



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD

ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2017,

COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

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ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr David Munro, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Ms Anna Christensen, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:00am 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

Council would like to pass on their sincere condolences to the family of Noeline Ikin and in particular to her husband Trevor Arnett and Noeline's daughters Tabitha, Gabriella and Kiralee.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting – Wednesday 14 December 2016

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 18 January 2017 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1948
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INFORMATION BULLETIN

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

Action Taken List from previous meetings.

6. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is a statutory requirement under Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 that the Chief Executive Officer must present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government at least monthly.

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 January 2017.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1949
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel left the room at 8:09am due to a conflict of interest and returned at 8:14am.

GMCCS2.

Etheridge Shire Council - Acquisition of Goods & Services and the Carrying out of the Procurement Principles' Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Regulation 2012 states that each local government must have in place a policy about procurement (a procurement policy). Council has an existing procurement policy which is with the Local Government Regulation 2012.

In addition, it is a requirement under the Regulation that Council reviews its Purchasing Policy at least every 12 months.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Adopt the "Acquisition of Goods & Services and the Carrying out of the Procurement Principles Policy" in accordance with Section 198 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1950
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GMCCS3.

Application for Permit to Occupy over Road adjoining Lots 16 on GB94, 2 on G15713, 5 on G15716 and 6 on G15716 for Grazing Purposes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The department has received an application for a Permit to Occupy over an area of road adjoining lots 16 on GB94, 2 on G15716, 5 on G15716 and 6 on G15716. The proposed use of the land is Grazing.

The Department of Natural Resources & Mines has provided Council with the application and is seeking any issues, including any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values, that the Department should consider when assessing this application in terms of Section 167 (1) if the Land Act 1994.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to offer no objections to the application for a Permit to Occupy over part of the Road Reserve along the Gulf Development Road adjoining Lots 16 on GB94, 2 on G15713, 5 on G15716 and 6 on G15716 for Grazing Purposes and Council supports the conditions from the Road Manager (Department of Transport & Main Roads) that the said area will require to be fenced to prevent wandering stock interfering with the safe operations of the State Road.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1951
5/0

GMCCS4.

Reconfiguration of Allotments over T/L 236581 & T/L 236580

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the owners of Term Lease 236581 and Term Lease 236580 and has requested Councils views and requirements regarding a reconfiguration of the two leases and also a change of use to incorporate "low key tourism" as part of their grazing leases.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to offer no objections to the proposed reconfigurations to Lot 2 on SP242983 (T/L 235580).

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1952
5/0

GMCCS5.

Request for financial assistance – Georgetown P&C Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received written correspondence from the Georgetown State School P&C Committee seeking financial assistance from Council via the Town Infrastructure Fund to assist the Committee purchase a second hand 22 seater Coaster Bus or a new 14 Seater Bus to be used by the School and the Community.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to provide financial assistance to the Georgetown State School P&C Committee of \$10,000 to enable the purchase of a new or used Coaster Bus subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the Georgetown State School P&C Committee provide evidence that they have secured funding through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund;*
- 2. That the Georgetown State School P&C Committee provide evidence to Council regarding the total cost to purchase the said Bus;*
- 3. That the vehicle meets all legal and statutory requirements.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1953
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GMCCS6.

Elected Member Update Workshop 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Elected Member Update Workshop is being hosted by Carpentaria Shire Council and will be held on Thursday the 6th of April in Normanton.

The workshop will allow Councillors to attend a regionally delivered workshop that gives them the opportunity to collaborate with neighboring Councils. The program will build on the three Council performance domains of Our Business, Our People and Our Story. Councillors will also receive updates on critical and emerging issues as well as receive professional development relevant to each attendee.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Approve the attendance of all Councillors to the Elected Member Update Workshop to be held in Normanton on the 6th of April.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1954
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GMCCS7.

Etheridge Shire Tourism Brochure – ‘Etheridge Shire on the Savannah Way’

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Etheridge Shire prides itself on its tourism industry. With wonderful attractions based all around the shire, Council takes interest in ensuring that travelers are given advice and information on these attractions.

The ‘Etheridge Shire on the Savannah Way’ brochure includes information on all the major attractions in the Etheridge Shire as well as information on local services and businesses in each township within the Shire.

RESOLUTION:

*That Council:
Resolve to approve the New Etheridge Shire Tourism Brochure.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1955
5/0

GMCCS10.

Donation Boxes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Community Facilities Donation Boxes project is nearing completion and Council now needs to decide on suitable locations for the said donation boxes.

RESOLUTION:

*That Council:
Notes and receives the officer’s report and furthermore approves the installation of the donation boxes at Cumberland Chimney, Heritage Park, Caschafor Park and the Mt Surprise’s rest area.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1956
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GMCCS11.

Tourism Signage Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As the project nears completion direction is required pertaining to the artwork, signage installation arrangements, advertisement fee and the number of signs required.

RESOLUTION:

*That Council:
Resolve to work with Gulf Savannah Development to finalise the Tourism Tropical North Queensland signage project and furthermore that Council approves the budget & resource considerations based on the eight signs provided being installed by Council and furthermore in addition the artwork template provided by Twocan is to be utilised in placement of ETAG’s original directional signage plans and furthermore the signage developed is to be placed at;*

- Cumberland Chimney
- Georgetown
- Mt Surprise
- Einasleigh
- Forsayth
- The Lynd
- Forty Mile Scrub
- The Gilbert River Rest Area

Advertising spaces will be sold at \$100 per advertisement, per sign with the funds being utilised to offset the installation of the signs.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1957
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ATTENDANCE

Anna Christensen left the meeting at 8:52am and returned at 8:55am.

GMCCS12.

Tourism Campaign

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Michael Jennings has provided quotes for the development of a promotional tourism advertisements and the costs associated with a 30 second advertisement being played on channels Imparja, Go and Gem.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore approves the budget and resource considerations to develop television advertisements with the purpose of promoting tourism within Etheridge Shire.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1958
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ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for Morning Tea at 9:05am and resumed at 9:30am.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 9:30am.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1959
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CLOSURE OF MEETING

MOTION:

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

- *Legal Matter – Section 275 (1) (f)*
- *Etheridge Shire Council – University Scholarship Program (1) (e).*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1960
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ATTENDANCE

Anna Christensen left the room at 9:30am and returned at 11:05am.

Cr Bethel left the room at 9:40am due to conflict of interest and returned at 10:05am.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 11:05am.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1961
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6. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS8.

Legal Matter

RESOLUTION:

*That Council:
Resolve to agree to the conditions supplied by the applicant's solicitors to enable this matter to be finalised without any further re-course by either party and furthermore endorse the actions taken by the Acting Chief Executive Officer as directed by Council at the Council Workshop dated Wednesday 1st February 2017 and furthermore that Council authorise the Acting Chief Executive Officer to sign the Deed of Settlement.*

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1962
5/0

GMCCS9.

Etheridge Shire Council – University Scholarship Program

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to award the 2017 Etheridge Shire Council University / Tertiary Scholarship to Mr. Karl Geiger.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1963
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GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Progress on the Water Reservoir
- Proposed upgrade to the Howlong Airstrip by the Terry family and possibility of seeking further funds to upgrade the Georgetown Airstrip to benefit the community

Cr Barnes

- Passing of Noeline Ikin and contribution to the compilation of stories and memoirs of Noeline on her time as a Councillor
- Possibility of Council to organise a charter bus to Noeline's funeral
- 'We are Here' Program

Cr Bethel

- Kidston beautification and upgrade to existing facilities, coordination with Kidston Progress Association

Cr Attwood

- Access to the graves behind the Mango Farm
- Discussion on the Release of Draft Protected Area Strategy from the Dept. of National Parks

Cr Devlin

- Gilbert River Project
- Condolences on Passing of Noeline Ikin

Opening of the Suggestion Box

- Upgrade to the shed/catering area at the Gregg Bethel Memorial Oval
- Placement of suggestion boxes at local businesses
- Feedback on the suggested change of shift

RESOLUTION:

That Council pass on their condolences to the family of Noeline Ikin.

MOVED: Cr Devlin

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1964
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CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 12:05pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 15 March 2017.

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