



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN
ON MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2018,
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

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ATTENDANCE

Crs W Devlin, T Gallagher, W Attwood, T Barnes and W Bethel

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Norman Garsden, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. David Munro, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Mr. Jeff Bunt, Director of Engineering Services

GALLERY

There was no gallery in attendance at the commencement of the General Meeting.

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8.00am and welcomed all in attendance.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the Ewamian People - the traditional custodians of this land where we meet for the General Meeting. We pay our respects to the Ewamian People, especially the Elders, past and present and acknowledge their traditional customs and lores and recognize their continuing connection to this Country.

We look forward to a long and continuing relationship with the Ewamian People and value any opportunities in strengthening relationships and partnerships through collaboration by respecting their Country.

DECLARATIONS

No declarations

APOLOGIES AND CONDOLENCES

That Council passes on its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of the late Mr. Clarence John White of 27 St George Street, Georgetown.

Council passes on their Best Wishes to Ms. Anna Christensen who is in hospital

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting – Wednesday 20 December 2017

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 20 December 2017 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2225
5/0

Business arising from Minutes – Wednesday 20 December 2017

Cr Attwood

Charleston Dam Update – requested additional information in relation to how the land negotiations were progressing, the clearing of the inundation area and how the tender was progressing.

Norman Garsden (Chief Executive Officer)

Shire boundaries review – that Council has issued a letter to the FNQROC to place this matter as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Corporate Plan – has been completed and is ready for publication and display.

Fogging Machine - an update on procuring a Utility mounted and Hand Held Fogger (Cost have been obtained; \$700 for hand held and approximately \$5,500 for Utility Mounted Fogger)

RESOLUTION:

That Council resolve to accept the responses provided by Management to the “Business Arising from the Minutes” of the General Meeting dated 20th December 2017

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2226
5/0

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Reports from Engineering Services, Childcare Centre and Terrestrial Centre were discussed together with the Action Taken List from previous meetings.

Business arising from Information Bulletin

- Cr Attwood – enquired as to Flood Damage works (on track)
- Cr Attwood – The visitor numbers through the collection at the Terrestrial Centre (low ratio), what can Council do to improve the Centre and to attract more visitors through the collection.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 8.41am.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2227
5/0

CLOSURE OF MEETING

MOTION:

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

GMES1 – Supply & Delivery of Prime Mover;

GMES2 - Supply and delivery of used motor grader;

GMES3 - Supply and delivery of water tanker;

GMES4 - Forsayth road upgrade – stage 2;

GMCCS6 - Etheridge Shire Council – University Scholarship Program;

GMCCS12 - Council Response to Crime and Corruption Commission Investigation;

GMCCS13 - Outcome Advice – Crime and Corruption Commission Investigation

GMCCS14 - Purchase of Land – Low Street, Georgetown (current site of the Air Services Australia's Non Directional Beacon)

Verbal report on Tender ESC2017-012 (Upgrade of the Forsayth Water Treatment Plant)

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2228
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Attwood left the meeting at 10.25am

Cr Attwood returned to the meeting at 10.26am

Council adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.27am

Council resumed the meeting at 10.50am

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION:

That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 10.26am.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2229
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMES1.

Supply and delivery of prime mover

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2017/18 budget provides for the procurement of a used Prime Mover. In accordance with relevant legislation and the Etheridge Shire Council Procurement Policy, Quotations for this item of plant were invited in December and closed on 8th January 2018. A Quotation evaluation process has been completed and the details of each quote are provided in this report.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves, subject to a satisfactory inspection, to accept the following quote for supply of the used Prime Mover, as specified in the quotation documentation subject to a machinery inspection prior to entering into a contract for purchase.

<i>Plant #</i>	<i>Item for Trade</i>	<i>Recommended Tender</i>	<i>Purchase Price</i>
<i>Used</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Midcoast Trucks</i>	<i>\$87,662.15</i>

- Price is GST exclusive.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2239
5/0

GMES2.

Supply and delivery of used motor grader

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2017/18 budget provides for the procurement of a used Motor Grader. In accordance with relevant legislation and the Etheridge Shire Council Procurement Policy, Quotations for this item of plant were invited in December 2017 and closed in January 2018. Tenders for this plant were sourced though the local buy tender and quotation arrangements NPN2.15.

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

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the following quote for supply of the used grader, as specified in the quotation documentation.

<i>Plant #</i>	<i>Item for Trade</i>	<i>Recommended Tender</i>	<i>Purchase Price</i>
<i>Used</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Hastings Deering</i>	<i>\$267,000</i>

- Price is GST exclusive.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2231
5/0

GMES3.

Supply and delivery of water tanker

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2017/18 budget provides for the procurement of a water tanker. In accordance with relevant legislation and the Etheridge Shire Council Procurement Policy, Quotations for this item of plant were invited in December and closed in January 2018. The Quotation evaluation process has been completed and the details of each quote are provided in this report.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the following quote for supply of a 32,000 ltr water tanker, as specified in the quotation documentation.

<i>Plant #</i>	<i>Item for Trade</i>	<i>Recommended Tender</i>	<i>Purchase Price</i>
	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Bullet Trailers</i>	<i>\$79,043.10</i>

- Price is GST exclusive.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2232
5/0

GMES4.

Forsayth road upgrade – stage 2

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Stage 1 of the Forsayth – Georgetown Road upgrade commenced in April 2017 and was completed in November 2017. The final forecast cost of the works is \$3,345,000.

An amount of \$592,227 is still available from the current approved funding to complete further upgrading works on the Forsayth Road.

This paper presents a number of potential upgrading options to allow Council to choose a preferred construction project. A summary of options is presented in the table below:

<i>Option</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>	<i>Funding Shortfall</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>CH 24125 – CH 25300 (Earthworks & Drainage only)</i>	<i>\$690,000</i>	<i>\$97,773</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>CH 24125 – CH 25300 (Bitumen Seal)</i>	<i>\$1,135,000</i>	<i>\$542,773</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>CH 23750 – CH 25300 (Bitumen Seal)</i>	<i>\$1,520,000</i>	<i>\$927,773</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>CH 22500 – CH 23500 (Bitumen Seal)</i>	<i>\$750,000</i>	<i>\$157,773</i>

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to receive this report summarising potential upgrading options for the Forsayth – Georgetown Road that may be constructed from the remaining approved funding within the 2017/18 Budget, noting that all options have a funding shortfall, and furthermore that Council resolve to proceed with Option 4 for further pave and seal works on the Forsayth-Georgetown Road during the FYE2017/18.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2233
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS6.

Etheridge Shire Council – University Scholarship Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the 2013/14 financial year Council introduced a University / Tertiary Scholarship program for the Etheridge Shire. Within the 2017/18 Budget Council has continued to sponsor and support this Scholarship Program with, Council providing a \$5,000 Scholarship for the 1st year of the successful applicant's full-time studies towards a Bachelor degree or an approved Diploma Course in Planning & Environmental Health, Civil Engineering, Nursing, Early Childcare or Accounting (or another approved course).

Council is targeting these particular courses as employees in these fields are in short supply throughout Local Government in Queensland, and it is hoped that Council's Scholarship will assist in retaining qualified professionals in these fields, particularly in regional areas.

To be eligible for a Scholarship, the student needs to maintain their residency in the Etheridge Shire through their parents/guardian. The student therefore may be attending boarding school outside the Shire when they apply for a Scholarship.

Nominations closed as at Friday 12th January 2018.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to award the 2018 Etheridge Shire Council University / Tertiary Scholarship to Miss Julia Keough.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2234
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS12.

Council Response to Crime and Corruption Commission Investigation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As indicated in another report, the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) have made 13 recommendations to Council arising from its investigation into a number of allegations against Council Staff. The Code of Conduct has been amended to reflect those recommendations

RESOLUTION

That Council endorse the Code of Conduct for further consultation with relevant interests and Council advise the Crime and Corruption Commission of action taken.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2235
5/0

GMCCS13.

Outcome Advice – Crime and Corruption Commission Investigation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2016 the then CEO reported his concerns relating to the conduct of Etheridge Shire Council Director of Engineering, Council's Work Supervisor and three contractors to the Crime and Corruption Commission.

The Crime and Corruption Commission have now:

- *Initiated criminal charges against the former Director of Engineering Services; and*
- *provided their Outcome Advice and a partially redacted Investigation report to Council, with 13 recommendations.*

The allegations (and outcomes) are detailed in the attached Investigation Report. It is noted that of the 17 allegations, 6 were substantiated (on the balance of probability) and 4 of those are currently before the courts. Unfortunately, lack of documentation resulted in some of the allegations being resolved.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- *Note the content of the Outcome Advice and Investigation Report provided by the Crime and Corruption Commission;*
- *Note that further disciplinary action is not possible against the two former employees as Council has no opportunity to discipline former employees;*
- *consider all recommendations arising from the Crime and Corruption Commission outcome advice; and*
- *Refer the matter to its Audit Committee for their consideration and review.*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2236
5/0

GMCCS14.

Purchase of Land – Low Street, Georgetown
(Current site of the Airservices Australia's Non Directional Beacon)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At Council's meeting on 17 October 2016, Council (recorded in General Business) sought approval to use the aviation beacon tower in Georgetown for retransmitting Commercial AM radio.

Following a long period of negotiation with Airservices Australia, the land, including the improvements located in Low Street, Georgetown (described as Lots 705, 706, 707, 708 and 713 with an area of 4949m²); has been offered to Council in an 'off-market' price of \$35,000.

The value is more than expected, as the Valuer General has a site valuation of \$9,200 for the land, which is unlikely to be developed for any residential (or other) purpose as it is zoned 'Community Infrastructure' and low lying, subject to inundation during the wet. It is thought that if the land were put onto the open market, there would be little interest at that price.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- *Agree to purchasing the land from Airservices Australia at an acceptable and agreed price;*
- *Delegate the power to negotiate an acceptable price and complete a contract for purchase to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer; and*
- *Following acquisition of the land and improvements, seek expressions of interest for the broadcast of AM radio from Georgetown.*

RESOLUTION:

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2236
5/0

GMES5.

Tender (ESC2017-012) Upgrade to the Forsayth Water Treatment Plant

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to accept the verbal report presented by the Director of Engineering Services regarding Tender (ESC2017-012) for the Upgrade of the Forsayth Water Treatment Plant and furthermore; that Council resolve to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to award the Tender for the upgrade of the Forsayth Water Treatment

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2237
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is a statutory requirement under Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 that the Chief Executive Officer must present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government at least monthly.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt the monthly Financial Report which incorporates the monthly statutory financial statements (Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position & Statement of Cashflows) pursuant to and in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ending 31 December 2017.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2238
5/0

GMCCS2.

Application for an extension of a Rolling Term Lease over; Term Lease 239881 described as Lot(s) 2 and 5-7 on SP242983; Term Lease 239882 described as Lot(s) 3 & 4 on SP242983

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Department of Natural Resources & Mines seeking Councils views and or requirements regarding an application that has been made to the Department seeking an extension to a Rolling Term Lease described as Lot(s) 2 and 5-7 on SP242983 and Lot(s) 3 & 4 on SP242983

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to offer no objections to the application to extend the Rolling Term Lease No: 239881 and 239882 described as Lot(s) 2, 3, 4, 5-7 on SP242983 and furthermore that the land use is consistent with the zoning contained within Councils Planning Scheme.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2239
5/0

GMCCS3.

Extension Application under Section 86 of the Planning Act 2016 to Extend Currency period of a Development Approval relating to Forsayth Wind Farm on Land at Einasleigh-Forsayth Road described as Lot 4926 ON SP258874 Lot 5 on GB835476 and Part of Lot 23 ON SP129842

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Gilvear Planning Pty Ltd act on behalf of Forsayth Wind Farm Pty Ltd (as ‘applicant’) in relation to the Development Approval granted by Etheridge Shire Council on 25 February 2014 in respect to the proposed development of Forsayth Wind Farm Project.

As a result of further design refinements and determining operational aspects of the development, in accordance with section 86 of the Planning Act 2016, it is necessary to extend the currency period for the development to ensure that the development is able to be practically completed.

Site Details

Forsayth Wind Farm is proposed to be developed on land including:

- Wirra Wirra Station, described as Lot 4926 on SP258874*
- Sirron Station, described as Lot 5 on GB835476; and*
- Part of Etheridge Railway land, described as Lot 23 on SP129842*

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to approve an extension of the currency period from the 25th February 2018 to the 25th February 2021 (an additional 3 years) to the Forsayth Wind Farm Pty Ltd (‘the applicant’) in accordance with and pursuant to Section 87(5) of the Planning Act 2016 subject to Council receiving the owner’s consent over property described as Lot 4926 ON SP258874 and Part of Lot 23 on SP129842.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2240
5/0

GMCCS4.

Etheridge Shire Council - Acquisition of Goods & Services and the Carrying out of the Procurement Principles' Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Regulation 2012 states that each local government must have in place a policy about procurement (a procurement policy). Council has an existing procurement policy which is with the Local Government Regulation 2012.

In addition, it is a requirement under the Regulation that Council reviews its Purchasing Policy at least every 12 months.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Resolve to lay this matter of the table and request that this matter be tabled again at the February General Meeting

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2241
5/0

GMCCS5.

Review of Councillor Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 250(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 states that a Local Government, must adopt by resolution an expenses reimbursement policy.

The Councillor's reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities policy is a policy providing for the following –

- a) payment of reasonable expenses incurred, or to be incurred, by councillors for discharging their duties and responsibilities as councillors;*
- b) provision of facilities to councillors for that purpose*

This policy ensures accountability and transparency in the reimbursement of expenses incurred by councilors and ensures that councilors are provided with reasonable facilities to assist them in carrying out their civic duties.

Council has in place such a policy; however it is always Good Governance to review policies of Council to ensure that the policy is current and reflects the needs of Council and the community.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the “Councillor Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy” in accordance with and pursuant to Section 250(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2242
5/0

GMCCS7.

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a longstanding and highly successful State and Local Government partnership that promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of sustainable, diverse and prosperous Local Queensland communities.

Quotes have been provided to facilitate various arts and cultural activities in Etheridge during the 17/18 financial year. These activities been assessed by the RADF Liaison Officer and have been determined to comply with the appropriate assessment criteria as detailed through Arts Queensland and Council's RADF Community Funding Guidelines.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore approves the budget and resource considerations to provide the following arts and cultural activities under the Regional Arts Development Fund;

- a) Goldie & the Three B.Bears Hip-Hop Performance and Workshops*
- b) Performers at the Gulf Kids Environment Day Georgetown*
- c) Poetry and Creative Writing Workshops*

And furthermore that Council investigates holding a photography workshop for the Shire with the remaining funds and that a report is submitted back to Council for approval.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2243
5/0

GMCCS8.

Unearth Etheridge Tourism Landing Page

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In December 2017, Council secured the domain registration for www.unearthetheridge.com.au following consultations with the Etheridge Tourism Action Group and the Geotourism Advisory Committee about the need for a call to action from the magazine advertisements. LGAQ has provided quotes for the development of a tourism landing page for the Etheridge Region.

RESOLUTION

That Council approve the budget and resource considerations for Proposal B - the creation of a new custom layout and colour scheme utilising the existing Council website however accessible to the public via the domain www.unearthetheridge.com.au and furthermore that the page is to be managed by Council with the content being developed in conjunction with tourism stakeholders across the region.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2244
5/0

Norm Garsden, Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 11.22am

Norm Garsden, Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting at 11.23am

CONSIDERATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS9.

Design Considerations relating to the proposed Sport and Recreation Multipurpose Facility, Georgetown

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2017-19 Works for Queensland (W4Q) program is a Queensland Government funding program to support local governments outside of the South East Queensland to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works. This initiative is delivered by the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

Council has been successful in receiving a grant of \$1,070,000 towards the construction of a proposed Sport and Recreation Multipurpose Facility. The objective of the Sport and Recreation Multipurpose Facility is to:

- *provide the community with an opportunity to become fitter;*
- *increase the level of physical activity of residents;*
- *develop healthy lifestyle options and outcomes;*
- *assist in rehabilitation of injured residents; and*
- *provide the community with social networking opportunities.*

Design of the facility needs to commence shortly to allow the project to be completed by the deadline of 30 June 2019.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- *establish an Advisory Committee to provide feedback on the range of (and demand for) activities to be provided at the facility;*
- *provide design input (see attached questionnaire); and*
- *establish appropriate management arrangements.*
- *That Cr Devlin & Cr Barnes be part of the advisory committee*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2245
5/0

GMCCS10.

Councillor Remuneration

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As briefly discussed at the December Council meeting (arising from the Local Government Remuneration and Disciplinary Tribunal Report included in the Information Bulletin), the remuneration schedule to apply to the Etheridge Shire Council from 1 July 2018 sets out the maximum remuneration payable and has resulted in a 2.25% increase for Councillors.

The remuneration schedule prescribes the maximum remuneration figures, and individual Councils have discretion to set lower figures if they wish under s 247 of the Local Government Act 2009. Unless a resolution is made under s 247, the Tribunal's figures will apply.

RESOLUTION

That Council note the report and endorse the schedule of meetings that require Councillor attendance and participation.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr

Motion lapsed due to want of a seconder

Norman Garsden, Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 11.46am

Norman Garsden, Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting at 11.47am

Rolf Ellem, Project Officer (Gilbert River Irrigation) attended the meeting at 11.47am

Rolf Ellem, Project Officer (Gilbert River Irrigation) left the meeting at 12.20pm

GMCCS11.

Gilbert River Irrigation Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the request of the Project Officer, to lend appropriate weight to the query, the Mayor contacted the MIPP Coordinator, Darren Nightingale, on Wednesday, January 10 seeking an update.

An email updating the stakeholder group was sent immediately before the holiday period.

Due to machinery of government changes arising from the Qld State Election the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, under Minister Cameron Dick MP, is now the relevant department in relation to infrastructure planning, business case development and the Coordinator General. A meeting request has been sent to all relevant new Ministers.

The NT Farmers Food Futures Roadshow is scheduled to occur in May/June 2018 on a date dependent on the availability of Anthony Lynham MP, Qld Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Senator Matt Canavan, Federal Minister for Resources and Northern Australia.

The advent of business case funding will place greater emphasis on formal project management principles and it is appropriate to progress project governance. A core tenet of that should be the establishment of a committee or board that advises and recommends on project implementation.

Work has begun on a draft Initial Advice Statement (IAS) to the Coordinator General. It should be noted that this document is very conjecturable at this stage, and not robust without specific information around all proposed scheme infrastructure and ancillary infrastructure. The first step in designating a Coordinated Project under the Coordinator General is a pre-lodgement meeting.

The recent NAIF meeting reinforced the importance that Government and agencies place on the overall development framework around the Gilbert River Irrigation Project. They were insistent to see that Council is strategic in its thinking and has clear vision about the total scope of development around the irrigation project.

We have received correspondence from Sunwater in reply to a request for advice around their involvement in the development of the scheme. Without being specific, they stated they are only too keen to help us develop the project further and encouraged us to contact Peter MacTaggart, the Sunwater General Manager of Corporate Development, to discuss the project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 1. Continue to support the project until the outcome of the MIPP submission is determined.**
- 2. Decide on the form and function of a governance entity, the skills and knowledge required in that entity and begin identifying and canvassing appropriate members.**
- 3. Council request a Coordinated Project pre-lodgement meeting with the Office of The Coordinator General immediately upon acquisition of business case funding.**
- 4. Continue to investigate, and facilitate, options to address development imperatives around ancillary infrastructure that supports and complements the proposed irrigation scheme.**
- 5. Meet with Ministers and Sunwater to discuss collaborative possibilities and arrangements.**

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2246
5/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

No General Business

Cr Barnes

Additional signage on the Strathmore Road (additional 60km zone)

Cr Barnes thanked the Chief Executive Officer and Director Corporate & Community Services in relation to the development and final product of Council's new Corporate Plan.

Cr Bethel

Provide a report on the development of a loading ramp within the Industrial Land Precinct (Industrial Ave)

Cr Attwood

No General Business

Cr Devlin

Discussed the opportunity for Councillors to take on responsibilities in relation to attending various stakeholder meetings (RRG, Health, and Tourism)

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 12.35pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 21st February 2018.

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