed session discussion due to a conflict of interest.

GMCCS15.

Gilbert River Agricultural Precinct

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Support the development of a Beneficial Enterprise (IAW Local Government Act 2009, Chapter 3, Part 2 Beneficial Enterprises and Business Activities) for the Strategic Economic Development of the Gilbert River Irrigation Area (GRIA) and furthermore that Council requests the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to continue to negotiate with Stakeholders and appropriately qualified service providers to ensure the most appropriate structure and value for money are achieved.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1844
4/0

Cr Bethel did not participate in closed session discussion due to a perceived conflict of interest.

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Action Taken List from previous meetings.

Discussions regarding reports from Engineering Services, Childcare Centre, Terrestrial Centre and Economic and Community Development Officer.

Business Arising from Information Bulletin

Cr Barnes

- Movements in regards to proposed Fun Day
- Action Taken List – Review about outstanding resolutions

Cr Devlin

- Updating of Action taken lists

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Discussion around the purchase of gravel from outside the shire, can small stockpiles of left over gravel be used around the Shire where possible
- Outcomes of water testing undertaken in the Shire, please provide further feedback to the Community

Cr Bethel

- Collection of overdue rates in the shire, please provide a report for the October General Meeting
- Existence of gates on Council roads, refer to Council's gates and grids policy

Cr Devlin

- Eradication of goat heads in the shire

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to declare goat head thorns as a locally declared weed in accordance with Etheridge Shire Council's Pest Management plan.

MOVED: Cr Devlin

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1845
5/0

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to begin negotiations with Transport and Main Roads and GENEX for the reallocation of contributions under the development approval to a project on the Gregory Development Road to enable the establishment of a two lane sealed section between the Lynd Oasis turn off and the Kidston intersection.

MOVED: Cr Devlin

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1846
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CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 1:21pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 19 October 2016.

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