



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020,

COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

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ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. David Munro, Chief Executive Officer
Miss. Melanie Hensel, Executive Assistant
Mr. Les Morgan, Director of Engineering Services

GALLERY

Mr. Graham Steele

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

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel was not in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Mr Ian Carroll entered the gallery at 8:02am.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Monday 24 February 2020

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Monday 24 February 2020 be confirmed subject to the following amendments:

That on Page 11 under the heading General Business Cr. Devlin that the word ‘Etheridge’ after the word ‘the’ and before the word ‘river’ be deleted and the word ‘Einasleyh’ be inserted.

MOVED: Cr. Attwood

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2839
4/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

There was no Business arising from the February 2020 General Meeting Minutes.

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Business arising from the Information Bulletin

Cr Attwood

- Discussed the letter received by the Minister for Transport & Main Roads and more specifically the comments regarding the funding for the Gulf Development Road.

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Bethel entered the meeting at 8:05am

Cr Devlin

- Questioned prioritising sections of the Gulf Development Road, requesting Councillors input prior to commencement.
- Requested extra road signage on the Forsayth-Einasleyh Road before Flags Lookout.

Cr Gallagher

- Raised Ergon’s lack of response to the proposed Oasis Medical Centre.
- Questioned if Council still administers a Policy for Drug & Alcohol for Employees & Contractors. Raised concerns of an alleged incident within a road crew.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

GMES1.

Purchase of Prime Mover

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A request for the purchase of a second hand prime mover was issued via “Local Buy” on the 30 January 2020 and closed on 7 February 2020. Eleven (11) submissions were received in response to this request.

Accordingly, at the General Meeting held on 24th February 2020, it was resolved that Council “...Purchase a 2015 Mack Trident 70t GCM Prime Mover from Mack Trucks Australia of Portsmith, Queensland which is to include a bulbar and hydraulics.”

The original truck put forward for purchase by Mack Trucks Australia of Portsmith, Queensland was sold prior to Council being able to notify them of their successful submission. However, they have put forward a replacement prime mover for Council consideration. Hence, this report seeks Council's approval for the purchase of the replacement truck.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to defer the purchase of a secondhand truck and furthermore that Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to obtain quotes on a new and secondhand trucks (same specifications) and furthermore that a further report be brought to Council which will incorporate a full cost benefit analysis between purchasing a new truck as opposed to purchasing a secondhand truck.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2840
5/0

GMCCS1.

Application to purchase Reserve 10688, described as Lot 5 on GB108 and Lot 2 on G18822

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines & Energy has advised Council via written correspondence dated 26th February 2020 that the Department has received an application to purchase Lot 5 on GB108 and Lot 2 on G18822 (Reserve Land) located within the township of Georgetown and have requested Councils views and or requirements that the Department should consider when assessing this application.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to offer no objections for the applicant to purchase Lot 5 on GB108 and Lot 2 on G18822 subject to:

- (i) the land remaining for residential purposes which is consistent with Councils Planning Scheme Zones;*
- (ii) that any development on the said allotments will require prior approval by Council via a Planning Application in accordance with Councils Planning Scheme;*
- (iii) that any building or plumbing works on the said allotments will require the appropriate approvals to be in place prior to any works being undertaken.*

MOVED: Cr. Loudon

SECONDED: Cr. Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2841
5/0

GMCCS2.

Application to purchase Reserve 10366 described as Lot 4 on GB109

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines & Energy has advised Council via written correspondence dated 26th February 2020 that the Department has received an application to purchase Lot 4 on GB109 (Reserve Land) located within the township of Georgetown and have requested Councils views and or requirements that the Department should consider when assessing this application.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to advise the Department of Natural Resources, Mines & Energy that Council has no major objections for the applicant to purchase Lot 4 on GB109 except that the use of the land is not for residential purposes and that subject land is used as a Depot and will continue to be used as a Depot and therefore the land use should be classified as Commercial Use by the current owner/lessee and furthermore the application is further subject to:

- (i) the land is to classified as commercial purposes which is consistent with Councils Planning Scheme Zones;*
- (ii) that any future development on the said allotment will require prior approval by Council via a Planning Application in accordance with Councils Planning Scheme;*
- (iii) that any future building or plumbing works on the said allotment will require the appropriate approvals to be in place prior to any works being undertaken.*

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2842
5/0

GMCCS3.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR:

RECONFIGURATION OF ALLOTMENT(S) – CODE ASSESSMENT FOR RECONFIGURING A LOT CODE (RECONFIGURING ONE (1) ALLOTMENT INTO THREE (3) ALLOTMENTS ON LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 36 ON SP282584 (GULF DEVELOPMENTAL ROAD, MT SURPRISE)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SMK Consultants has prepared this development application on behalf of the registered owner of the subject allotments Lot 36 on SP282584 with respect to a reconfiguration of allotment.

This Development Application is seeking the approval to reconfigure one (1) allotment into three (3) allotments

The proposed lot layout as per Proposal Plan 219138 – will include existing access points for all three lots and there are no changes to the access points included in this proposal.

The proposed development will occur within the rural zone of the Etheridge Shire Council, it will abide by the Planning Scheme for the Shire of Etheridge 2005. The proposal will not create any incompatible uses; the land will continue to be used for rural purposes in the rural zone and will be suitable to the surrounding land uses.

The proposed lots will be regular in shape and all will be larger than the minimum lot size requirements of the Etheridge Shire Council Planning Scheme 2005. The proposal does include existing easements that will not be impacted as a result of this proposal; the proposal does not include any new proposed easements.

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 one (1) allotment into three (3) allotment) on land described as Lot 36 on SP282584 (Gulf Developmental Road, Mt Surprise 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>219138-2</i>	<i>10 December 2019</i>
<i>TMR Layout Plan (access removals)</i>	<i>1/1 TMR20-29245 (500-1468)</i>	<i>10 February 2020</i>
<i>TMR Layout Plan (92C – 104.25km)</i>	<i>1/1 TMR20-29245 (500-1468)</i>	<i>10 February 2020</i>
<i>TMR Layout Plan (access removals)</i>	<i>1/1 TMR20-29245 (500-1468)</i>	<i>10 February 2020</i>
<i>Plan of Proposed Subdivision</i>	<i>219138-2</i>	<i>10 December 2019</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. Where conditions require the above plans or documents to be amended, the revised document(s) must be submitted for approval by Council.***

Referral agency conditions

- (Under section 56(1)(b)(i) of the Planning Act 2016 the following conditions must be attached to any development approval relating to this application)

No	Conditions	Condition Timing
Reconfiguring a Lot		
Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 2, Table 1 and Table 3 — Reconfiguring a lot near a state transport corridor and state-controlled road intersection - The chief executive administering the Planning Act 2016 nominates the Director-General of Department of Transport and Main Roads to be the enforcement authority for the development to which this development approval relates for the administration and enforcement of any matter relating to the following condition(s):		
1	<p>(a) The road access locations are to be located generally in accordance with TMR Layout Plan (92C – 104.25km), prepared by Queensland Government Transport and Main Roads, dated 10/02/2020, Reference TMR20-29245 (500-1468), Issue A.</p> <p>(b) Road access works compromising of a rural property access with a 2.0m wide bitumen seal access strip from the existing road edge must be provided at the road access locations.</p> <p>(c) The road access works must be designed and constructed in accordance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austroads Guide to Road Design, Part 4: Intersections and Crossings – General, Figure 7.4 (rural property access specifically designed for articulated vehicles on a two – way road); and • Road Planning and Design Manual, 2nd edition, Department of Transport and Main Roads, 2016. 	<p>(a) At all times.</p> <p>(b) and (c): Prior to submitting the Plan of Survey to the local government for approval.</p>
2	<p>The existing vehicular property accesses between Proposed 1 and Proposed Lot 3 and the Gulf Developmental Road as identified by TMR Layout Plan (Access removal), prepared by Queensland Government Transport and Main Roads, dated 10/02/2020, Reference TMR20 - 29245 (500-1468), Issue A, must be permanently closed.</p> <p>These access locations are described as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Lot 1 (10.40km west) TDist 93.89km □ Lot 1 (7.57km west) TDist 96.72km □ Lot 1 (5.93km west) TDist 98.36km □ Lot 1 (4.18km west) TDist 100.11km □ Lot 1 (0.85 km west) TDist 103.44km □ Lot 3 (9.90km west) TDist 94.35km □ Lot 3 (4.14km west) TDist 100.11km □ Lot 3 (2.03km east) TDist 106.28km □ Lot 3 (5.06km east) TDist 109.31km 	
General Advice		
1	<p>Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the Planning Act 2016 its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) v2.5. If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.</p>	
Further Approvals		
2	<p>Under section 33 of the Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 (TIA), written approval is required from the Department of Transport and Main Roads to carry out road works on a state-controlled road. Please contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads' on 4045 7144 to make an application for road works approval. This approval must be obtained prior to commencing any works on the state-controlled road reserve. The approval process may require the approval of engineering designs of the proposed works, certified by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ). Please contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads' as soon as possible to ensure that gaining approval does not delay construction.</p>	

MOVED: Cr. Bethel

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2843
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

The proposed development was assessed against the following assessment benchmarks:

- Reconfigure a Lot Code
- Rural Zone Code
- Good Quality Agricultural Land Overlay Code
- Bushfire Management Overlay Code
- General Development Code

The development was assessed against all of the assessment benchmarks listed above and complies with all of these.

GMCCS4.

Savannah Way Ltd

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

Declarations:

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Cr Devlin declared that he has a material personal interest (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) in Item GMCCS4 as he owns the Goldfields Caravan Park, 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 8:50am while this matter was discussed and voted on. Cr Devlin returned to the meeting after voting at 8:56am.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Devlin left the meeting at 8.50am

Cr Bethel took the Chair at 8.50am

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council received correspondence from Savannah Way Ltd on the 10th December 2019 seeking the support of all Gulf Councils in re-launching the "Drive North Queensland" marketing program and was requesting a \$10,000 per year commitment over the next five (5) years in addition to the current contributions that the Council pays to be a member of Savannah Way Ltd.

At the December General Meeting Council requested that the Chief Executive Officer write to Savannah Way Ltd requesting further information regarding their request for financial assistance of \$10,000 per year over the next five years and how these funds will be effectively spent and furthermore that Council seeks additional information on Savannah Way Ltd.'s tourism strategies, and the new organisational structure before Council committed any additional funds. Council wrote to Savannah Way Ltd on the 20th December 2019, with Council receiving a response on 6th March 2020.

Since the original correspondence dated 10th December 2019 from Savannah Way Ltd, there has been several amendments with the financial contribution being sought by Savannah Way Ltd from the Local Government Sector within the Gulf.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to lay the matter on the table and furthermore that the matter be referred to the April 2020 Council meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Attwood

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2844
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel left the meeting at 8.55am and returned to the meeting at 8.56am

Cr Devlin returned to the meeting at 8.56am and resumed the Chair

GMCCS5.

150year Celebrations (Georgetown) {sesquicentennial}

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Township of Georgetown turns 150 years old during the 2020 calendar. Council has requested that a 150 year Committee be established from Council and Community Groups to organise and provide suggestions on how the Community can celebrate this milestone.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and endorse the attached minutes of the 150 year Organising Committee, and furthermore that Council name the Georgetown swimming pool after George and Doreen Dickenson.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2845
5/0

GMCCS6.

2019-20 Regional Arts Development Funding Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council was successful in its application to the 2019-20 Regional Arts Development Fund and now has \$39,090 designated to the Arts Program. The budgeted RADF expenditure has been carried out and approval is now needed for the remainder of the proposed program.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore approves the budget and resource considerations associated with the delivery of the 2019-20 Regional Arts Development Fund program to include Jewellery Making Workshops facilitated by Kath's Kreations and furthermore that Council requests that the Leathercraft Workshops be considered for the 2020/21 RADF Program application.

MOVED: Cr. Attwood

SECONDED: Cr. Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2846
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

- Strong community interest in both workshops, however the travel expenses associated with Leathercraft significantly constricts the number of communities that can have a workshop within the 2019/20 RADF budget. It would be a better use of funds to include Leathercraft in the 2020/21 RADF application so that the tutors could do workshops in each Etheridge community while sharing the cost of travel expenses.
- The Jewellery Making Workshops could be offered in several townships within the timeframe and budget available for this year's RADF Program. Travel expenses are significantly cheaper as the facilitator is based a Dimbulah.
- Both activities align with the funding criteria.

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 29 February 2020.

MOVED: Cr. Attwood

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2847
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.

ATTENDANCE

Miss Melanie Hensel (Executive Assistant) left the meeting at 9:16am and returned at 9:17am.

GMCCS8.

Local Government Entities: 2018–19 results of financial audits

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Auditor General has tabled the Audit results of Queensland’s local government entities (councils) and the entities that they control to Parliament on the 20th February 2020.

This report summarises the audit results of Queensland’s 77 local government entities for the 2018/19 financial year.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer’s report.

MOVED: Cr. Bethel

SECONDED: Cr. Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2848
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 9:55am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:15am.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Discussed the opportunity for Council to construct a memorial for the 150years of Georgetown by the purchase of pavers by the residents to be used in this memorial wall or walkway.
- Raised the issue of mosquitoes within the township.
- Raised the issue of overgrown allotments within the townships.
- Cr Gallagher thanked the Cr Bethel & Cr Attwood for their long standing service with Council.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to purchase pavers to be used in the commemorate 150 years of Georgetown memorial and furthermore that the pavers are available to be purchased by the community to solidify their history and ties with the township of Georgetown and furthermore that this matter be advertised in the upcoming Inform Newsletter to advise the community of this opportunity.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2849
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Cr Attwood

- Discussed the Aged Care Committee and the positive progress it is making. Advised Council that he has resigned from the committee due to no longer being a Councillor in the next election and requested the new Councillors select a member to stand on this committee and to continue with this committee.
- Cr Attwood thanks the Mayor & Councillors for their support and contribution over the past 4 years and also thanked the Chief Executive Officer and the staff for their dedication and all the hard work that the employees undertake.

Cr Loudon

- Raised an issue with drainage along Firth Street, Mt Surprise.

Cr Bethel

- Raised concerns regarding the condition of the Gilberton-Ortana Road and that the mail service was having issues with the delivery of mail.
- Raised concerns in relation to the condition of the Oorallat Road and Stoney Etheridge Road and requested that Council investigate an undertake road maintenance on these roads.
- Thanked the Council for their support.

ATTENDANCE

Ian Carroll left the meeting at 10:32am

Cr Devlin

- Raised the awareness of COVID-19 and requested an update from the Chief Executive Officer in relation to what actions and plans Council has implemented in relation to being prepared for any outbreaks from COVID-19.
- Cr Devlin thanked the Councillors for their support and achievements over the past 4 years and furthermore thanked the Chief Executive Officer and staff for all their hard work.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed 10:55am.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 15th April 2020.

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