



Etheridge

Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD GEORGETOWN MULTIPURPOSE
SPORTS CENTRE
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2020,
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT GEORGETOWN MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS CENTRE
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ATTENDANCE

Crs Barry Hughes, Laurell Royes, Joe Haase, Cameron Barnes, and Tony Gallagher

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. David Munro, Chief Executive Officer
Miss. Melanie Hensel, Executive Assistant
Miss. Abbey Taylor, Business Administration Trainee
Mr. Les Morgan, Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Ian Kuhn, Director of Corporate and Community Services

GALLERY

Mr. Ian Carroll
Mr. Graham Steele

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:00 am and welcomed all in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the history, cultural practice and traditions, of their people."

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS

Council wishes to send its best wishes to Jack Bawden, Mayor of Carpentaria Shire, for a speedy recovery due to his recent ill health.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 22 April 2020

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 22 April 2020 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2868
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr. Gallagher:

Raised the report titled "Georgetown Airport Upgrade" that was presented to the April General Meeting which provided an outline in relation to upgrading the Georgetown Airstrip to accommodate larger planes. Cr Gallagher is requesting an additional report on this matter and for alternative options to be investigated.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to provide a subsequent report on the proposed extension of the Georgetown airstrip, and furthermore that this report be presented to Council at the Ordinary General Meeting dated 15th July 2020.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2869
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Eric Tran arrived to the meeting at 9:15am.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to suspend standing orders at 9:21am to receive a deputation from Mr Eric Tan.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2870
5/0

DEPUTATION

Council received a Deputation from Mr Eric Tan regarding the Peace Monument and issues regarding local traffic safety.

Mr Tan provided Council with an update on the Peace Monument located at Heritage Park and the number of high profile dignitaries that have visited the Monument since its installation. Mr Tan also advised Council that he has secured another two names for the monument plus provided Council with an overview of additional improvements that he wishes to undertake to the Peace Monument.

Mr Tan raised concerns regarding the intersection of St George Street and Gulf Development Road. Mr Tan advised Council that he has witnessed several accidents plus several near accidents at this intersection. Mr Tan provided Council with some ideas and solutions to eliminate this matter.

The Mayor thanked Mr Tan, for the update on the Peace Monument and advised Mr Tan to liaise with the Chief Executive Officer in relation to the proposed upgrade to the monument, in addition the Mayor also thanked Mr Tan for raising his concerns regarding the intersection and that Council will take this matter on board.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION:

*That Council
Resolve to resume standing orders at 9:38am*

MOVED: Cr Barns

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2871
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Eric Tran left the meeting at 9:38am.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

GMES1.

Gulf Development Road Upgrade

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There are a number of single lane sections of Gulf Development Road that require upgrading to two (2) lane roads.

As these single lane sections have vehicles travelling in opposing directions on them and as such pose a risk of collision, prioritisation of upgrade works should be viewed through the lens of driver behaviour and road safety in general.

Accordingly, this report seeks to prioritise these upgrade works based on the risk each section presents to motorists and to develop a program of works for the consideration of Queensland Main Roads.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officers report and furthermore that Council;

- Undertake a workshop in relation to the key areas that have been identified by Councils Engineering Staff within the below table;*

Table 4. Recommended Program of Works 20/21

Priority Number	Segment	Section	Chainage	Length (km)
1	16	Eastern End	134.1 – 141.1km	7.0
2	14	Eastern End	124.8 – 127.5km	2.7
3	9	Eastern End	82.1 – 83.1km	1.0
4	15	Eastern End	129.5 – 130.2km	0.7
5	8	Eastern End	76.3 – 79.2km	2.9
6	12	Eastern End	114.4 – 118.5km	4.1
7	13	Eastern End	119.9 – 123.0km	3.1
8	4	Western End	49.7 – 53.3km	3.6
9	6	Western End	59.7 – 62.8km	3.1
Totals				28.2

Table 5. Recommended Program of Works 21/22

Priority Number	Segment	Section	Chainage	Length (km)
10	3	Western End	28.0 – 37.5km	9.5
11	11	Eastern End	87.0 – 87.8km	0.8
12	10	Eastern End	84.0 – 85.6km	1.6

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13	1	Western End	19.5 – 23.1km	3.6
14	2	Western End	25.3 – 27.1km	1.8
15	5	Western End	53.9 – 54.8km	0.9
16	7	Western End	64.9 – 65.8km	0.9
Totals				19.1

2. *That Council liaises with the Croydon Shire Council in relation to the key priorities areas and once this is agreed upon the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer & Director Engineering Services from both Shires meet with the FNQ Regional Manager of the Department of Transport and Main Roads to state its case as a collective group.*

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2872
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Miss Abbey Taylor left the meeting at 9:50am.

GMES2.

Cost Benefit Comparison – New and Second Hand Prime Mover

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the General Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 18th March 2020, Council gave consideration to the purchase of a second hand prime mover to pull Council's low loader. Subsequently, it was resolved "...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 second hand truck..."

The question of whether Council should purchase new or second hand heavy plant and trucks is an important question as it affects the cost effectiveness of Council's maintenance and construction activities, and Council's financial position as a whole.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to issue a tender for the purchase of a new prime mover to pull its existing low loader and or water cart through "Local Buy".

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2873
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Miss Abbey Taylor entered the meeting at 9.59am.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10:05am

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 11:00am.

ATTENDANCE

Mr Graham Steele entered the Gallery at 11:01am

GMES3.

Georgetown WTP Upgrade - Options investigation and Concept design

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council engaged AECOM to investigate and design an upgrade to the Georgetown water treatment plant to enable Council to treat Charleston Dam water to meet potable water standards. As the quality of the Charleston Dam raw water is unknown, this design has been done using the known water quality of Big Reef Dam as this is considered to be a worst-case scenario. The first stage of the project would be to build the proposed new 150kl raw water tank at the Treatment Plant and extend the Charleston Dam raw water main from where it currently ends near the reservoirs to the new raw water tank.

When Charleston Dam has been built, trial mixing of the Etheridge River water with the Charleston Dam water can be undertaken to find a mix that the existing Georgetown Treatment Plant could accommodate. This would allow Council to use some water from Charleston Dam and thus use less water from the Etheridge River.

RESOLUTION

That Council
Resolve to note & receive the officer's report.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2874
5/0

GMES4.

Einasleigh Copperfield Gorge Carpark – Upgrade

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council procured funding from Works for Queensland 2016-17 to beautify the Copperfield Gorge Rest Area in Einasleigh. Subsequently, the construction of walkways, a viewing area and a car park was completed.

Council allocated further funding in the 2019/20 Budget to install power, a bore, gardens and irrigation. Due to time and budgetary constraints it is not considered possible to complete these beautification works in the current financial year.

Hence, this report seeks Council's approval to carry this project and funding over to the 2020/2021 financial year.

RESOLUTION

That Council

Resolve to note and receive the officers report, and furthermore that Council undertake further community consultation of the Einasleigh community in relation to alternatives for the beautification of the carpark area with the consultation date to be determined at a future date due to COVID-19 restrictions.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2875
5/0

GMES5.

Supply and Delivery of Diesel Fuel

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tenders were invited for the Supply and Deliver of Diesel Fuel to Etheridge Shire Depot and a mobile tanker located at a road construction camp site on the Kennedy Developmental Road (The Lynd-Hughenden) 78km south of the Oasis Roadhouse.

The objective of this tender is to streamline Council's fuel procurement process and reduce related procurement costs for Council.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to accept the tender from Marano's Enterprises (Miallo) Pty Ltd for the supply and delivery of diesel fuel for a period of twelve (12) months with an option of one (1) twelve month extension by mutual agreement of both parties.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2876
5/0

GMCCS1.

Gilbert River Irrigation Project

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

Declarations:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Gallagher declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS1 Gilbert River Project as Cr. Gallagher has family that own land on the Gilbert river who may be affected by the Gilbert River Irrigation Project. Cr Gallagher determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance at this stage of the project 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 Irrigation Project” and furthermore that Cr Gallagher may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2877
3/0

The Mayor handed the Chair to the Deputy Mayor (Cr Royes) during the discussions as to whether Cr Gallagher and Cr Hughes have a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter.

Mayor Hughes did not participate in the discussion regarding the potential Conflict of Interest for Cr Gallagher as Cr Hughes has also raised a potential Conflict of Interest in this Item GMCCS1. Cr Hughes & Cr Gallagher did not vote on this matter due to their potential Conflict of Interest.

Council discussed each Conflict of Interests as separate matters.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Hughes declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS1 Gilbert River Project as Cr. Hughes has family that own land on the Gilbert river who may be affected by the Gilbert River Irrigation Project. Cr Hughes 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 Hughes has a perceived conflict of interest in Item titled “Gilbert River Irrigation Project” and furthermore that Cr Hughes may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2878
4/0

The Mayor resumed the Chair from the Deputy Mayor (Cr Royes).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On Wednesday, February 20, 2019 Jacobs was awarded the contract to deliver a Detailed Business Case (DBC) for the proposed Gilbert River Irrigation Project. The DBC was to be formulated in accordance with the Building Queensland Business Case Development Guidelines and further include enough information to enable the formulation of an Initial Advice Statement (IAS) for submission to the QLD Coordinator General to facilitate Coordinated Project designation, and to inform decisions around the requirements for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

As part of their submission Jacobs undertook to deliver a draft DBC for consideration by Etheridge Shire Councillors at the December 2019 General Meeting.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to endorse the Detailed Business Case (DBC) for the Gilbert River Irrigation Project.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2879
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Detailed Business Case (DBC) can proceed to finalization according to the formal agreement between Etheridge Shire Council and the Queensland State Government.

ATTENDANCE

Miss Abbey Taylor left the meeting at 11.53am.

Cr Joe Haase left the meeting at 11.57am and returned at 12.01pm

GMCCS2.

Variation to Land Application (Gulf Development Road)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has made an application on the 20th March 2019 to purchase land which is part of the Gulf Development Road Reserve west of Georgetown. Council has undertaken all the necessary requirements that have been imposed on Council by the Department of Natural Resources Mines & Energy such as all statutory and public advertising requirements.

The Department have approached Council to seek comment from Council to vary the land application as lodged in March.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officers report and furthermore that Council resolve to proceed with the application and accept the variation as proposed by the Stock Route Agency within the Department of Natural Resources Mines & Energy.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2880
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Miss Abbey Taylor returned to the meeting at 12.03pm.

GMCCS3.

Application – Community Infrastructure Grant

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

Declarations:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Hughes declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS3 as Cr Hughes wife lodged the application for the Community Infrastructure Grant. Cr Hughes determined that this personal interest is 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 not 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:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received an application from the Georgetown Bush Races Committee seeking funds from the Georgetown Town Infrastructure funds to undertake an upgrade to the Kitchen facilities and Water Infrastructure located at the Georgetown Race Reserve.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Hughes has a real conflict of interest in Item titled "Community Infrastructure Fund" and furthermore that Cr Hughes must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2881
4/0

The Mayor handed the Chair to the Deputy Mayor (Cr Royes) during the discussions as to whether Cr Hughes has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Hughes left the meeting at 12.10pm

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to transfer \$10,000 from the Georgetown Town Infrastructure Reserve to the Georgetown Bush Races Committee for the purpose of upgrading the Kitchen Facilities and Water Infrastructure located at the Georgetown Race Reserve.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2882
3/1

Cr. Gallagher voted against this motion.

ATTENDANCE

Mr Les Morgan left the meeting at 12.24pm, and returned at 12.34pm.

Mayor Hughes returned to the meeting at 12.38pm

The Mayor resumed the Chair from the Deputy Mayor (Cr Royes).

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 12.40pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.10pm

GMCCS4.

Portable Satellite Communication Systems

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

Declarations:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Hughes declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS4 as Cr Hughes is requesting additional infrastructure from Council (in the form of mobile communication) to undertake his role as a Councillor and also as Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group determined personal interest is 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 not 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 Hughes has a real conflict of interest in Item titled "Portable Satellite Communication Systems" and furthermore that Cr Hughes must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2883
4/0

The Mayor handed the Chair to the Deputy Mayor (Cr Royes) during the discussions as to whether Cr Hughes has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Barry Hughes left the meeting at 1:21pm.

Miss Abbey Taylor left the meeting at 1.21pm and returned at 1.26pm.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire is constrained in the use of mobile phones especially within the rural areas of the Shire and with the changes with the Federal Government's NBN service have also provided a challenge for Council.

Council has been able to research an alternative which will:

- *Provide reliable Internet communications;.*
- *Reduce unnecessary travel;.*
- *Insure accurate and timely data flow;*
- *Insure permanent communication links;.*

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to provide further alternative options in regards to IT infrastructure for mobile communication as a matter of urgency.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2884
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Barry Hughes returned to the meeting at 1:42pm.

The Mayor resumed the Chair from the Deputy Mayor (Cr Royes).

GMCCS5.

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 30th April 2020.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2885
5/0

Council would like to acknowledge the work of the previous Council for the work that was undertaken to secure additional funding for the Charleston Dam.

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.

GMCCS6.

Guidelines for the Conduct of Informal Briefing Sessions

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Open and transparent meeting procedures underpin representative democracy and ensure public confidence in council's decision making processes. As such, every effort should be taken to ensure that all meeting and briefing procedures follow best practice standards.

Briefing sessions, when used correctly, provide a valuable opportunity to enhance the decision making process by providing an opportunity for councillors to ask questions and seek clarification on information prior to council meetings.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt the "Guidelines for the Conduct of Informal Briefing Sessions"

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2886
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information to councillors and council officers on the conduct and value of informal briefing sessions. They will also assist councils to determine whether their current practices are appropriate.

Briefing sessions, when used correctly, provide a valuable opportunity to enhance the decision making process by providing an opportunity for councillors to ask questions and seek clarification on information prior to council meetings.

GMCCS7.

Future Management of Einasleigh 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 that surround the township of Einasleigh. The management of the town common has been a contentious issue and this dates back some 20-30 years.

At present Council has taken over the management of the Einasleigh Common.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note the officer report and furthermore that Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide a further report to Council in relation to the roles and responsibilities for being trustee for the Einasleigh Common.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2887
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mr Graham Steele left the meeting at 2.18pm.

GMCCS8.

Upgrade of IT Equipment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the Councillor Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy under Section 3, Councillors will be provided with a laptop and or tablet to enable Councillors to perform their role effectively and is an additional tool for communicating between Council and the Community.

At the April General Meeting, Council requested the Chief Executive Officer to investigate updating Councillors IT equipment to assist Councillors carry out their work and civic duties.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to purchase five (5) iPad Pro (12.9inch) with the following attachments the Apple Pencil (2nd generation) and Magic Keyboard for use by Councillors along with five (5) iPhone10.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2888
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mr Graham Steele returned to the gallery at 2.25pm.

GMCCS9.

Request to Lease the Kidston Racecourse Reserve

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a request from a local resident of Kidston seeking Councils permission to lease the Kidston Racecourse Reserve from Council for a term of 5 years with an option to renew.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- (a) Resolve to enter into a Trustee Lease with Mr Ryan for a term of 12months subject to the following conditions:*
- 1. The lessee undertake the fencing to the Racecourse Reserve;*
 - 2. The lessee undertake all pest management activities in accordance with Councils Bio-Security Management Plan;*
 - 3. The lessee permits travelers, campers and locals to utilise the existing facilities within this reserve at no cost;*
 - 4. The annual lease fee \$500pa*
 - 5. The lessee will need to hold a minimum of \$10.0M in Public Liability Insurance and ensure that this policy indemnifies Council against any claims*

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2889
5/0

GMCCS10.

Election of Association Executive District Representatives 2020-2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) under rule 5.4 of the Associations Constitution and Rules called for nominations for the election of District Representatives to the Association's Policy Executive for the period 2020-2024.

Councils within an Electoral District are entitled to nominate candidates for election from amongst elected members of the Councils within their district.

Etheridge Shire Council is included within District Number 11 (North West)

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to vote for Cr Haase as the District Representative (District 11) on the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Executive for the period 2020-2024.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2890
5/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Royes

- Raised the idea with Council of swapping the gym to the multi-purpose room and the multi-purpose room to the gym at the Georgetown Multipurpose Centre.

Cr Gallagher

- Advised Council of the costs associated with purchasing pavers for a commemorative wall or walkway for the 150year celebrations of Georgetown and also advised Council of what Carpentaria Shire Council charged for their commemorative book.
- Advised Council that next Aged Care Advisory Committee meeting is to take place on Thursday 21st May 2020 at 8.00am.

Cr Barns

- Raised a letter that was sent to Council from a rural land owner within the Shire regarding the possibility of employing a Dogger for the district to assist in reducing the wild dog population.

Cr Haase

- Raised a letter that was sent through to Cr Haase regarding the possibility of Council assisting the Georgetown State School with plant and equipment and also providing sand.
- Raised the idea of making Georgetown an RV friendly town.
- Also raised the concept of Park-it-up, and that it would be a good idea and opportunity for other business to become involved.
- Utilisation of social media platform to make people aware of any activities that may be on at the Georgetown Multipurpose Centre.

RESOLUTION:

That council

Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to provide a detailed report on becoming an RV friendly town.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2891
5/0

Cr Hughes

- Raised a possible dangerous shoulder on the second causeway heading towards Forsayth from the Georgetown on the Georgetown – Forsayth Road

ATTENDANCE

Cr.Haase left the meeting at 2:52pm and returned at 2:54pm.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed 3:35pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 17th June 2020.

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MAYOR

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