



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

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GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD

ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2016,

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT GEORGETOWN**

**ON WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2016**

**COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

**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  
Jodi Kernan, HR Assistant/Payroll Officer

**APOLOGIES**

**ATTENDANCE**

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 passes on their condolences to the Arnett Family.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1865**  
**5/0**

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**General Meeting – Monday 17 October 2016**

**RESOLUTION:**

*That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Monday 17 October be confirmed.*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1866**  
**5/0**

*Amendment to resolution GMCCS4 – Building Our Regions – Supplementary Round*

**ORIGINAL RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Resolve to lodge an application under the “Supplementary Round 2” of “Building Our Regions Funding Program” and furthermore that Council endorses an application to provide infrastructure to the Charleston Dam Project.*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

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

**AMENDED RESOLUTION**

*That Council resolves to lodge an 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/GM1867**  
**5/0**

**Special Meeting – Wednesday 2 November 2016**

**RESOLUTION:**

*That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held at Einasleigh on the 2 November 2016 be confirmed.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1868**  
**4/0**

Cr Bethel abstained from voting due to a material personal interest

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Cr Gallagher – Discussions around Resolution No.2016GM1864:

*That Council:*

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

Cr Gallagher emphasized the requirement for detailed community consultation for planning and consideration of future options for the facility.

**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 31 October 2016.*

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1869**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS2.**

Adoption of Etheridge Shire Council's Annual Report for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and the adoption of Etheridge Shire Council's Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council:*

*Adopt the Annual Report for Etheridge Shire Council for the financial year ending 30 June 2016, pursuant to Section 182(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.*

**MOVED:** Cr Devlin

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1870**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS3.**

Application to convert from Leasehold to Freehold of Lot 3 on Plan CLK34

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council:*

*Resolve to offer no objections for the conversion of PH Lease (22/3162) described as Lot 3 on Plan CLK34 to Freehold Tenure subject to the property remaining consistent with the rural zoning as described within Council's Planning Scheme.*

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1871**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS4.**

Application for Renewal / Conversion of Special Lease (18/50267) over Lot 1 on GB120 for Business/Industrial Purpose

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council:*

*Resolve to offer no objections for the renewal of Special Lease (18/50267) described as Lot 1 on GB120 subject to the property remaining consistent with the commercial zoning as described within Council's Planning Scheme and as per the lease conditions implemented by the Department of Natural Resources & Mines.*

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1872**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS5.**

Public Notice of Meetings for 2017

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council:

*Adopts the following meeting dates as presented for 2017 pursuant to and in accordance with Section 277(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and furthermore Council will publish this notice within the Inform Newsletter and also on Councils website.*

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
January	Wednesday 18 January 2017	Georgetown	8.00am
February	Wednesday 15 February 2017	Georgetown	8.00am
March	Wednesday 15 March 2017	Georgetown	8.00am
April	Wednesday 19 April 2017	Georgetown	8.00am
May	Wednesday 17 May 2017	Georgetown	8.00am
June	Wednesday 21 June 2017	Georgetown	8.00am
July	Wednesday 19 July 2017	Georgetown	8.00am
August	Wednesday 16 August 2017	Georgetown	8.00am
September	Wednesday 20 September 2017	Georgetown	8.00am
October	Wednesday 18 October 2017	Georgetown	8.00am
November	Wednesday 15 November 2017	Georgetown	8.00am
December	Wednesday 20 December 2017	Georgetown	8.00am

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1873**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS6.**

Waiving of Fees & Charges (Hall Hire Fees – Georgetown)

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council:

*Resolve to waive the scheduled fee of \$165.00 (inc GST) for the hire of the Supper Room for Northern Gulf Resource Management Group for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and furthermore that the Chief Executive Officer is delegated authority to waiver fees associated with the use of Council Facilities.*

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1874**  
**4/0**

Cr Attwood abstained from voting due to a material personal interest

**GMCCS7.**

Wood Sculptures/Carvings – Caschafor Park

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council:

*Resolve to approve this community project within the Caschafor Park Precinct to allow wood carvings on suitable living trees and furthermore that Council issues the applicant a permit to allow for the works to commence.*

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1875**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS8.**

Appointing an Acting Chief Executive Officer – S.195 of the Local Government Act 2009

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council:*

*Resolve to appoint the Director of Corporate & Community Services as Acting Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Section 195 of the Local Government Act 2009 for the period from 26 December 2016 to 25 January 2017.*

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1876**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS9.**

Developing Northern Australia Conference – Cairns 19-20<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council:*

*Request the Chief Executive Officer register the full Council to attend the Developing Northern Australia Conference to be held in Cairns on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017.*

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1877**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS10.**

UNESCO Geopark Nomination

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council:*

*Resolve to endorse the Chief Executive Officer to prepare Etheridge Shire to meet key criteria as set out by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation's guidelines and furthermore that Etheridge Shire Council work towards lodging a nomination to UNESCO in October 2017 to identify Etheridge Shire as UNESCO accredited Geopark.*

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1878**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Gallagher & Jodi Kernan left the meeting at 10.05am and returned at 10.06am

**GMCCS14.**

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) – Application for funds

RESOLUTION:

*That Council:*

*Resolve to approve the RADF application as submitted for the program titled “Film Making Workshops” and provide funds from the RADF budget of \$10,045.65 and furthermore as part of the approval, Council receives a copy of the short films for presentation as part of the 2017 Film Festival.*

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1879**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS15.**

Request for Consideration of the Rates Emergency Fire & Rescue Levy Statutory Declaration

RESOLUTION:

*That Council:*

*Resolves to allow the Statutory declaration for Assessment No: 00424-02000-000, L1 MLG30155, Assessment No: 00451-55000-000, L1 MLG30077 and Assessment No: 00451-56000-000, L1 MLG30078 and furthermore, that Council gives special consideration for extenuating circumstances and resolves that the Emergency Fire and Rescue Levy be reduced by \$7,933.98 and that the interest be written off for the outstanding amounts above the vacant land fee.*

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1880**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS16.**

Building Our Regions – Supplementary Round

RESOLUTION:

*That Council:*

*Resolve to lodge a secondary application under the “Supplementary Round 2” of “Building Our Regions Funding Program” on behalf of the Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation for the Talaroo Hot Springs Community and Tourism Infrastructure project with the application seeking the maximum amount of \$500,000 under this funding program.*

**MOVED:** Cr Devlin

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1881**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*That Council adjourns for morning tea at 10.25am*

**RESUMPTION**

*That Council resumes the meeting at 10.25am*

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MOTION:**

*That Council suspends standing orders at 10.50am.*

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1882**  
**5/0**

**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;*

- *Rates Notice 2016/2017 – (Assessment No: 00441-70000-000)*
- *Recruitment of Director of Engineering*
- *Wet hire of plant and equipment esc2016-003 – process for contractor allocation and works orders.*

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1883**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Attwood declared an interest in GMCCS11 and left the meeting at 10.50am, Cr Attwood returned to the meeting at 11.00am.

David Munro and Jodi Kernan left at 11.00am

Cr Bethel declared an interest in GMCCS13 and left the meeting at 11.30am and returned at 12.05pm. David Munro returned to the meeting at 11.45am and Jodi Kernan returned to the meeting at 12.05pm

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

**MOTION:**

*That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 12.05pm*

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes



**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1884**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS11.**

Rates Notice 2016|2017 – (Assessment No: 00441-70000-000)

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council:*

*Resolve to refuse the application for the appeal for the change of Rating Category under Section 91(2)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and provide the applicant with a without prejudice letter outlining the reasons why Council has denied the request and provide the applicant with the appropriate appeal process contained within the Local Government Regulation 2012 and furthermore that Council grant an Economic Concession in accordance with Section 120 (d) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 which states that Council may grant a concession only if it satisfied that the concession will encourage the economic development of all or part of the local government area; and furthermore that Council will provide a concession for the next three years on a staged process which coincides with the approved Development Notice.*

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1885**  
**4/0**

Cr Attwood abstained from voting due to a material personal interest

**GMCCS12.**

Recruitment of Director of Engineering

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council:*

*Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore requests that the Chief Executive Officer commence a recruitment process utilising an external recruitment agency to engage a suitably qualified engineer for the role of Director of Engineering Services.*

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1886**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS13.**

Wet Hire of Plant and Equipment ESC2016-003 – Process for Contractor Allocation and Works Orders

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council notes and receives the Officers Report.*

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1887**  
**4/0**

Cr Bethel abstained from voting due to a material personal interest

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Gallagher**

- Tank at the oval
- Condition of Cemetery Road
- Southern Etheridge Family Group Community Event request for support from Council

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to liaise with the Southern Etheridge Family Group to assess how Council can support their activities through the provision of Council owned equipment and direct financial support up to the value of \$2,000 out of the Community Drought Assistance Fund.

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1888**  
**5/0**

**Cr Barnes**

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council request the Chief Executive Officer engage a suitably qualified independent service provider for the conduct of an organisational structure review.

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Devlin

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1889**  
**5/0**

**Cr Bethel**

- Sport and Rec Planning Grant

**Cr Attwood**

- Update on discussions with health providers, focusing on aged care for rural people
- Normanton Solar Farm
- Visit to Strathmore, regrowth on the edge of Strathmore Road
- Takalaka Group developing a ranger group
- Mt Surprise School Presentation Night and Christmas Tree 26 November 2016

**Cr Devlin**

- Visit to Canberra regarding Gilbert River Scheme and Charleston Dam
- Planned visit to Tasmanian Irrigation Scheme
- Cardno, Fish Ladder and Charleston Dam Construction

**ATTENDANCE**

Michael Kitzelmann, left the meeting at 12.49pm and returned at 12.50pm.

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council endorses the ongoing development of the Gilbert River Irrigated Agriculture Development and furthermore approves the associated cost with travel and accommodation for an industry visit to the Tasmanian Irrigation Scheme.

**MOVED:** Cr Devlin

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1890**  
**5/0**

Cr Bethel declared a perceived conflict of interest, the Chair and Council supported Cr Bethel's input and subsequent vote on the resolution.

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to formally acknowledge the efforts of the entire workforce in achieving bronze accreditation under the Workplace Health and Safety System "SafePlan" and furthermore Council thanks the staff for their efforts.

**MOVED:** Cr Devlin

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1891**  
**5/0**

**RESOLUTION:**

Council requests the CEO to make application to the Sport and Recreation Planning Program for the preparation of a master plan for the sport and recreation facilities in the Shire.

**MOVED:** Cr Devlin

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1892**  
**5/0**

**RESOLUTION:**

That the Etheridge Shire Community Christmas Party be held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Georgetown Golf Club and furthermore this event will utilise community drought assistance funds.

**MOVED:** Cr Devlin

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1893**  
**5/0**

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 1.10pm.

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

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MAYOR

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