



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2018,
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 Michael Brookes, Works Manager
Ms Anna Christensen, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

* Cr Barnes attended the meeting via a teleconference, pursuant to section 276 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Council resolution No. 2017GM2193.

*Cr Devlin and Mr Norm Garsden attended the meeting via teleconference 276 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

GALLERY

Ms Annette Bathurst and Mr Ben Hoolihan

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.

DECLARATIONS

Cr Gallagher declared a possible conflict of interest on *GMCCS3 – Gilbert River Irrigation Project* due to members of his family living on property situated along the Gilbert River.

Cr Bethel declared a material personal interest on *GMCCS3 – Gilbert River Irrigation Project* due to his ownership of land situated along the Gilbert River and his family owning land situated along the Gilbert River.

Cr Attwood declared a material personal interest on *GMCCS7 - Notice of Change Representations under S.75 of the Planning Act 2016 for a Development Application: Material Change of Use – Code Assessment for Community Infrastructure (Renewable Energy Facility – 270MW Solar Farm) and Associated Infrastructure on Land described as part of Lot 66 on SP258871* due to owning Shares in Genex.

APOLOGIES AND CONDOLENCES

That Council pass on their Sincere Condolences to the family of Mr Geoff Carrick of Maitland Station.

Council congratulated Mrs Terry Ann Cranwell on her being recognised in the Queen's Birthday honors for service to parliament and politics in Queensland and to women in rural and regional communities and requested that Council send a congratulatory letter to Terry Ann.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting – Wednesday 16 May 2018

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 16 May 2018 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2342
5/0

General Meeting – Thursday 6 June 2018

RESOLUTION:

That the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held at Georgetown on the 6th Of June be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2343
5/0

Business arising from Minutes – Wednesday 16 May 2018

Cr Gallagher

- Discussed the industrial area and associated items

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Discussions regarding reports from Engineering Services, Childcare Centre and Terrestrial Centre.
Action Taken List from previous meetings.

Business arising from Information Bulletin

Mayor

- Queried the Works Manager on the progress of works on the Hann Highway

Cr Attwood

- Brought up the Biosecurity Plan discussions at the recent FNQROC meeting and the discussion surrounding making a state wide law on some weeds, Cr Attwood informed Council that there was a decision to make an application for a By-Law made at the meeting
- Discussed the letter regarding the cancellation of the Peace Day Picnic for this year

Cr Gallagher

- Discussed the slashing and possibility to poison and trimming around guide posts prior to slashing occurring
 - o Mr Michael Brookes discussed the new Wet and Dry Hire tenders and the requirement for this to occur in the contracts for slashing

- o Council requested that the Works Manager arrange for tidy up and poisoning of guide posts occur prior to slashing

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Notice of Application - Gorge Creek Weir

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An application has been made to interfere with the flow of water in Gorge Creek by impounding water on land described as Lot 2 on PY24. The maximum volume of water stored at full supply level is not expected to exceed 2.02 megalitres and the maximum height of impounded water at full supply level is not to exceed 0.4 metres above the natural bed level at the downstream limit of the impoundment. The impoundment is located in the Gorge Creek Station.

As Council is aware, the water impounded in the current weir backs up onto the constructed Dulthara Road creek crossing and has been the subject of a number of complaints from residents and other road users attempting to travel the road following the wet season.

Council has the opportunity to make a submission to the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy in respect to this application.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. *Make a submission to the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy objecting to the application and seeking the removal of the existing structure.*
2. *Advise the Department that should the Dam be redesigned to ensure the water does not impact on Council's road that Council will withdraw its objections.*

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2344
5/0

GMES1.

Installation of a Direction Sign at Einasleigh

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During General Business at the Council Meeting held on 18 May 2018 a request was made for the installation of a large sign at Einasleigh displaying directions to Forsayth, Georgetown and Cobbold Gorge.

A Proof and Quotation was sourced from Artcraft Pty Ltd.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to approve the installation of the sign at Einasleigh directing traffic to Georgetown and Forsayth and furthermore request the Works Manager review the current signage in the Shire.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2345
5/0

GMES2.

NDRRA Submission Severe Tropical Cyclone NORA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The submission has been completed for the Severe Tropical Cyclone NORA Event and associated heavy rainfall and flooding that occurred on the 24 – 29 March 2018

The submission has been presented as Submission 1 and Submission 2 with values being for the work only and not allowing for contingencies.

RESOLUTION

That Council note and receive the Officers report.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2346
5/0

GMCCS2.

National Heavy Regulator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) has approached Council to seek consent to continue access on existing B-double networks and general access arrangements for B-doubles in the Council area. If the NHVR does not receive consent, these oversized vehicles will no longer be able to lawfully drive on the roads within the Etheridge Shire.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Give its consent to confirm the transition of the following B-double networks:

- A B-double up to 19m in length which meets the general access axle spacing mass limits requirements (Table 1 in section 8 of the new National Notice) may use all roads in Queensland with a gross mass of up to 50 tonnes.
- For a B-double satisfying above item (1), the gross mass limit is increased by 0.5 tonne if the steer axle is eligible for the 0.5t steer axle mass exception.
- For a B-double satisfying above item (1) or (2), the gross mass limit is increased by a further 1 tonne if the vehicle / operator meet eligibility requirements for Concessional Mass Limits (CML).
- A B-double that is up to 23m long may access the Queensland 23m B-double network as outlined in the Multi-combination Routes:
- A B-double that is up to 26m long may access the Queensland 25m B-double network as outlined in the Multi-combination Routes.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2347
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ATTENDANCE

Members of the gallery left the meeting at 8:44am and returned at 8:51am.

Cr Bethel left the meeting at 8:44am and returned at 8:51am.

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Cr Bethel declared a material personal interest on GMCCS3 due to owning land situated on the Gilbert River and left the room at 8:45am. Cr Bethel was not present for discussions on GMCCS3 and did not vote on this matter. Cr Bethel returned to the meeting after voting at 8:51 am.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Gallagher declared a conflict of interest on GMCCS3 due to members of his family owning land situated along the Gilbert River. Cr Gallagher was present during discussions on GMCCS3 however the report content was not considered as Council decided to lay the matter on the table until legal advice is gained on how to proceed with Councillor Conflicts of Interest and Material Personal Interests in relation to the matters canvassed in the report.

GMCCS3.

Gilbert River Irrigation Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Funding applications have been submitted under Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline Program stage 2 (MIPP2) and Regional Growth Fund. No feedback has been received to date; however, QDAF staff visited Georgetown in early June to discuss opportunities around potential investment in crop agriculture from the JCN Group, a large Brazilian agribusiness company, demonstrating continued Government interest in the project.

The Mayor and the Project Officer attended a roundtable meeting with FNQ Council Mayors and Sunwater in Mareeba. The meeting was convened by Nick Trompf from Advance Cairns and Allan Dale from the Cairns Institute to inform and update Sunwater about large water infrastructure projects currently in the pipeline in Far North Queensland.

The Mayor, CEO and Project Officer will attend the Northern Australia Development Conference scheduled for June 18-19, 2018 to continue to promote awareness of Council's proposal.

A further meeting will occur with the Cooperative Research Centre Northern Australia (CRCNA) in Townsville on Monday, July 9 2018 to discuss a collaborative multi-proponent approach to research and development in Northern Australia around crop agriculture.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to lay this matter on the table until a clearer indication of Conflicts of Interests and Material Personal Interests is determined in relation to this matter as it affects Councillors.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2348
4/0

Cr Bethel did not participate in discussion and was not present for voting on this matter.

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

The Mayor and Cr Gallagher each raised possible material personal interests in the proposed car parking in St George Street as each owns and operates a business that may benefit from the carpark.

Cr Bethel also raised a possible material personal interest in the proposed car parking in St George Street as he holds an interest in land situated in proximity to the location for the proposed car park.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Attwood disclosed that he is a member and licensee of the Georgetown Golf Club and therefore could have a possible conflict of interest in relation to the St George Street car park.

GMES3.

St George Street Tourist Parking

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the 18 May 2016 General Council Meeting it was resolved to establish off street parking for tourist vehicles for day use only.

Due to staff changes over the two year period progress on this resolution has been minimal.

Investigation into this proposal has deemed it necessary to have the area surveyed to ensure that the proposed parking area does not encroach on private land.

An application is also required to be completed with the Department of Main Roads for any changes to the driveways.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to lay this matter on the table until a clearer indication of Conflicts of Interests and Material Personal Interests is determined in relation to this matter as it affects Councillors.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2349
5/0

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Cr Bethel declared a material personal interest on GMCCS4 due to his interests in the land being discussed and left the room at 8:56am. Cr Bethel was not present for discussions on GMCCS4 and did not vote on this matter. Cr Bethel returned to the meeting after voting at 9:00am.

GMCCS4.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION:

Reconfiguration of Allotment(s) – Code Assessment for Reconfiguring a Lot Code(Reconfiguring five (5) allotments into three (3) allotments on land described as Lot(s) 114, 125 & 126 on G1884 and Lot(s) 1 & 2 on SP134365 (22-24 St George Street, Georgetown & 17-23 Low Street, Georgetown)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ausnorth Consultants has prepared this planning report on behalf of Mr & Mrs B Burton being the registered owners of the subject allotments Lot(s) 114, 125 & 126 on G1884 and Lot(s) 1 & 2 on SP134365 with respect to the proposed development application.

This Development Application is seeking the approval to reconfigure five (5) allotments into three (3) allotments by the creation of three (3) purpose designed mixed commercial/industrial zoned allotments which better reflects the existing forms of land use whilst creating the land titling/registration basis for better management of the three (3) existing properties thereby promoting more rationally effective forms of urban land use in the township of Georgetown.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

In accordance with Section 63(2) of the Planning Act 2016, resolve to approve a Development Application for:

- (i) Application for a Development Permit for a Reconfigure of Allotment – Code Assessment for Reconfiguring a Lot Code (Reconfiguring five (5) allotments into three (3) allotments) on land described as Lot(s) 114, 125 & 126 on G1884 and Lot(s) 1 & 2 on SP134365 (22-24 St George Street, Georgetown & 17-23 Low Street, Georgetown) and*
- (ii) Subject the conditions as set out below and included in the Decision Notice Approval:*

1. ADMINISTRATION

- The Developer and his employee, agent, contractor or invitee is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this development approval.*
- Where these Conditions refer to “Council” in relation to requiring Council to approve or to be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by the Council.*
- All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed:*
 - to Council’s satisfaction;*
 - at no cost to Council.*
- 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.*
- The conditions of the Development Permit must be affected prior to Commencement of Use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.*

2. TIME AND EFFECT

- The Development Approval shall lapse six (6) years after the date the Development Approval takes effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Planning Act 2016.*

3. APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

- The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by any condition of this development approval:*

<u>Plan / Document Name</u>	<u>Plan / Document Reference</u>	<u>Dated</u>
<i>Subdivision Proposal Plan</i>	<i>18014/ROL/01</i>	<i>17 April 2018</i>
<i>Feature As Constructed Survey</i>	<i>18014/DTM/01</i>	<i>17 April 2018</i>
<i>ESC Zone Map 3 Overlay</i>	<i>18014/ZON/01</i>	<i>17 April 2018</i>

- Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this development approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of this development approval must prevail.*

- *Where conditions require the above plans or documents to be amended, the revised document(s) must be submitted for approval by Council prior to the submission of an application for Survey Plan Endorsement.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2350
4/0

Cr Bethel did not participate in discussion and was not present for voting on this matter.

GMCCS5.

Management of the Einasleigh Town Common

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been trustee of the land commonly known as the Einasleigh Common which takes into account several different allotments and reserve tenures.

In 2013, Council resolved to place the management of the Einasleigh Common out for Tender for an agreed term of five (5) years. This management agreement expires as at 30th June 2018.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and furthermore that Council resolve to lay this matter on the table until the next Council meeting and furthermore hold a Community Consultation Meeting in Einasleigh regarding the future management of the Town Common.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2351
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Members of the gallery left the meeting at 9:19am.

GMCCS6.

Request to Lease Land – Mt Surprise Township

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received an application from a resident in Mt Surprise seeking to lease an area of land from Council to run cattle and to store additional earthmoving equipment upon it.

Council is trustee for the land and can enter into a Trustee Lease with an individual / company subject to the use being consistent with the Reserve Tenure and subject to Ministerial approval.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Note and receive the Officers report and furthermore that Council defer entering into any lease arrangements until Council receives it offer from the Department of Natural Resources & Mines regarding the purchase of several areas within the Mt Surprise Township and furthermore that Council undertake community consultation with the Mt Surprise residents in relation to the area of land that Council has under its Trusteeship to determine the best outcome for the community.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2352
5/0

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Cr Attwood declared a material personal interest on GMCCS7 due to holding shares in Genex and left the room at 9:22am. Cr Attwood was not present for discussions on GMCCS7 and did not vote on this matter. Cr Attwood returned to the meeting after voting at 9:34am.

GMCCS7.

Notice of Change Representations under S.75 of the Planning Act 2016 for a Development Application: Material Change of Use – Code Assessment for Community Infrastructure (Renewable Energy Facility – 270MW Solar Farm) and Associated Infrastructure on Land described as part of Lot 66 on SP258871

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (AECOM) submitted a planning report on behalf of Genex Power Limited (the Applicant) to provide supporting information for a development application for the proposed Kidston Solar Farm Stage 2 (the Project). This development application sought a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use (Community Infrastructure / 'Renewable Energy Facility') under the Planning Act 2016.

The Project proposed to develop a 270 MW solar farm and associated ancillary infrastructure on Lot 66 SP258871 (the Project site). The Project site is located directly adjacent the Kidston Mine site, in the vicinity of the Kidston Township within Etheridge Shire Council Local Government Area. The Project represents the second stage of the Kidston Renewable Energy Hub being developed by Genex utilising the closed Kidston Mine site.

Council received the Development Application as at 21st December 2017 and issued the applicant with a Confirmation Notice on the 15th January 2018 and subsequently approved the Development Application at Councils General Meeting dated 21st March 2018.

The applicant has issued Council with a notice under S.75 of the Planning Act to seek changes under the conditions placed upon the applicant by Council. (Notice of Change Representations)

RESOLUTION

That Council:

In accordance with Section 76(3) of the Planning Act 2016, resolve to approve the Development Application in accordance with S.75 of the Planning Act for (Notice of Change Representations):

(iii) A Development Permit for a Material Change of Use – Code Assessment for Community Infrastructure (Renewable Energy Facility – Solar Farm) and Associated Infrastructure on land described as Part of Lot 66 on SP258871 situated along the Kidston-Gilberton Road, Kidston; and

(iv) Subject to the conditions as set out below and included in the Negotiated Decision Notice Approval:

4. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 The Developer and his employee, agent, contractor or invitee is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this development approval.

1.2 Where these Conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or to be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by the Council.

1.3 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed:

- 1.3.1 to Council's satisfaction;**
- 1.3.2 at no cost to Council.**

1.4 The following further Development Permits must be obtained prior to the commencement of any works associated with their purposes:

- 1.4.1 Building Works**
- 1.4.2 Plumbing & Drainage Works**

1.5 The development shall be undertaken generally 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.

1.6 The conditions of the Development Permit must be affected prior to Commencement of Use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.

1.7 The developer shall be responsible for securing a permanent and ongoing water supply for the development.

1.8 The Applicant shall liaise with and comply with any requirements that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) may require in relation to this development. The Applicant shall provide council copies of any agreements and/or conditions which CASA determine necessary for this development.

5. TIME AND EFFECT

2.1 The Development Approval shall lapse six (6) years after the date the Development Approval takes effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Planning Act 2016.

6. APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

3.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by any condition of this development approval:

<u>Plan / Document Name</u>	<u>Plan / Document Reference</u>	<u>Dated</u>
Location Plan - Figure 2	Figure 2	21 December 2017
Developable Area Plan - Figure 3	Figure 3	21 December 2017
Developable Area Plan - Figure 4	Figure 4	21 December 2017

3.2 Where conditions require the above plans or documents to be amended, the revised document(s) must be submitted for approval by Council.

7. WASTE MANAGEMENT

4.1 Construction Waste¹ generated during the construction of the Project will be required to be Transported to Townsville or to an alternative landfill site outside of the Etheridge Shire area that has the capacity to meet the volume of Construction Waste which is in line with the Applicants Development Report, page 14, Clause 4.4.5.

4.2 The Applicant will be required to transport and dispose of all Commercial Waste² from the Development Site as a result of the activities generated from this Development to an alternative Landfill Site outside of the Etheridge Shire area that has the capacity to meet the volume of Commercial Waste (i.e. Townsville) as the Waste Facility (landfill) located in the Township of

¹ "Construction waste" means any substance, matter or thing which is generated as a result of construction work and abandoned whether or not it has been processed or stockpiled before being abandoned.

² Commercial waste consists of waste from premises used mainly for the purposes of a trade or business or for the purpose of sport, recreation, education or entertainment, but excluding household, agricultural or industrial waste.

Einisleigh does not have the capacity to meet the estimated increase in volume of Commercial Waste that is to be generated during the construction phase of this development and furthermore Councils current ERA Permit (EPR00239313) has limitations on Council as to the amount of the yearly volume of waste that can be disposed of within Council's four (4) licenced Landfill Facilities.

8. BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT

5.1 The Applicant shall ensure the solar farm infrastructure will be designed and constructed to ensure that it is not susceptible to damage from bushfire.

5.2 A Bushfire Management Plan will be prepared in accordance with Part E (4) of State Planning Policy (July 2017) - Assessment Benchmarks – natural hazards, risk and resilience to the satisfaction of Council's Delegated officer.

5.3 The approved use shall comply with the requirements of the Bushfire Management Plan at all times.

5.4 The Applicant shall ensure that the development can be accessed by the Rural Fire Service & Emergency Management Personnel in the event of bushfire, to the satisfaction of that organization.

9. SERVICES

6.1 The Applicant shall be responsible for the cost of necessary alterations to existing public utility mains, services or installations required by works in relation to the proposed development or any works required by condition(s) of this approval.

10. ROADS – INTERNAL (ACCESS ROADS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY)

7.1 The Applicant shall ensure where practicable access and movement within the site/s shall be sited during the period of construction and for the life of the project. The design shall minimize cut and fill, road drainage and soil erosion and interference with natural drainage lines. Care should also be taken to minimise impacts on visual and landscape values and environmentally sensitive areas with final design to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer prior to construction.

11. ROADS – EXTERNAL (GILBERTON ROAD)

8.1 The Developer is to enter into a Road Use Deed of Agreement with Council whereby the Road Use Deed Agreement outlines the agreed activities pertaining to Road and Bridge Assessment requirements under Section 3 of the Agreement; Upgrades or Repairs to Roads and Bridges contained under Section 4 of the Agreement and Road Improvement Works as outlined under Section 5 of the Agreement.

12. DECOMMISSIONING OF THE SITE

1.1 Prior to the commencement of decommissioning, the Applicant will provide a Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan to Council for approval.

ADVISORY CONDITIONS

- 1. The applicant shall adhere to and acknowledge the conditions as outlined within the Department of Natural Resources & Mines letter dated 7th December 2017³ in relation to Owners Consent.**

The Department has granted Owners Consent to the Development Application for a Material Change of Use on Part of Lot 66 on SP258871, Gilberton Road, Einisleigh currently held as GHPL 0/237820 by Mr. Owen Arthur Campbell for the purpose of construction of a 270MW Solar Farm and ancillary structures (Renewable Energy Facility)

³ Letter attached within Development Application under Attachment 5 – Part 1 – Owners Consent

The applicant will only be able to occupy or undertake works on the land:

- *Once the Department's Offer of Freehold tenure has been finalised and any necessary approvals under the Land Act have been obtained and that Freehold Tenure is in place; and*
- *Once the Sub-Lease over part of the Freehold Tenure between the owner and Genex Power Limited has been registered; and*
- *If and when the Development Application has been approved by the Assessment Manager, and in accordance with the conditions of that approval.*

2. The Road Use Deed Agreement may need to reviewed and or amended by Council (Assessment Manager) in the event that the Developer lodges any future Development Applications pertaining to the development and construction works associated with future Stages of the Kidston Renewable Energy Hub Project.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2352
4/0

Cr Attwood did not participate in discussion and was not present for voting on this matter.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel left the room at 9:33am to ask Cr Attwood to enter back in the room, both Councillors returned at 9:34am.

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

The Mayor and Cr Gallagher each raised possible material personal interests in Item GMCCS8 as each owns and operates a business that may benefit from the carpark.

GMCCS8.

Economic Stimulus Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consultation has occurred with some local businesses in Georgetown to gauge the local interest and support in promoting a shire wide buy local campaign.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore endorses the Chief Executive Officers actions to date.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2353
5/0

GMCCS9.

Recording of Council meetings

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council at its meeting of 21 May 2018 discussed an option to record council meetings, before resolving that a report be prepared on the recording of General Meetings in a more thorough method. This report is prepared in response to that discussion and decision.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a further report with options of amended Meeting Report and Minute templates (to include the reasons for recommendations) to be tabled at the next Council meeting.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2354
5/0

GMCCS10.

Northern Alliance of Councils Inc. 2018 Conference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Northern Alliance of Councils Inc (formerly North Queensland Local Government Association) is holding a conference in Ingham from the 21st to the 23rd of August 2018. The conference will replace the NQLGA Conference that previously has been held annually.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 21st and Conference Motions will be considered at this meeting. Conference motions must be submitted by the 22nd of June. There is also a request to submit Council's interest in hosting future conferences of the Northern Alliance of Councils Inc.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Not register interest in hosting future conferences and furthermore request the Chief Executive Officer to submit the following motions to the Northern Alliance of Councils Inc. Conference 2018:

- 1. Gulf Development Road Upgrade;*
- 2. Support of the Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme;*
- 3. State entities to abide by the Biosecurity Plan.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2355
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mr Michael Brookes, Works Manager left the room at 10:05am and returned at 10:06am.

GMCCS11.

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 May 2018.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2356
5/0

GMCCS12.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 195 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council must appoint a qualified person to act as the chief executive officer during any period, or all periods, when the chief executive officer is absent from duty or cannot, for another reason, perform the chief executive officer's responsibilities.

The Chief Executive Officer will be on annual leave from the 2nd July 2018 to 6th July 2018 and the 20th August 2018 to 31st August 2018.

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 2nd July 2018 to 6th July 2018 and 20th August 2018 to 31st August 2018.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2357
5/0

GMCCS13.

Matters of Attention – Etheridge Shire Council 2017|2018 Interim Audit

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The interim audit for Etheridge Shire Council has been completed for the financial year ending 30th June 2018.

The Interim Audit involves a detailed assessment of the controls that are currently being utilised within the operation of Council not just the financial side of Council, the auditors look at Governance, IT, Stores, Policies, Minutes, Payroll, Rates, Human Resources, Procurement, Revenue & Expenditure, Grants & Subsidies, Internal Controls and Risk and identify any weaknesses which may pose a risk to Council or which may affect the financial statements.

At this stage of the process Council's auditors have indicated that they are satisfied with Council's operations based on the sample audit conducted to date.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Receives and notes the contents of the 2017/2018 Interim Audit – Matters Arising from Councils external auditor Crowe Horwath and furthermore that Council endorses Management responses to identified raised matters.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2358
5/0

GMCCS14.

Chapter 5A of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008 & Section 7 of the Waste Reduction & Recycling Regulation 2011

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 16 May 2018, Council proposed to adopt Local Law No. 6 (Waste Management) 2018 ("proposed Local Law").

Council sought public comments on the proposed Local Law and completed the State Interest Check process required under section 29A of the Local Government Act 2009 ("the Act").

Following that process, the proposed Local Law was finalised with some amendments. The proposed Local Law as amended is annexed to this Report as Annexure 2.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve the following:

- (a) to approve the anti-competitive provisions review for Local Law No. 6 (Waste Management) 2018, and is content that public consultation and consultation with the State has occurred in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009;*
- (b) pursuant to section 29(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 ("the Act"), to adopt Local Law No. 6 (Waste Management) 2018 in the format considered at Council's meeting ("the New Local Law");*
- (c) to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take all steps necessary to publish the New Local Law in accordance with section 29B of the Act."*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2359
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Attwood left the meeting at 10:17am and returned at 10:18am.

GMCCS15.

Building our Regions Round 4 (EOI) - Planning for the Future Upgrade to the Terrestrial Building

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) application to the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure & Planning under Round 4 of Building Our Regions Fund for the expansion and upgrade of the Terrestrial Building. The funding under the round 4 is a two tier process with the first process being to submit an EOI to the Department and if approved Council will proceed to the second stage of submitting a full application to the Department which will need to incorporate designs, costings, Business Plan / Case.

Management is seeking input from Council as to how they would like to design the expansion to the building.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report and furthermore that Council undertake a workshop to scope the proposed upgrade to allow sufficient time for Management to obtain quotes, designs and timeframes in relation to the future expansion and upgrade to the Terrestrial Centre.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2360
5/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 10:20am.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2361
5/0

CLOSURE OF MEETING

MOTION:

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

- *Plant Maintenance.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2362
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Ms Anna Christensen, Executive Assistant left the meeting at 10:21am and returned at 10:33am.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 10:33am.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2363
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS16.

Plant Maintenance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the past six months, Council has focused its efforts to maximise the use of Council plant and optimize the use of contractor plant. To achieve this objective, a need to move from reactive to proactive maintenance is required. This change requires a totally different way of thinking, executing, and managing asset reliability. When designed, implemented, and managed effectively the result of proactive maintenance is optimal asset reliability at optimal cost.

In a reactive organization the difference in maintenance cost as a percentage of a replacement of asset value (RAV) are not easily understood or managed, but in a reactive organization maintenance cost, as a % of RAV, could be as high as 17.8%, a proactive organization maintenance cost can be as low as 1.4%. As maintenance cost goes down production output and quality goes up.

From a risk management perspective, the reduction of the number and severity of breakdowns will result in a more efficient use of existing plant and reduced costs. This will also increase utilization of equipment, reduce maintenance costs and increase reliability.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to:

- *Pursue a proactive maintenance program;*
- *Recruit a Senior diesel fitter / mechanic position in the workshop;*
- *Review the classifications of the Diesel Fitters / Mechanics.*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED

Cr Bethel did not vote on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10:39am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:57am.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Discussed the Georgetown Communities request for the Georgetown Community Consultation Meeting to be moved to after work hours to increase attendance
 - o Due to the clash of the Georgetown Community Consultation Meeting and the Georgetown Rodeo Street Parade it was decided that the meeting would remain the same with a request for the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report on this issue
- Brought up the issue of Wireless Radio connection issues in Forsyth and queried whether Council can assist with these issues
 - o The Mayor requested that a report be prepared by the IT Officer regarding this issue
- Discussed the upcoming 150 year anniversary of Georgetown's settlement and requested that thought and discussions begin for this celebration
 - o Council requested that this be added to the Agenda for the Community Consultation meetings
- Discussed the letter received from the Georgetown 'Mums Group' regarding the safety issues of the Playground in Georgetown including Khaki Burrs and the issue of having no fence
 - o Mr. David Munro discussed the inclusion of this in the 2018/19 Budget for Heritage Park

Cr Bethel

- NIL

Cr Attwood

- Discussed some of the items at the FNQROC Meetings including the Waste Management Levy and a presentation from the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital Board.
- Discussed the FNQ RRTG Meeting and his discussions at this meeting including:
 - o TIDS Funding and his request for this to be done on calendar year rather than Financial Year;
 - o The Road Safety issue on our Main Roads and installation of giveaway signs on all narrow crossings;
 - o FNQRRTG TC meetings - the low attendance by Councils and it was mentioned that the new Engineer would attend the next meeting scheduled for July.

Cr Barnes

- Discussed the water pigging and suggested that more notice be given to residents before this occurs in the future

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- Council suggested to do water pigging in the tourist off season and when major events are not being held in town

Cr Devlin

- Discussed the TIDS funding and Council's placement in line for excess funding

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 11:25am.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 18 July 2018.

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