



Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021,

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

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ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Les Morgan, Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Ian Kuhn, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Miss. Abbey Taylor, Executive Assistant

GALLERY

Mrs. Julie Dance

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:00am 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 would like to congratulate the community and those involved in putting together the fundraising day for Patrick.

Council would like to congratulate Mrs Julie Dance for her Women in Fire and Emergency Services Award for being an Outstanding Female Leader.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 20 January 2021

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 17 February 2021 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.1.CEO
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Corrections:

That where the February Minutes state,

“• Cr Royes – Requested an update on the signage throughout the shire resolution – Advised it has been allocated to the rural addressing.”

Are to be changed to “Requested an update on the signage on the Gregory Development Road.”

That in the February Minutes the word “GRIP” should be changed to “GRAF” as agreed by Council Resolution 21.02.03

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Cr Haase – The suggestion box items from last meeting were resolved to be brought to this meeting but they are not in the agenda RES NO 21.02.12

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10:18am

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:40am.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Ian Carroll entered the meeting at 11:05am

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Director of Corporate and Community Services' Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #21.03.2.DCCS

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1

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2020 to 20 June 2021

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 28 February 2021.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #21.03.3.DCCS

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Pest Management

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr Brett Carlsson from Agforce has contacted Council with the view to host a meeting with landholders in the shire in regards towards forming an Etheridge Shire Pest Management Committee to advise council. The original meeting's tentative date was set down for 18 March 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the officer's report and furthermore Council fully supports the concept of the formation of a pest management committee.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

LOST
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RESOLUTION

That Council note and receive the officers report however advise that Etheridge Shire Council will be proceeding with a biosecurity plan in conjunction with the southern gulf catchment group on a regional perspective and consultation with the community will form part of the process.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.4.DCCS
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3

Etheridge Shire Council - Acquisition of Goods & Services and the Carrying out of the Procurement Principles' Policy – Support for Local Purchasing

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 Procurement Policy at least every 12 months.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the "Acquisition of Goods & Services and the Carrying out of the Procurement Principles Policy" in accordance with Section 198 of the Local Government Regulation 2012- as presented with an appendix that addresses support for local purchasing.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

LOST
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RESOLUTION

That Council resolves that the *Etheridge Shire Council - Acquisition of Goods & Services and the Carrying out of the Procurement Principles' Policy – Support for Local Purchasing* report lay on the table until the next General Meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 12.36pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:04pm.

4

Management of the Georgetown Sports Centre

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Georgetown Sports Centre is a wonderful asset for the local Etheridge Shire community. Various sports such as tennis, squash, basketball, netball and lawn bowls can all be enjoyed at this facility. A gymnasium, conference room and kitchen area also comprise the Sports Centre.

The Sports Centre has not been staffed since its inception and is cleaned twice a week (approx. 1.5 hours each clean). From a recent inspection of the premises a number of maintenance and functional issues have been identified.

Attached to this report for Council's information is a list of these issues and consideration for some options in regards to the overall management of the premises and access to the gymnasium.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to note and receive the Officers report and furthermore that Council discuss the following options at the next Council Workshop:

- (a) Develop a Management Plan for the Sports Centre with a view to address the current maintenance and operational functions so as to enable the facility to progressively reach its potential.
- (b) Investigate the implementation and associated costs for a card key / swipe card entry for the gymnasium – for consideration in the 2021/22 Budget.
- (c) Consider appropriate signage on or erected at the Sports Centre.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.6.DCCS
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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.

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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.

Meetings are now held on the third Thursday of each month commencing at 9.00AM.

RESOLUTION

That Council endorse the minutes from the Advisory Committee Meeting (Aged & Disability Care) held on 18 February 2021.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.7.DCCS
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Review of Policy – Drug and Alcohol

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to adopt the reviewed Drug and Alcohol Policy

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

LOST
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RESOLUTION

That administration bring a revised Drug and Alcohol Policy to a future Council Meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.8.DCCS
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Planning Fees Review 2020/21

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the Local Government Act 2009, Section 97, it states that a local government may, under a local law or a resolution, fix a cost-recovery fee.

A cost-recovery fee is a fee for an application for the issue or renewal of a license, permit, registration or other approval under a Local Government Act (an application fee).

Attached to this report is a reviewed list of Planning fees for 2020/21.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to adopt the reviewed Planning Fees for 2020/2021 pursuant to and in accordance with Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.9.DCCS
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8

Renaming Georgetown Swimming Pool

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council at its General Meeting held on 24 February 2020 it was resolved:

That Council:

“Resolve to name the Georgetown Pool in honour of Mr. George Dickenson an aptly title the Swimming Complex “The George Dickenson Memorial Pool” with the unveiling to coincide with the 150 year Georgetown anniversary celebrations, and furthermore delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to obtain the necessary signage including an interpretative sign”.

Due to COVID19 implications the 150 year Georgetown anniversary celebrations has been postponed to later this year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Officers' report and proceed with procuring the new signage for the Georgetown Pool with the unveiling to coincide with the 150-year Georgetown anniversary celebrations.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.10.DCCS
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RESOLUTION

That Council will name the Georgetown Swimming Pool “The George and Doreen Dickenson Memorial Pool” due to clarifying information supplied by the family.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.11.DCCS
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SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Presentation from CPB Contractors

RESOLUTION

That Council suspends standing orders at 2:06pm

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.12.CEO
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RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

That Council resumes standing orders at 2:50pm

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.13.CEO
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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.14.DES
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RESOLUTION

That Council advise the FNQRRG that Council fully supports the recommendation put forward by FNQRRTG as listed below.

Proposed FNQRRTG Motion:

The FNQRRTG priority project nominations for the remaining \$31.7 million ROSI funding on the state government-controlled road network, subject to packages not being funded by other sources, ranked in priority order within the ROSI corridor relevant to our RRTG are:

Priority	TMR Package in Gulf Developmental Road Business Case	Chainages	Value (Million)
1	10	92C 61.8 – 68.8	\$13.04
2	4	92B 133.9 – 137.1 139.2 – 140.2 143.8 – 144.3	\$8.04
3	9	92C 52.5 – 55.3 57.2 – 57.5	\$6.21
4	3	92B 123.7 – 127.4 128.1 - 129	\$9.30
5	5	92C 3.3 – 6.2	\$5.99
6	2	92B 101.9 – 111.5	\$15.45
7	7	92C 41.9 – 45.6	\$6.38
8	8	92C 47.4 – 50.6	\$5.53
9	6	92C 9.1 – 10.1 11.2 – 12.8 14.0 – 15.1	\$6.94

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.15.CEO
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Wet Hire Procedure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines a simple, transparent and fairer procedure for the engagement of contracted wet hire plant and machinery, whilst enhancing Council's goal of encouraging and supporting local business. This procedure also adheres to the principles set out in Council's Procurement Policy.

RESOLUTION

That the principles and procedure for the selection and engagement of wet hire contractors as provided in Appendix A be adopted as an Addendum to Council's Procurement Policy.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.16.DES
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ATTENDANCE

Mr. Ian Kuhn left 3:46pm and returned 3:48pm

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Chief Executive Officer's Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.17.CEO
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ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase left at 4:28pm and returned at 4:33pm

Mr. Ian Carroll left the meeting at 4:52pm and returned at 4:56pm

Mr. Ian Carroll left the meeting at 4:57pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Requested an update on gates at the Forsyth Cemetery and Georgetown Cemetery as previously mentioned
- Questioned Council's process of dealing with overgrown allotments in the shire
- Suggested that Council hire out a portable cold room for use at events where there is no refrigeration
- Questioned where Councillors will represent throughout the shire on ANZAC Day

Cr Barns

- Inquired whether GENEX could make a contribution for or to replace the Copperfield River Bridge at Kidston, further to their road use agreement with Council"
- Queried if council crews can record/document remote Mobile Phone reception Hotspots within the shire and make them more accessible for public use.

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- Inquired if Council can either utilise or have a set directive to make sure that there is an adequate number and appropriate placement of rubbish bins and seating at local public events within the shire
- Brought forward that the designated smokers area at events within the Shire should be in a safe shaded section, out of the sun
- Questioned if council has ownership of old promotional signage further afield outside shire boundaries, and should these be updated to reflect current tourism scope and directions?
- Suggested that Council consider the use of a Steam Weeder, for use inside town boundaries

Cr Haase

- Questioned if there is any way of highlighting that Georgetown was nominated as one of the top 10 towns to visit in Australia recently by a travelling blogger
- Informed Council that RMPC roadside slashing is very narrow along Croydon road before the long narrows
- Requested a reason for the Cold room at the Gregg Bethel oval, to be running
- Stressed that Council's communication methods across the shire still needs addressing
- Get Ready QLD Funding – first aid is at risk of running out

Cr Royes

- Raised questions about the Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme
- Stressed the importance of finalising rural addressing as soon as possible
- Requested an update on Council's response to the Gilbert River Headwaters Action Group
- Gave positive feedback to those involved in the works being done in the southern end of the shire on the Kennedy and Gregory Development roads
- Requested information on the Einasleigh Recreational/ Park Area tennis court
- Questioned if officers have been informed that the oven at the hostel has not been working

Cr Hughes

Negotiation in regards to land purchase in Mt Surprise.

Cr Royes Declared a conflict of interest as she had negotiations with the owner of the land on a separate matter however advised that this is not continuing. Cr Royes believes that she can stay in the room for the discussion on the matter. The Mayor recognised the conflict and suggested that Cr Royes should stay in the room but not vote on the matter.

RESOLUTION

That Cr Royes stays in the room for the discussion of the matter but does not vote.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.18.CEO
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RESOLUTION

That Council delegate the mayor and CEO to negotiate in regards to land purchase in Mt Surprise.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #21.03.19.CEO
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Cr Gallagher voted against the matter

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 5:36pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 21st April 2021.

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MAYOR

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DATE