



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2017,
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

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ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr Norm Garsden, Chief Executive Officer
Mr David Munro, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Mr Jeff Bunt, Director of Engineering Services
Ms Anna Christensen, Executive Assistant
Mr Glen Hudson, Administration Officer

GALLERY

Mr Ian Carroll arrived to the Gallery at 1:19pm

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:00am.

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

There were no apologies or condolences.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting – Thursday 20 July 2017

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Thursday 20 July be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM2105
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel arrived at the meeting at 8:03am.

Business arising from Minutes – Thursday 20 July 2017

Cr Attwood

- Sought feedback from the Geotourism Meeting on the 26th of July
- Asked whether there had been any further communications with persons who made an offer on Lot 15 on SP 217469 at the previous meeting

Cr Barnes

- Correspondence from Katarina Keough regarding the request for assistance for Camp Cobbold

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Reports from Engineering Services, Childcare Centre and Terrestrial Centre were discussed together with the 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 2017 to 30 June 2018

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 July 2017.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2106
5/0

GMCCS2.

Etheridge Shire Council – Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to Section 211 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a draft of the local government's financial statements for the preceding financial year before the statements are certified and given to the auditor-general under section 212 must be presented to the Audit Committee.

Furthermore, in accordance with Section 212, a local government's general purpose financial statements and current-year financial sustainability statement for a financial year must be given to the auditor-general for auditing plus its local government's long-term financial sustainability statement for the financial year must be given to the auditor-general for information.

The financial statements must be given to the auditor-general by a date agreed between the chief executive officer and the auditor-general and furthermore the date agreed must allow the audit of the financial statements, and the auditor-general's audit report about the statements, to be completed no later than 4 months after the end of the financial year to which the statements relate.

Council has prepared the FYE 2017 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.

RESOLUTION:

That the Audit & Risk Management Committee:

Notes and receives the Officers Report and furthermore endorses Etheridge Shire Council's 2016/2017 Financial Statements for presenting to the Auditor General's (representative) and furthermore that Council has prepared the FYE 2017 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.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2107
5/0

GMCCS3.

Etheridge Shire Council – Audit & Risk Management Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 211(C) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, requires that as soon as practicable after a meeting of the Audit Committee, the Chief Executive Officer give the local government a written report about the matters reviewed at the meeting and the committee's recommendations about the matters.

Etheridge Shire Council's Audit & Risk Management Committee conducted a meeting at the Council Chambers on Tuesday 1st August 2017.

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 notes and receives the Officers Report and furthermore endorses Etheridge Shire Council's 2016/2017 Financial Statements for presenting to the Auditor General's (representative) and furthermore that Council has prepared the FYE 2017 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.*
- 2. That the Audit Committee notes and receives the contents of the 2016/2017 Interim Audit – Matters Arising from Councils external auditor Crowe Horwath and furthermore that the Audit Committee endorses Management initial responses to identified raised matters and furthermore notes the additional responses provided to Councils external auditor as at 24th July 2017.*
- 3. That the Audit & Risk Management Committee endorse the actions taken by staff to rectify the issues contained within the Stores & Inventory Management Review Audit and furthermore that the Audit & Risk Management Committee acknowledge the work that has been undertaken by Council's Finance Manager in improving this function of Council.*
- 4. That the Audit & Risk Management Committee endorse the actions taken by staff to rectify the issues contained within the Procurement & Contract Management Review Audit.*
- 5. That the Audit & Risk Management Committee recommends to Council for the continuation of the Audit & Risk Management Committee in accordance with Section 211 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 reconvening as of the 1st of September 2017.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2108
3/2

GMCCS4.

Proposed Recreational Area – Charleston Dam

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the past 3 years, Council has been progressing ahead with the “Design & Development” of the Charleston Dam located on the Delaney River approximately 6 km’s north of the Forsayth Township for the purpose of Water Security & Recreational use which will assist the Shire in its economic development strategies and initiatives.

To enable the design of the Recreational Area, Management is seeking a firm direction from Council as to the location of the Recreational Area within the Dam Footprint. It is envisaged that the Recreational Area will accommodate the following types of infrastructure:

- *Shelter Sheds + associated bench seating;*
- *Multi Sex disabled Toilet Facility;*
- *Car Parking & roads;*
- *Paths;*
- *Lighting;*
- *Wood fired barbeques;*
- *Playground equipment;*
- *Boat Ramp*
- *Interpretative Signage*

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to allocate and designate the area that adjoins the northern boundary of the Forsayth Cemetery as the Charleston Dam Recreational Area (as per the attached Map) and furthermore that Council request the Chief Executive Officer prepare the appropriate concept and design plans for the recreational area with the relevant budget estimates which is to be presented back to Council for final endorsement.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2109
5/0

GMCCS5.

Australia Day Awards for achievements gained in 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council would like to invite its communities to ‘celebrate what’s great about Australia’ in preparation for our Australia Day activities and events in 2018. To help us prepare nominations are now sought for Etheridge’s annual Australia Day Awards. Council invites your nomination of individuals and/or groups who have made significant contributions to their community, and the Etheridge region, in 2017.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Call nominations for 2018 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 8 December 2017 and Council determines the winners of the Awards at the General Meeting to be held Wednesday 20 December 2017.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2110
5/0

GMCCS6.

Etheridge Shire Council – University Scholarship Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the 2013/14 financial year Council introduced a University / Tertiary Scholarship program for the Etheridge Shire. Within the 2017/18 Budget Council has continued to sponsor and support this Scholarship Program.

This report is to seek the endorsement of the said policy and to confirm the opening and closing dates for the Scholarship.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Endorse the Etheridge Shire Council - University Scholarship Policy and furthermore commence advertising from the 1st September 2017 with a closing date being 12th January 2018.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2111
5/0

GMCCS7.

Works for Queensland (W4Q) 17-19

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from Director General of the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning advising Council that the Palaszczuk Government has announced another round of Work for Queensland funding.

A key objective of the 2017-19 total of \$200 million W4Q Program is to support councils outside of South East Queensland to support job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works.

At the last Council meeting dated 20 July 2017, Council resolved to submit an application under the W4Q program to construct a multipurpose sports facility, which is to be erected on land that adjoins the swimming pool complex located in Georgetown.

The identified land is owned by the State which needs to be transferred to Council as part of the funding conditions and guidelines for this program.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to purchase the allotments described as Lot(s) 28,29 & 30 on G1885 and Lot 7 on MPH22806 from the Department of Natural Resources & Mines.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2112
5/0

GMCCS8.

Consultation and request for feedback on the Land Protection Fund Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Local governments have a primary legislative function and responsibility to ensure that weeds and pests are managed in their local area.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) supports local governments and their local communities through its investment in weed and pest animal management policy, planning, research and regional services.

DAF allocates significant State government resources for pest management research, strategic control operations and technical services. Under current arrangements, funds are also collected as annual payments from local governments and deposited into the Land Protection Fund (LPF) in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 2014.

In response to local government requests for a new system, the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and DAF developed an Invasive Plants and Animals Co-investment Model that facilitates State and local government decision making about the use of the LPF and allows investment by other parties.

As part of their commitment to broad consultation, DAF has written to Council seeking Council's feedback on the draft report before Tuesday 5 September 2017.

Following this formal consultation period, Council's feedback will be incorporated into the report, the report will be finalised and provided to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries for his consideration.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Notes and receives the officers report and furthermore seeks further feedback on the matter.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2113
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS10.

Geotourism in the Etheridge Shire

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has recently been exploring options to expand the tourism industry in the Etheridge Shire to showcase the key geological features that cover the whole shire.

Council held its first Geotourism Advisory Committee meeting on the 26th of July. The committee is now looking for further direction from Council on matters discussed at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Resolve to endorse the minutes of the Geotourism Advisory Committee meeting held on the 26th of July, endorse option 2 presented to the committee at this meeting and furthermore acknowledge the work of the Geoscience and Mineral Heritage Reference Group to date and into the future.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2114
5/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 9.37am

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2115
5/0

Council suspended standing orders to present Shane Butler with a gift to acknowledge his 20 years' service to Etheridge Shire Council. Council also presented Warren Marlow with a certificate acknowledging 40 years' service to Etheridge Shire Council and 52 years to the Local Government Industry.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION:

That Council resume standing orders at 9:42am.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2116
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for morning tea at 9:43am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:00am.

GMCCS11.

121st LGAQ Annual Conference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year members of Council attend the LGAQ Conference in order to collaborate with Local Government bodies in Queensland on issues facing Councils around the State. This year the conference is being held in Gladstone from the 16th to the 18th of October.

The conference provides an opportunity for Councillors to create important networks with state government officials and other Councils across Queensland.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Resolve not to attend the LGAQ Conference being held in Gladstone.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2117
5/0

GMCCS12.

Proposed Corporate Plan Consultation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Meeting of 19 July endorsed the development of a Corporate Planning option to form the basis of consultation in the development of an updated Plan. A consultation plan has now been developed to facilitate the adoption of a new Plan by mid October 2017, to apply from 1 July 2018.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- *Undertake relevant field trips to inform the development of the Corporate Plan during September or October;*
- *Endorse the draft agenda for the workshop;*
- *Adopt the proposed consultation plan, with the view to closing consultation in early October and adopting the new Corporate Plan at the October 2017 meeting.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2118
5/0

GMCCS14.

Fencing – Gilbert River Cemetery Reserve

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from a resident offering to provide their services to install a fence around the Gilbert River Cemetery Reserve at no cost to Council subject to Council undertaking a survey of the said Reserve.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to accept the offer from Mr & Mrs Henry to install a fence around the Gilbert River Cemetery Reserve at no cost to Council and furthermore that Council arrange for the survey of Lot 3 on C8262.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2119
5/0

GMCCS17.

Development Application for:-

- a) *Material Change of Use – Code Assessment for Community Infrastructure (Water Supply, Dam); and*
- b) *Material Change of Use – Code Assessment for Sport & Recreation (Outdoor Recreation & Public Entertainment Facilities); and*
- c) *Operational Works*
On land described as: Lot 22 on AP22315, Lot(s) 19 & 20 on AP21258, Part of Lot 9 on GB82, Part of Lot 14 on GB105, Part of Lot 5306 on SP201262, Undescribed Lot containing Part of the Delaney River & Finnegan Creek & Road Reserve, Parish of Castleton, County of Gilbert

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Town Planning Report has been prepared by Etheridge Shire Council (the applicant), for the establishment of a dam on a site located on the Delaney River, via Forsayth.

The purpose of the dam is to provide:-

- a) *A secure and good quality water supply for both Forsayth and Georgetown; and*
- b) *Water based recreational facilities within the Shire of Etheridge for use by residents and visitors*

A Development permit is sought for a Material Change of Use - Code Assessment in accordance with the Shire of Etheridge Planning Scheme and includes the following elements:-

- a) *Material Change of Use - Code Assessment for Community Infrastructure (Water Supply Dam);*
- b) *Material Change of Use - Code Assessment for Sport and Recreation (Outdoor Recreation and Public Entertainment Facilities); and*
- c) *Operational Works*

This Town Planning Report addresses the Application and the merits upon which Council's support for the application is sought in terms of the relevant provisions of the Shire of Etheridge Planning Scheme (2005) in relation to the construction of a dam on Delaney River and located approximately 6km north from the Forsayth Township.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

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

An Application for a Development Permit:

- a) *Material Change of Use – Code Assessment for Community Infrastructure (Water Supply, Dam); and*
- b) *Material Change of Use – Code Assessment for Sport & Recreation (Outdoor Recreation & Public Entertainment Facilities); and*
- c) *Operational Works*

On land described as: Lot 22 on AP22315, Lot(s) 19 & 20 on AP21258, Part of Lot 9 on GB82, Part of Lot 14 on GB105, Part of Lot 5306 on SP201262, Undescribed Lot containing Part of the Delaney River & Finnegan Creek & Road Reserve, Parish of Castleton, County of Gilbert

Subject to conditions as setout below and included in Draft Decision Notice (Appendix A):

General:

- 1) *The development shall be undertaken substantially in accordance with the approved drawings and/or documents and in accordance with the specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council.*
- 2) *The conditions of the Development Permit must be affected prior to Commencement of Use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.*

Time and Effect:

- 1) *The Development Approval shall lapse four (4) years after the date the Development Approval takes effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 341 of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 and Section 3.5.21 of the Integrated Planning Act 1997.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2120
5/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 10.47am

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2121
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Anna Christensen and Glen Hudson left the room at 10:47am and returned after the lunch break at 1:19pm.

Cr Bethel left the room at 11:35am due to a potential material interest in item GMCCS16 dealing with related parties and returned at 11:41am.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

MOTION:

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

- **Draft Tender Specifications (Fencing & Clearing) Charleston Dam Reserve;**
- **Tender for Pest Animal and Weed Control (ESC2017-005);**
- **Administrative Action Complaint and Review;**
- **Offer to Purchase Lot 15 & 16 on SP217469 (Residential Estate – Georgetown)**
- **Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme update.**

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2122
5/0

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION:

That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 1:04pm

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2123
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourns for lunch at 1:05pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:19pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS9.

Draft Tender Specifications (Fencing & Clearing) Charleston Dam Reserve

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the General Meeting of Council dated 20th July 2017, Council resolved to call for tenders for the Clearing & Grubbing of the Inundation Area of the Charleston Dam and also call for tenders for clearing & fencing of the Reserve for the Charleston Dam.

Council has issued the tender for the Clearing & Grubbing which has a closing date being the 18th August 2017; however the tender for the fencing of the Reserve has yet to be issued as management is seeking additional information from Council before issuing this tender out to the public.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Request that a revised scope of works be developed and presented for Council endorsement.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2124
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS13.

Tender for Pest Animal and Weed Control (ESC2017-005)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tenders were invited for Pest Animal and Weed Control for 2 years (with an option of a further 1 year extension)

Two (2) submissions were received. Assessment of the Tenders has been undertaken in accordance with the guidelines of the Council Procurement Policy and Legislation, i.e.: Local Government Act 2009 Section

104 (3) in respect of sound contracting principles and in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 section 233.

The Assessment was undertaken by Norm Garsden, Chief Executive Officer, the Stores Supervisor declared a possible Conflict of Interest and took no part in the assessment of the tenders.

Tenders were assessed on the following:

1. Price (50%)
2. Experience (20%);
3. WH&S (20%)
4. Local Knowledge / Content (10%)

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Approve the 'Preferred Supplier Registers for 'Pest Animal and Weed Control Services established from the assessment of tenders received for ESC2017-005.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2125
5/0

GMCCS15.

Administrative Action Complaint and Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 268 of the Local Government Act requires Council to adopt a process for administrative action complaints. This is the report on the complaint that a tenderer was not given a 'local preference'.

The investigation suggests that sufficient evidence exists to show that the tender could have been considered for the local preference.

RESOLUTION:

That, following an Administrative Action review, Council:

- amend its Preferred Supplier's list;
- adopt the following guidance for determining the application of a 'local preference':
 - For an individual – any 3 of the following:
 - Official correspondence from a Government Department or entity showing a Etheridge Shire residential and postal address;
 - the address shown on a Drivers Licence;
 - their Electoral Role address; or
 - A copy of a rates notice or title search.
 - For a corporation or business – any 4 of the following:
 - Official correspondence from a Government Department or entity showing a Etheridge Shire postal address;
 - A copy of a rates notice or title search;
 - Address of Registered Office (ABN);
 - Address for plant registration (if applicable);
 - Involvement in Community (local references); or
 - Electoral details of all directors;
- ensure that future tenders include criteria to identify local suppliers.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2126
4/0

Cr Bethel abstained from voting on GMCCS15 due to a conflict of interest.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Bethel did not participate in discussion or vote on GMCCS16 due to a material personal interest dealing with related parties. Cr Bethel left the room at 11:35am and returned to the meeting at 11:41am.

GMCCS16.

Offer to Purchase Lot 15 & 16 on SP217469 (Residential Estate – Georgetown)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has developed “Residential Land” within the township of Georgetown which went to Public Auction on the 24 September 2011. Council can now deal with offers from the public on a case by case basis after the Auction date which is in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, subject to the offer being higher than the Auction Bid on the day of the said Auction.

Council has received a written offer to purchase allotment being Lot 15 & 16 on SP217469.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to seek confirmation from the original offerer as to their intention on Lot 15 on SP217469 and furthermore authorize the Chief Executive Officer to complete the sale accepting the second offer received if the original offerer does not wish to make an acceptable offer on the allotment within 7 days.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2127
4/0

GMCCS18.

Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the last report a draft submission to the Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline Program (MIPP) is close to completion; subject to key landholder participation being confirmed.

Mapping work has been completed to provide more concrete information on the distribution of arable land and properties affected. More mapping work is currently happening.

A strategy workshop was conducted to further refine the infrastructure requirements of the project, enterprise mix and land division. This work drives further development of the business model and case. The workshop included QDAF representatives, Principal Consultant, Greg Stanford, CEO Norm Garsden, the Mayor and the Gilbert River Project Officer.

An initial key landholder information session is scheduled for Thursday, Aug 17 to present the project proposal to those landholders directly affected by the scheme. The outcome of this day will provide input to the MIPP submission.

The Mayor and Project Officer attended a Queensland Treasury Corporation information session in Mareeba and lobbied QTC upper management on the project.

A meeting with the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP) is scheduled in Cairns in the next two weeks. This meeting is expected to coincide with the submission to the MIPP.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:
Continue to support the project.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2128
4/0

Cr Bethel did not vote on this matter due to a potential material personal interest (land ownership in the Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme area).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Conditions of the catering shed at the Gregg Bethel Memorial Oval
- Purchase of shade structures with Etheridge Shire Council logo for advertising and the availability for community use

Cr Bethel

- Gilbert River Community Fire Shed
- Queried the requirement of a drum roller required for flood damage

Cr Attwood

- Reported on his attendance at the Gulf Cattleman's Association and Northern Gulf Resource Management Group meeting at Chillagoe
- Presented a letter from Gulf Cattleman's Association requesting support for the Beef Up Forum
- Gulf Cattleman's Association request to have a display at the Terrestrial Centre exhibiting the beef industry

RESOLUTION:

That Council supports the Beef Up Showcase to the value of a bronze sponsorship.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2129
5/0

RESOLUTION:

Request the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the expression of interest from the Gulf Cattleman's Association to utilise a grant the association received.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2130
5/0

Cr Devlin

- Request for the Chief Executive Officer to contact Alan Curtain regarding an AM radio service
- Tour of Forsayth and Georgetown Health Clinics with Clive Skarrott from the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital Health Board and discussions on services that the Shire does not receive

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 2:01pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 20th September 2017.

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DATE