



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD

ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2019,

COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

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ATTENDANCE

Crs W Devlin, W Bethel, W Attwood, E Loudon, & T Gallagher

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr David Munro, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Ian Kuhn, Director Corporate and Community Services
Miss Sydney Ryan, Administration Officer

GALLERY

Mr. Ian Carroll attended the Gallery

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:00 am and welcomed all in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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

Councillors discussed making declarations prior to each agenda item and agreed that this will be the best way forward.

APOLOGIES AND CONDOLENCES

NIL

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 19 June 2019

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 21 August, 2019 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2726
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NIL

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Discussions regarding reports from the Chief Executive Officer, Engineering Services, Childcare Centre, Gilbert River Project Officer and the Terrestrial Centre and the Action Taken List from previous General Meetings.

Business arising from the Information Bulletin

Cr Attwood –

- Made note that each manager has provided a report for the Information Bulletin.
- Revisited some of the concepts discussed at the Oak Park Community Consultation Meeting. Specifically the discussions regarding the upgrade to the Terrestrial Centre as it was suggested that rather than enclose the existing building, that Council should consider adding to the existing structure.
- Made note of the FNQROC report regarding funding to the road system between Normanton and Burketown rather than on the Gulf Development Road.

Cr Loudon –

- Stated that constructing a new building rather than upgrading the current Terrestrial building could be beneficial if works fall behind schedule.

Cr Bethel –

- Suggested that in order to get traction behind the Transit Program that an independent lobby group needs to be formed.
- Requested more information on the works to be completed on the Oak Park - Bagstowe Road and suggested that Council complete a dust seal on the road.

Mayor –

- Discussed the Gulf Water Resource Plan.
- Requested an update from the Chief Executive Officer on the installation of the Radio Station within the Shire.
- Requested an update on the Multi-Purpose Sports Centre.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Uneath Etheridge Television Campaign

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the August General Meeting, Council requested some minor changes be made to the Uneath Etheridge television commercials prior to the final approval taking place in September. The specified changes have been made and this report requests the final approval in conjunction with providing options for scheduling the television campaign.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and furthermore that Council requests additional pricing on increasing the volume of views for the television adverts and furthermore include more events held in the Etheridge Shire for example the Oak Park Races and furthermore a report be brought back to Council to include an update of the pricing and view times and furthermore that:

- a) Council endorses the distribution of the Uneath footage to Tropical Tablelands Tourism to utilise in their future campaign to promote the Etheridge Shire as one of the gateway regions to the Atherton Tablelands; and*
- b) Council endorses the distribution of the Uneath footage to Etheridge Shire Tourism Operators to use via their social media channels.*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2727
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

- Previous commercials have been updated to show the Uneath Etheridge branding.
- Seven Affiliate Sales can continuously tailor our campaign to the target audience (over 55+ in QLD, NSW & VIC) and provides robust data regarding what shows those audiences consistently watch.
- Tropical Tablelands Tourism has offered to include Etheridge footage in their upcoming campaign free of charge and assist with driving traffic to the Uneath Etheridge webpage.

GMCCS2.

Draft Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme (the proposed planning scheme) under section 18 of the Planning Act 2016 (the Act)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The preparation of the draft Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme has been informed by the State Planning Policy, Etheridge Shire Council's corporate and community plans, the regulated requirements, and guidance material produced by the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning.

It has also been informed by early consultation and engagement with traditional owners, primarily through the Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation and the North Queensland Land Council. Initial consultation with some state agencies has further informed the scheme. These include:

- *Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning*
- *Department of Environment and Science*
- *Department of Transport and Main Roads*
- *Department of Natural Resources, Mine and Energy*
- *Department of Agriculture and Fisheries*
- *Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.*

RESOLUTION:

- 1. Resolve to make the Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme (the proposed planning scheme) under section 18 of the Planning Act 2016 (the Act)***
- 2. Pursuant to step 3 of stage 2 of the prescribed process (issued by the Director General of the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning on 11 April 2018), send the state government a copy of the proposed planning scheme (Attachment A), submitted on file and the reports and statements as outlined in step 3 of stage 2 of the prescribed process and provide notice to the Director General of the of the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning to request commencement of the state interest review***
- 3. Directs, pursuant to step 8 of stage 2 of the prescribed process, that public consultation of the proposed planning scheme be undertaken in accordance with the community engagement strategy***
- 4. That Council endorse the Natural Hazard Risk Assessment Report, acknowledges the risks and risks mitigation measures identified in the report and resolves to accept the residual risks arising from the natural hazard mapping and related provisions in the proposed planning scheme.***

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2728
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

The draft Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme fulfils the requirements of section 16(1) and 16(2) of the *Planning Act 2016*, as it:

- identifies strategic outcomes for the local government area (in Part 3 – Strategic Framework)
- includes measures that facilitate the achievement of the strategic outcomes (Part 4 – Tables of assessment, Part 5 – Zones, Part 6 – Development codes, Schedule 2 – Mapping, Schedule 3 – Local heritage register and Schedule 4 – Aboriginal Cultural Significance Planning Scheme Policy)
- coordinates and integrates the matters dealt with by the planning scheme, including State and regional aspects of the matters
- complies and is consistent with the regulated requirements.

GMCCS3.

Staff and Community Christmas Celebrations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

End of year celebrations promote stronger bonds between individuals and their workplace, and help to broaden and deepen the connections between colleagues. Etheridge Shire Council has the opportunity to host a Christmas Breakup Party to show genuine appreciation to staff, contractors and the community for their work and commitment throughout 2019.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore endorses the date of the Council Staff & Community Christmas Celebrations Party to be Wednesday, 11th December 2019 and in addition approves the budget and resource considerations involved with hosting the event.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2729
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

- Staffs Christmas parties have been shown to improve employee retention strengthen team dynamics and boost overall perceptions of the organisation.
- The Georgetown Anglican Church has indicated they will be running Community Christmas Carols on December 7th, so rather than host a duplicate Christmas event for community, Council will focus on a staff & community Christmas breakup party.

GMCCS4.

Letter of Request from the Georgetown Progress Association – Erect Children's Outdoor Play Centre

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a letter of request dated 29th August 2019 from the Georgetown Progress Association seeking Councils permission for the erection of a children's outdoor play centre in the vicinity of the Georgetown Recreation Reserve between the football oval and the camp draft arena.

All costs associated with this small project would be borne by the Georgetown Progress Association.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the letter of request from the Georgetown Progress Association and furthermore that Council supports the concept of the erection of a play centre, however, Council suggests that an alternative location be utilised at the end of Crampton Road rather than the proposed site and furthermore that no costs be incurred by Council.

That Council provides a letter of response to the Georgetown Progress Association which will incorporate the following matters:

- *Fencing to be installed around the play centre area to comply with Qld Department safety standards;*

- *Softfall to be installed rather than sand for the fall zones (health and safety reasons);*
- *The responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and operational costs of the play centre and surrounds lies with the Progress Association;*
- *The Progress Association will need to have public liability insurance of at least 10 million dollars and indemnify Council against any claims;*
- *The Progress Association will need to liaise with the Georgetown Horse and Pony Club (as current Trustee Lease holders)*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2730
5/0

GMCCS5.

Fit out Quotes and Options – Multi-Sports Centre Georgetown

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2019/20 Budget allows has provisioned funds for the fit out for the Multi / Meeting Room and Kitchen in the newly constructed Multi-Sports Centre Complex in Georgetown. Various quotes and options have been sourced from a number of suppliers for the supply of a new board room table with executive and visitor chairs to cater for up to twenty-five people. It is envisaged that the new multi / meeting room will be utilised for a number of meetings and functions.

Attached to this report for Council's information and consideration are some options and quotations for the required furnishing of the multi / meeting room.

Delivery options and costs may vary depending on the supplier of the goods and availability of furniture ordered.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to leave item GMCCS5 on the table however, Council acknowledges the importance and timeliness regarding this matter and furthermore that Council requests that this matter and an additional report regarding the fit out of the gymnasium be presented to Council at the October General Meeting.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2731
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

The new meeting room complimented by being fitted out with modern furnishings will be an ideal location for community and Council meetings and functions.

GMCCS6.

Review of Policy – Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is always good governance to review existing policies to ensure that the policy is deliverable and easy to implement plus to investigate any changes that may need to be made to the existing policy.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to adopt the reviewed Conflict of Interest Policy

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2732
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Outdated policies might result in risks that Council's activities are not aligned with current objectives and practices.

It is always good governance to review existing policies to ensure that the policy is deliverable and easy to implement plus to investigate any changes that may need to be made to the existing policy.

GMCCS7.

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

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 August 2019.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2733
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 states that the Chief Executive Officer must present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government and furthermore that the financial statements must be presented if the local government holds its ordinary meetings monthly or less frequently to each meeting and the Financial Report presented to a meeting must be for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the previous month.

GMCCS8.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year council has closed the Shire operations over the Christmas and New Year period to allow staff to enjoy the festive season with family and friends, in appreciation of the dedication to Council throughout the year.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Endorses the closure of:

- *the Shire and Depot Administration Offices, Terrestrial Centre, Little Gems Childcare Centre, Town Crews and Workshop from Monday 23rd December 2019 to 3rd January 2020 with the return to work date being Monday 6th January 2020;*
- *the Road and RMPC Crews from end of shift Wednesday 11th December 2019 to 6th January 2020 with the return to work date being Tuesday 7th January 2020,*

Subject to appropriate on call arrangements with senior staff being put into place for emergency matters.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2734
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

The closure of Council over the Christmas and New Year period has been a consistent decision of Council to recognise the dedication and work that has been undertaken throughout the year by its employees.

GMCCS9.

Draft Closing Audit Report for the financial year ended 30th June 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2018/19 audit for Etheridge Shire Council has been completed as at 30th August 2019 with Council receiving its Draft Closing Audit Report on the 6th September 2019.

The Audit involves a detailed assessment of the controls that are currently being utilised within the operation of Council 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 operations of Council.

In addition to the above matters, the auditors also undertake a detailed analysis of Councils financial statements to ensure that they have been prepared 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 Council:

Receives and notes the contents of the 2018/2019 Draft Closing Audit Report from the Auditor-General and furthermore that Council congratulate the staff directly involved with the audit and the preparation of the financial statements for an excellent result.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2735
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

It is a requirement under S.212 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 that a local government must prepare a set of financial statements for the financial year and must be presented to the auditor general for auditing

ADJOURNMENT

Council Adjourn for morning tea at 9:58 am

ATTENDANCE

*Mr David Kempton (Chair of FNQ&TS RDA) entered the meeting at 9.50am
Mr Rolfe Ellem (Gilbert River Project Officer) entered the meeting at 10.00am
Mr Tony Potter (Strategic & Planning Engineer) entered the meeting at 10.15am*

RESUMPTION

Council resume the meeting at 10:20 am

DEPUTATION

Mr. David Kempton, Chair of the FNQ&TS RDA, addressed Council on what is happening and occurring within the FNQ&TS RDA and also to discuss the Upper and Lower Gilbert River Irrigation area and ways to progress this project further.

Mr David Kempton informed Council that he provides legal advice and general advice to the owners of Strathmore Station and for the purpose of transparency, Mr Kempton did not believe that he had a Conflict of Interest in discussing matters pertaining to the FNQ&TS RDA or providing advice to Council on a way forward pertaining to the Gilbert River Irrigation Project.

IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:

Declarations:

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Cr Bethel declared that he has a material personal interest (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) in the Deputation as he owns land on the Gilbert River, as he stands to gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter

He dealt with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting at 10:21am while this matter was discussed and voted on. Cr Bethel returned to the meeting after voting at 11:10 am

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel left the meeting at 10.21am

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Gallagher declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in the Deputation from the Chair of the FNQ&TS RDA pertaining to the "Gilbert River Irrigation Project" as he has family that live on the Gilbert River. Cr Gallagher determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, he acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

(a) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and

(b) If so, whether: -

i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or

ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Gallagher has a perceived conflict of interest in the Deputation from the Chair of the FNQ&TS RDA pertaining to the “Gilbert River Irrigation Project” and furthermore that Cr Gallagher may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2736
3/0

Cr Bethel was not in attendance during the voting on this matter as Cr Bethel had declared a Material Personal Interest and left the meeting

ATTENDANCE

Mr David Kempton (Chair of FNQ&TS RDA) left the meeting at 11.05am

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to partner with the FNQ&TS RDA to progress and promote the Agricultural Developments in the Etheridge Shire with State and Federal Ministers.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2737
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Mr David Kempton (Chair of FNQ&TS RDA) left the meeting at 11.05am

Mr Rolfe Ellem (Gilbert River Project Officer) left the meeting at 11.10am

Mr Tony Potter (Strategic & Planning Engineer) left the meeting at 11.10am

Cr Bethel returned to the meeting at 11.10am

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 11:12 am to move into closed session.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2738
5/0

CLOSURE OF MEETING

RESOLUTION:

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;

- Tender ESC2019-003 (Supply & Delivery of two (2) Executive Style 4wd Wagons with the Trade of Plant)
- Tender ESC2019-004 (Supply & Delivery Medium Rigid Trucks with Trade of Plant)
- Gilbert River Irrigation Project

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2739
5/0

ATTENDANCE

*Miss Sydney Ryan, Administration Assistant, left the meeting at 11:13 am
Mr Tony Potter (Strategic & Planning Engineer) entered the meeting at 11.18am
Mr Tony Potter (Strategic & Planning Engineer) left the meeting at 12.00pm
Cr Bethel left the meeting at 12.25pm
Cr Bethel returned to the meeting at 12.45pm*

ATTENDANCE

Miss Sydney Ryan, Administration Assistant, returned to the meeting at 12:59 pm

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

RESOLUTION:

That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 1:00 pm

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2740
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED REPORTS

GMES10.

Tender ESC2019-003 (Supply & Delivery of two (2) Executive Style 4wd Wagons with the Trade of Plant)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2019/20 budget provides for the procurement of two 4x4 executive wagons and the sale of a three vehicles. In accordance with the relevant legislation and Etheridge Shire Council's Procurement Policy, Tenders for these items were invited in August and closed at 3:00pm on Monday 2 September 2019. The tender evaluation process has been completed and the details of each tender are provided in this report.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to purchase two (2) Mitsubishi Pajero 4wd Wagons from FR Irelands (as per specifications) and furthermore that Council resolves to award the sale of Plant No. 1153 to Star Wholesale Trucks Pty Ltd and furthermore resolve to negotiate the sale of Plant No.1206.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2741
5/0

GMES11.

Tender ESC2019-004 (Supply & Delivery Medium Rigid Trucks with Trade of Plant)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2019/20 budget provides for the procurement of a RMPC patching tipper truck and a job truck and the sale of three trucks. In accordance with relevant legislation and Etheridge Shire Council's Procurement Policy, Tenders for these items were invited in August and closed at 3:00pm on Monday 2 September 2019.

The tender evaluation process has been completed and the details of each tender are provided in this report.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to not accept any tender and furthermore that Council recall tenders.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2742

5/0

GMCCS12.

Gilbert River Irrigation Project

IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:

Declarations:

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Cr Bethel declared that he has a material personal interest (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) in Item GMCCS12 as he owns land on the Gilbert River, as he stands to gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter

He dealt with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting at 12.25am while this matter was discussed and voted on. Cr Bethel returned to the meeting after voting at 12.45am

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Gallagher declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined by the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS12 titled "Gilbert River Irrigation Project" as he has family that live on the Gilbert River. Cr Gallagher determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, he acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

(a) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and

(b) If so, whether: -

i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or

ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Gallagher has a perceived conflict of interest in Item titled "Gilbert River Detailed Business Case" and furthermore that Cr Gallagher may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2743
3/0

Cr Bethel was not in attendance during the voting on this matter as Cr Bethel had declared a Material Personal Interest and left the meeting

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Jacobs have provided ESC with documents for dissemination to key landholders having properties inside the area of the proposed Gilbert River Irrigation Project. The documents pertain to assessing water demand as part of the Detailed Business Case and encourage landholders to consider the following general matters (from the documents):

- *Long-term benefits that a large and reliable water supply would bring to your farm and the region*
- *The extra value irrigation may add to your farm*
- *The increased diversity of crop and livestock enterprises that your farm may support with reliable water*
- *The opportunity and reduced risks arising from having access to high and/or medium priority water allocations, with a specified monthly reliability, which would be tradeable.*

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and furthermore that Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to instruct Jacobs to reword their consultation letter and prior to it being circulated that Council approve the amended version.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2744
4/0

Cr Bethel was not in attendance during the voting on this matter as Cr Bethel had declared a Material Personal Interest and left the meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Requested more details on Council's Grid Policy, specifically where upgrade costs lay after an inquiry to upgrade a grid along the Strathmore Road.
- Made note of an email received from Mrs. Melissa Pedracini regarding a request for changes to the size of pipe connections.

Cr Loudon

- Informed Council regarding damage to the guide posts situated in front of the Forsyth Hotel

Mayor Devlin

- Gave an update on his recent trip to Townsville and the conversations around the ROSI program, the proposed industrial land and the proposed land in Mount Surprise for a community area.
- Made note of his recent visit from Minister Mark Bailey (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply) to inspect the ROSI roads in the Shire and in addition gave Council a briefing on the upcoming visit from Minister Mark Furner Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries later this month.
- Invited Councillors to visit the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex to gage progress on the project.

Cr Attwood

- Gave an update from the recent Aged Care Steering Committee Meeting stating that a questionnaire had been prepared to be distributed to members of the Community and in addition that both Queensland Health and the RFDS will be contacted and made aware of the Steering Committee.

Cr Bethel

- Requested that Council implement a program to reduce the vegetation along roads to provide better visibility and safety especially along Strathmore, Abingdon Downs Roads and the Council undertake this program to any Shire roads that have a similar issue.

Chief Executive Officer – David Munro

- The CEO brought to Councils attention a letter that was received on the 17th September 2019 from Mr & Mrs Blackburn of Mt Surprise. The CEO read out the letter to Council which pertained to their property located in Garland Street, Mt Surprise. The owners were offering to sell their property to Council as a potential site for current and future development for the Shire.
- Council has requested that the CEO write back to Mr & Mrs Blackburn stating that Council will decline the offer to purchase the said property.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to Delegate authority under Section 257(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Mayor to attend and represent Council at various meetings relating to the Charleston Dam Project

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2745
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CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 1:45 pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Friday the 18th October 2019.

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MAYOR

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DATE