



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

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GENERAL MEETING OF  
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD  
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN  
ON WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2016,  
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT GEORGETOWN**

**ON WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2016**

**COMMENCING AT 8.00AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mr David Munro, Director of Corporate and Community Services acting as Chief Executive Officer  
Miss Sara Alexander, Finance Administration Officer acting as Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

**APOLOGIES**

Mr Michael Kitzelmann, Chief Executive Officer

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8.02am 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.*

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Bethel attended the meeting at 8:05am.

**APOLOGIES AND CONDOLENCES**

**MOTION**

That Council passes on their condolences to the Garde family on the passing of Cecil Garde.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1847**  
**5/0**

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**General Meeting – Wednesday 21 September 2016**

**RESOLUTION:**

*That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 21 September be confirmed.*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1848**  
**5/0**

**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Action Taken List from previous meetings.

Discussions regarding reports from Corporate and Community Service, Engineering Services, Childcare Centre, Terrestrial Centre.

**Business Arising from Information Bulletin**

**Cr Attwood**

- That the information bulletin be read through and discussed after the next Community Consultation Meeting with the aim to remove as many action items as possible.

**Cr Devlin**

- Agreed with Cr Attwood.

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Bethel left the meeting at 8:08am.

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Bethel returned to the meeting at 8:10am.

**9. 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 30 September 2016.*

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1849**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS2.**

Operational Plan Review for the Quarter ending September 2016

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Adopt the Operational Plan review for the September 2016/17 quarter in accordance with Section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.*

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1850**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Miss. Rebekah Hill, Economic and Community Development Officer and Mr. Angus Robinson Geotourism Consultant from Leisure Solutions entered the meeting at 8:17am.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MOTION:**

*That Council suspends standing orders at 8.18am to receive a deputation from Mr. Angus Robinson, from Leisure Solutions regarding the intention of Etheridge Shire Council to commence work aimed at nominating the Etheridge Region as an UNESCO Global Geopark.*

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1851**  
**5/0**

**Deputation by Mr. Angus Robinson – Geotourism Consultant from Leisure Solutions**

**ATTENDANCE**

Eric Tan entered the meeting at 8:30am.

**ATTENDANCE**

Miss Rebekah Hill, Economic and Community Development Officer and Mr. Angus Robinson Geotourism Consultant from Leisure Solutions left the meeting at 8:39am.

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MOTION:**

*That Council resume standing orders at 8:39pm*

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1852**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS3.**

Closure of Shire Offices, Depot Administration, Outside Work Crews, Town Crews, Terrestrial Centre & Little Gems Children's Centre between Christmas and New Year

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

*Endorses the closure of its Shire and Depot Administration Offices, Terrestrial Centre and Town Crews from 4.00pm Friday 23 December 2016 to 2 January 2017 with the return to work date being Tuesday 3 January 2017, the Little Gems Children's Centre from 4.00pm Friday 23 December 2016 to 6 January 2017 with the return to work date being Monday 9 January 2017 and furthermore that the Road and RMPC Crews from end of shift Wednesday 14 December 2016 to 9 January 2016 with the return to work date being Tuesday 10 January 2017, subject to appropriate on call arrangements with senior staff for emergency matters.*

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1853**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS4.**

Building Our Regions – Supplementary Round

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council resolves to lodge and Expression of Interest Application under the “Supplementary Round 2” of “Building Our Regions Funding Program” for the Charleston Dam Pump Station and Reticulation Network and furthermore that Council applies for the maximum amount under the Supplementary Round being \$500, 000.*

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1854**  
**5/0**

Resolution GMCCS4 of the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 General Meeting was amended due to minor changes in wording to ensure it fully met Council’s intent.

**GMCCS5.**

Application for Mining Lease (ML) 30235; 30236 & 30237 – Quartz Hill

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Resolve to lodge an objection to the Department of Natural Resources & Mines for Mining Lease (ML:30235) and request the applicant to re-align the Mining Lease boundaries to exclude O’Brien’s Creek Road (“the Road”) from the Mining Land and furthermore that Council request the applicant to provide a traffic management plan in relation to this operation as the Mining Lease application does not provide sufficient details in the number of vehicular movements along Council’s road and furthermore the Mining Lease application does not provide a site plan for its mining operation on the Mining Land.***

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1855**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS6.**

Request to lease vacant land – Mt Surprise

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Resolve to enter into a Permit to Occupy over the said area (as defined in the attached map) described as Part of Lot 6 on SP252513 for a term of 3 years with an option to extend for a further term of 2 years subject to the following conditions:***

- (i) the area will need to be maintained in accordance with Council’s Pest Management Plan and Councils Local Laws;***
- (ii) any infrastructure placed on the defined area within Part of Lot 6 on SP252513 must not be of a permanent nature;***
- (iii) term of the Permit to Occupy – 3 years with an option to renew at expiry for a further term of 2 years.***
- (iv) Annual rental of \$556 (based on the minimum general rate for urban land <\$17,500)***

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1856**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS9.**

Administrative Complaints Process Policy

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Resolve to adopt the “Administrative Complaints Process Policy” in accordance with S.286 of the Local Government Act 2009.***

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1857**  
**5/0**

Mr. Eric Tan was given a special invitation to speak to the Council by the Mayor regarding feedback and letters received about the Peace Monument opening.

**ATTENDANCE**

Eric Tan left the meeting at 9:12am.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MOTION:**

***That Council suspends standing orders at 9.12am.***

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1858**  
**5/0**

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**MOTION:**

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

- 1. Legal Matters (S.275 (f))***
- 2. Rates – Summary of Rates Outstanding (S.275 (c),(d))***
- 3. Tender ESC2016-004 – Management of Etheridge Shire Councils Student Hostel Facility (S.275 (e))***

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1859**  
**5/0**

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MOTION:**

***That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 9:40am***

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**

**10. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS**

**GMCCS7.**

Legal Matters

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Notes and receives the Officers report.***

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1861**

**5/0**

**GMCCS8.**

Rates – Summary of Rates Outstanding

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Resolve to note and receive the Officers report.***

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1862**

**5/0**

**GMCCS10.**

Tender No: ESC2016-004 (Management of Etheridge Shire Council's Students Hostel Facility)

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Resolve to award Tender No: ESC2016-004 – Management of the Etheridge Shire Council's Students Hostel Facility to Tenderer A for a period of Two (2) years with an option to renew for a further 12 months by mutual agreement commencing from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 and expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.***

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1863**

**5/0**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Gallagher**

No General Business

**Cr Barnes**

- That the Chief Executive Officer arrange and organise an Internal Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting as soon as possible to discuss Council's Risk Management Register
- That Cr Barnes would like to formally acknowledge the work that Council's Parks & Garden Crew undertook in having the Peace Monument ready for the opening.
- That Cr Barnes would like to formally acknowledge the work that David Munro (Director Corporate & Community Services) has undertaken with the Charleston Dam Project and especially the time devoted in preparing a successful grant submission under the NSRF program.

**Cr Attwood**

- Northern Gulf has suggested that Council nominate a Councillor to represent the Etheridge Shire at their General Meetings.

**Cr Bethel**

- Etheridge Learning Facility (ELF). That Cr Bethel would like to arrange a meeting of the stakeholders as soon as possible to discuss the viability of the facility considering that Council has the opportunity of securing State funds to support the facility.

**Cr Devlin**

- Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation is requesting a Letter of Support from Council for a Grant application that they are applying for.
- Film Festival – filming to take place during the wet season.
- Tele conferencing into a General Meeting
- ETAG discussions as per report dated 21 September 2016 - GMCCS10
- Community Events – Jumping Castles are available need to work out hire fees
- Road reserve West of Georgetown
- UHF repeaters to be reactivated throughout the Shire
- Approval to use the aviation beacon tower in Georgetown for retransmitting Commercial AM radio

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Resolve to write to the Georgetown Race Club Committee to enter into negotiations to relinquish the trusteeship of the Race Course.***

**MOVED:** Cr Devlin

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1864**  
**3/2**

**Cr Gallagher and Cr Bethel voted against this resolution.**



**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10:15am.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 16 November 2016.

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