



*Etheridge*

Shire Council

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

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GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2020,

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT GEORGETOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2020**  
**COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

*# Cr Royes attended the meeting via teleconferencing in accordance with S.276 of the Local Government Regulation 2012*

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

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

**GALLERY**

Mr. Reg Huston

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:01 am and welcomed all in attendance.

**S.276 Teleconferencing**

*(1) **Teleconferencing** is the use of a telephone, video conferencing equipment or other means of instant communication that allows a person to take part in discussions as they happen.*

*(2) A local government may allow a person to take part in a meeting by teleconferencing.*

*(3) A councillor taking part in a meeting by teleconferencing is taken to have attended the meeting if—*

- (a) the councillor was simultaneously in audio contact with each other person at the meeting; and*
- (b) the local government approved the teleconferencing arrangement.*

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

***Resolve pursuant to section 276 (3)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to approve teleconferencing arrangements for the Ordinary General Meeting and furthermore in accordance with S.276 (2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 allow Cr Royes to take part in the Ordinary General Meeting dated 15 July 2020.***

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2939**

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**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**

That Council passes on its deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of:

- Robert Sandy Butler,
- Denise Shepherd from the McFarlane family, and
- Norman John Mackney.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 17 June 2020**

**RESOLUTION:**

*That the Minutes of the General Meeting held at Georgetown Multipurpose Sports Centre on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 be confirmed*

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2940**  
**5/0**

**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS**

**GMES1.**

Perryvale/Gilberton Road – Steep Gullies

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Etheridge Shire Council encompasses an area of high volume and intense rainfall. This leads to the need for numerous gullies which are often crossed by traffic using Council’s roads. These high intensity, high volume flows often result in deep gullies with steep approaches that are difficult for heavy vehicles to traverse. Accordingly, these gullies need to be brought up to a standard where they can be traversed by all vehicles, within reason.*

*In the interests of fairness and transparency for all it is appropriate that a prioritised program of works be formulated and forwarded to Council for consideration, to ensure that the gullies in most need are attended to first.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve the following:*

1. *The Director of Engineering Services, develop a multi-year program of works, including a transparent priority system and business plan, for the upgrade of all Etheridge Shire Council’s gullies, causeways and floodways.*
2. *That the program of works be forwarded to Council for consideration.*

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2941**  
**5/0**

**GMES2.**

Riverview Station Road – Gilbert River Crossing

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Etheridge Shire Council encompasses an area that has many significant rivers and creeks that need to be crossed by landowners and road users. This leads to the need for reliable access over these waterways that will endure wet seasons without the requirement for continual maintenance works. In the interests of fairness and transparency for all it is appropriate that a prioritised program of works be formulated and forwarded to Council for consideration of annual funding to undertake these works on a fair and equitable greatest need basis.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:  
Resolve the following;

1. *That the Director Engineering Services formulate a program of works for the provision of reliable vehicular access over significant rivers and creeks, including a transparent priority system, that is fair and equitable to all constituents.*
2. *That this program of works be placed before a future meeting of Council, including a recommended an annual allocation of funds for this program.*
3. *Request that a letter be sent to the owners of Riverview Station stating Councils position in relation to legal and liability ramifications.*

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2942**  
**5/0**

Mayor Hughes allowed public participation from the gallery member (Mr. Reg Huston) in accordance with S.18 of Councils Standing Orders in relation to Item GMES2.

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr. Haase left the meeting at 10.03am and returned at 10.04am*

*Miss Melanie Hensel left the meeting at 10.03am and returned at 10.06am*

**GMES3.**

Access to Lot 160 on MPH41012 (Forsayth)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Council has received a request from the purchaser of Lot 160 on MPH41012 regarding the legal access to the said allotment.*

*At present the owners of the allotment transverse through Unallocated State Land to access the allotment.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:  
Resolve to undertake the following:

1. *That Council prepare and lodge a road opening application to the Department of Natural Resources Mines & Energy to create a gazetted road reserve (as shown on the attached map);*

2. ***That Council amend the 2020/21 Budget and re-allocate funds from Budget Item 3310 / 4501 & 5153 / 2433 to construct a 4m wide town street approximately 120m long, single coat seal.***

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2943**  
**5/0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourn for morning tea at 10.08am*

**RESUMPTION**

*Council resumed the meeting at 10:30am.*

**GMCCS1.**

**Gilbert River Irrigation Project**

**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/GM2944**  
**3/0**

*The Mayor handed the Chair to the Deputy Mayor (Cr Royes) at 10.35am 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.*

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(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/GM2945**  
**3/0**

*The Mayor resumed the Chair from the Deputy Mayor (Cr Royes) at 10.40am.*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

***At the General Meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Council resolved to endorse the Detailed Business Case for the Gilbert River Irrigation Project.***

***The final and endorsed Detailed Business Case has been issued to all landowners within the development area, plus a copy of the Detailed Business Case is also located on Councils website.***

***Contained within the Detailed Business Case, there are a number of suggested recommendations for Council to consider in progressing this economic project forward. This report outlines the proposed recommendations.***

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

***Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and furthermore that Council undertake an additional initial workshop and furthermore that Council request the Chief Executive Officer to provide a critical timeline of events.***

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2946**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Miss Melanie Hensel left the meeting at 10:48am and returned at 11:00am*

**ATTENDANCE**

Mr Reg Huston left the meeting at 11.23am.

**GMCCS2.**

**Charleston Dam Recreational Precinct – Draft Design Drawings & Specifications**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*As part of the overall Charleston Dam Water Upgrade project, the development of a recreational precinct forms part of the overall Business Plan.*

*This report provides Council with a detailed design & constructs drawings to enable Council to place the development of the Recreational Precinct to the market to seek quotes via a competitive Tender process.*

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

*Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and furthermore that Council resolve to defer the construction of the recreational precinct until March 2021 to enable Council the confidence and assurance that where the recreational precinct is proposed to be constructed will be outside the water line of the dam and furthermore that this time frame will allow Council the opportunity to undertake additional community consultation in relation to the recreational precinct.*

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2947**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Miss Melanie Hensel left the meeting at 11.29am

**GMCCS3.**

**Radio Advertisements**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Tourist Radio FM88 has provided quotes for Council to re-advertise on their Tambo, Barcaldine, Blackall and Longreach Stations. These costs are the same as previous years.*

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

*Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and approves the budget and resource considerations to advertise on Tourist Radio FM88 across the affiliate stations of Tambo, Barcaldine, Blackall and Longreach for the 2020/21 financial year.*

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Royes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2948**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS4.**

Request for the appointment of a Special Holiday for 2021 under Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Council has been advised by the Office of Industrial Relations, that Council needs to submit its request for the appointment of a Special Holiday for 2020 under Section 4 of the Holidays Act prior to the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020.*

*Holidays appointed in respect of an annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show are public holidays and those appointed for an event which has significance to a particular district are bank holidays.*

*Upon receiving Ministerial approval, the holidays will be published in the Queensland Government Gazette.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to advise the Office of Industrial Relations, that Etheridge Shire will apply for a Special Holiday pursuant to Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983 for one of the following events;*

- 1. Etheridge Show / Forsayth Turnout – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021*

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2949**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Miss Melanie Hensel returned to the meeting at 11:49am*

**GMCCS5.**

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – Aged Care

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*At its meeting of 19 June 2019, Council resolved:*

That Council:

*“Resolve to establish an advisory committee in accordance with Section 264 (1)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the purpose of Aged & Disability Accommodation and furthermore that Cr Attwood be appointed as the Chair of the advisory committee and Cr Loudon and Cr Gallagher be nominated as Council’s representatives on this advisory committee and furthermore that the Chief Executive Officer write a letter to the Gulf Cattlemen’s Association informing them of the establishment of this advisory committee”.*

*The inaugural meeting was held on 3 July 2019 at the Georgetown Council Chambers.*

*From this inaugural meeting monthly meetings were held up to February 2020. There wasn’t any advisory committee meetings held during March and April this year. A meeting with the new Council and its members was held on 21 May 2020.*

*Subsequent meetings are now held on the first Thursday of each month commencing at 9.00AM.*



**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to endorse the minutes from the Advisory Committee Meeting (Aged & Disability Care) held on 2 July 2020.*

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2950**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS6.**

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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2951**  
**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.

**GMCCS7.**

Matters of Attention – Etheridge Shire Council 2019|2020 Interim Audit

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The interim audit for Etheridge Shire Council has been completed for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.*

*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 2019/2020 Interim Audit – Matters Arising from Councils external auditor Crowe and furthermore acknowledges that the External Auditors have not raised any matters of concerns and or deficiencies within Councils internal controls based on the sampling conducted during the interim audit.*

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2952**  
**5/0**

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

Audits help businesses uncover problems and ensure efficiency and to instill a sense of confidence in management that the business is functioning well and you are prepared to meet potential challenges.

An audit also helps reduce the risk of fraud and poor accounting. An audit facilitates the provision of advice that can have real financial benefits for a business, including how the business is running, what margins can be expected, and how these can be achieved.

## **GMCCS8.**

**Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters)  
Amendment Bill 2019**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The Queensland Government is delivering a rolling reform agenda in the local government sector. The reforms further strengthen the transparency, accountability and integrity measures that apply to the system of local government in Queensland.*

*Several inquiries including the Crime and Corruption Commission's Operation Belcarra have identified a range of opportunities to further enhance the quality of local government in Queensland through reform, including the way Councillors are elected.*

*The Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2020 was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 18 June 2020 and includes amendments relating to state elections, Ministerial conduct, and conduct in local government. The majority of local government amendments are planned to come into effect on 12 October 2020.*

## **RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and furthermore that Council and senior staff undertake additional training in relation to the proposed amendments.*

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2953**  
**5/0**

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

Governance is an important concept and impacts on council as a whole and on all sectors of the community. The practice of good governance is increasingly seen as critical for ensuring that:

- the organisation meets legal and ethical compliance
- decisions are made in the interests of stakeholders
- the organisation behaves as a good corporate citizen should

**GMCCS9.**

Trustee of Land – Responsibilities (S.57 & S.60 of the Land Act)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*At the May General Meeting council requested 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.*

*This report provides Council with the supplementary information regarding the requirements and obligations of being the Trustee of Land and the issuing of a Trustee Lease or Trustee Permit.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:  
*Resolve to note and receive the officers' report.*

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2954**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Miss Melanie Hensel left the meeting at 12:31pm and returned at 12:42pm*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourn for lunch at 12:44pm*

**RESUMPTION**

*Council resumed the meeting at 1:13pm.*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Miss Melanie Hensel was not present after the resumption of the meeting*

**GMCCS10.**

Annual LGAQ Conference

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The 124<sup>th</sup> LGAQ Annual conference is to be held at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020. As a member of the LGAQ, Council is entitled to 2 delegates, with additional representatives attending as observers.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

- (i) *Resolve to approve the attendance of Cr \_\_\_\_\_ and Cr \_\_\_\_\_ as Delegates to the 124<sup>th</sup> LGAQ Annual conference; and furthermore approve the attendance of Cr's \_\_\_\_\_ as Observers and also authorise the Chief Executive Officer to attend.*
- (ii) *Resolve to submit the following motions for the consideration of the LGAQ Executive:*

### **REASONS FOR DECISION**

Attendance at the LGAQ Annual Conference provides delegates and observers with the opportunity to learn from other Councillors and Councils, together with providing personal development opportunities to achieve Council's stated strategic priorities and corporate objectives.

**MOVED: Cr.**

**SECONDED: Cr.**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2955**  
**/0**

*Council has deferred this matter until the General Meeting scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020*

### **ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Royes left the meeting at 1:32pm*

### **GMCCS11.**

**2019|2020 Infrastructure Investment Risk & Assurance Program (Roads to Recovery Assessment Report)**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The Australian Government has committed more than \$100 billion over the next 10 years in transport infrastructure across Australia as part of its rolling infrastructure plan. As part of this, by the 2022-2023 financial year, the Government will have provided \$5.6 billion under the Roads to Recovery (R2R) Program, with an on-going commitment of \$500 million each year following.*

*The R2R Program contributes to the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP) through supporting maintenance of the nation's local road infrastructure asset, facilitating greater access for Australians and improved safety, economic and social outcomes. Funding under the R2R Program is distributed to local councils, state and territory governments responsible for local roads in unincorporated areas, Norfolk Island and the Indian Ocean Territories.*

*The Infrastructure Investment Risk and Assurance Program (RAP) provides assurance that the Australian Government's investment in road and rail infrastructure is achieving its policy objectives and that projects represent value for money. It serves as a reporting mechanism to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and helps ensure compliance with the National Land Transport Act 2014 (NLT Act), Programme Procedures for the Roads to Recovery Programme (Procedures), Roads to Recovery Funding Conditions 2014-2019 (Funding Conditions), and assesses specific administrative functions of the R2R Program.*

*In assessing the administration of road projects funded under the R2R Program, the RAP considers four aspects:*

- Efficient and effective program delivery*
- Compliance with legislative and other requirements*
- Project information reporting requirements, and*
- Opportunities for promoting best practice learnings and collaboratively identifying improved outcomes.*

*Council was chosen by the Federal Government to be included in an audit of the Roads to Recovery Program for the 2018/2019 financial year.*

*The audit of the 2018/19 Roads to Recovery has been completed with Council receiving a very low risk rating from the independent auditors on how Council manages its annual Roads to Recovery projects.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to note and receive the officers report and furthermore that Council resolve to endorse managements comments under Section 2.2 of the auditor's report.*

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2956**  
**4/0**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020.*

**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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020.*

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2957**  
**4/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

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 responsibilities. The Chief Executive Officer has requested five (5) days of annual leave.

**GMCCS13.**

Stocktake June 2020

**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 GMCCS13 as his daughter-in-law is a staff member. 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:

**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 "Stocktake June 2020" 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/GM2958**  
**3/0**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

***In accordance with the recommendations of Council's Auditors, quarterly stocktakes at Council's Store have been completed. This includes the annual end of year stocktake that was conducted in June 2020.***

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Resolve to approve the write-off of Plumbing Stock to the value of \$337.25 and a write-on of Main Store Stock and Fuel to the value of \$487.04 and \$567.85 respectively. The net result of the June 2020 end of year stocktake realises a write-on of \$717.64.***

**MOVED: Cr. Barns**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2959**  
**4/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

To balance the end of year stocktake being the physical count of all Council Store items to reconcile with Stock on Hand as displayed in Council's computerised system

**GMCCS14.**

**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 36 months with an option of a further two (2) years by mutual agreement, 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. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2020/GM2960**  
**4/0**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Gallagher**

- Enquired about the maintenance of pot holes on the sealed section of the Forsayth – Einasleigh Road
- Queried the maintenance of the public toilets in Mount Surprise as there has been feedback that they have not been cleaned and there appears to be water laying within the female toilets.
- Requested a consultation meeting with the residents of Einasleigh in relation to the car park
- Enquired about the maintenance of the gravel section on the Forsayth – Einasleigh Road

**Cr Barns**

- Requested the rules for keeping cattle and other livestock in Georgetown and other townships
- Requested information on council's building of dams on rural properties for water storage
- Followed up on the progress of ordering councillor uniforms

**Cr Haase**

- Informed council of the condition of various causeways to be included in Councils funding submission to the Federal Government
- Followed up on the progress of a report that was requested from management regarding Georgetown becoming an RV friendly town

**Cr Hughes**

- Enquired about the fencing of the Forsayth airstrip.
- Requested slashing of the access road to the Forsayth Airport
- Commended the Greg Bethel Memorial oval building upgrade.
- Informed council of the condition of the Agate creek road and crossings.
- Requested maintenance of the Forsayth – Georgetown Road

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed 3:15pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

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MAYOR

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DATE