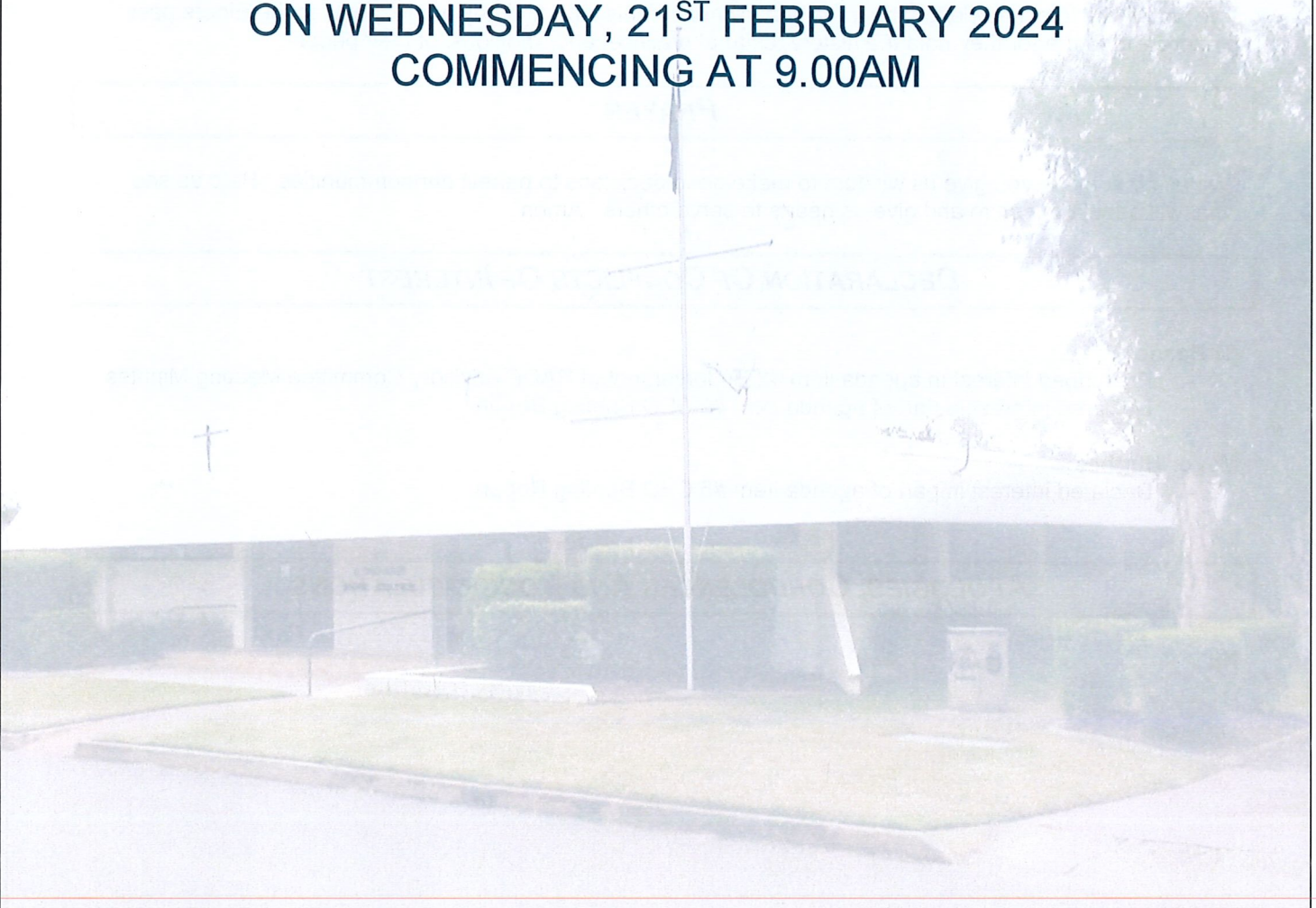




Etheridge Shire Council

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY 2024
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2024
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Barry Hughes
Cr. Laurell Royes
Cr. Joe Haase
Cr. Tony Gallagher
Cr. Cameron Barns

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Mrs. Renee Bester, Executive Assistant

OPEN GALLERY

Aaron Gallagher
Josie Prior

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.01 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."

PRAYER

"We ask that today you give us wisdom to make good decisions to benefit our communities. Help us see what will benefit our shire and give us hearts to serve others. Amen".

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Haase

- Prescribed interest in agenda item #2 Endorsement of RADF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- Declared interest in part of agenda item #5 CEO Briefing Report

Mayor Hughes

- Declared interest in part of agenda item #5 CEO Briefing Report.

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Nil

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 24th January 2024

Corrections:

- Nil

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 24th January 2024 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.01
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES

Cr Royes

#23.11.24 – Update on quote being for columbarium wall costings

#23.11.25 – Update on quote being sought for the erection of perimeter fence at Lynd Medical Centre

#23.07.21 – Land negotiation is now complete

Cr Barns

#23.12.14 – Letter to contractors to be discussed in DCS Briefing Report

#23.12.25 – Contract for Waste Transfer Station has been awarded

Cr Gallagher

#24.01.04 – Confirmation of Budget Review documents

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director Corporate Services

1. Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.02
5/0

2. Financial Performance (Actual vs. Budget) for the period 1 July 2022 to 31st January 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government at least monthly.

RESOLUTION

That Council pursuant Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, resolve to adopt the monthly Financial Report the period ending 31st January 2024, as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.03
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Barns left the meeting at 9.47am and returned to the meeting at 9.48am.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Haase has a prescribed interest with the following agenda item and left the meeting at 9.52am.

3. Endorsement of RADF Advisory decisions regarding community applications for RADF Funding

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the RADF Advisory Committee meeting minutes for the meeting held 13th February 2024 be received.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.04
4/0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RADF community applications closed Wednesday 13th February 2024. Four (4) only applications were received and were adjudicated accordingly by the RADF Committee at their meeting on Wednesday 13th February. Results are as follows:

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Round Two						
Expenditure 23/24	Date	event	Costs	Funding Body	Income	Towns
Rebekkah Haase	18/4/2024 -31/12/2024	Workshops	\$ 2,710.00			G
QCWA Debutante Ball	17/8/2024 -18/8/2024	Debutante Ball	\$ -			G
Anna Bethel	March '24 - December '24	Annual Dancing	\$ 6,000.00			G
Mt Surprise P & C	26/08/2024	Bangin In The Basalt	\$ 7,000.00			M

RESOLUTION

That Council endorse RADF Advisory Committee decisions on the following applications and a letter be sent to the applicants advising the outcomes of their application.

- 1) Anna Bethel–Branches Performing Arts – Dancing – Successful – (\$6000.00)
- 2) Rebekah Haase – Drawing and Painting – Successful – (\$2710.00)
- 3) Mount Surprise State School – Bangin in the Basalt – Successful – (\$7000.00)

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.05
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase returned to the meeting at 10.13am.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10.15am.

ATTENDANCE

Raju Ranjit entered the meeting at 10.20am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10.37am.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director of Engineering Services

4. Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.06
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Ken Timms left the meeting at 11.16am and returned to the meeting at 11.17am.
 Renee Bester left the meeting at 11.39am and returned to the meeting at 11.41am.
 Raju Ranjit left the meeting at 11.49am.
 Cr Haase left the meeting at 11.48am and returned to the meeting at 11.50am.
 Cr Barnes left the meeting at 12.29pm and returned to the meeting at 12.31pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12.31pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.04pm.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

5. Chief Executive Officer Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.07
5/0**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Haase & Mayor Hughes have a declarable interest with a component of agenda item #5 CEO Briefing Report.

CHAIR

Chair of the Meeting has been passed to Deputy Mayor, Laurell Royes at 1.10pm.

RESOLUTION

After consideration of declared interests, Council resolve that:

- Mayor Barry Hughes leaves the meeting
- Cr Haase stays in the meeting but does not vote.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.08
3/0**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Barry Hughes left the meeting at 1.22pm.

RESOLUTION

Upon further consideration, Council appreciates the importance for a regular meal service for elderly people of Georgetown however resolve that fair and equitable use of Council's facilities must be considered. The cost of Council facilities have to be considered as part of the delivery. It is recommended that Etheridge Cares seek expressions of interests from the community which consider these costs.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.09
3/0**

ATTENDANCE

Cr Haase left the meeting at 2.07pm and returned at 2.08pm.
Mayor Barry Hughes returned to the meeting at 2.08pm.

CHAIR

Mayor Barry Hughes resumed the Chair of the meeting at 2.09pm.

ATTENDANCE

Renee Bester left the meeting at 2.10pm and returned at 2.45pm.

RESOLUTION

That Council approve in principle, the commercial use of land specific to the application subject to a permit under Subordinate Local Law 1 – Schedule 8 ‘Commercial Use of Local Government controlled areas and roads’ being submitted and the fee set is paid.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.10
4/1

VOTE

Cr Gallagher would like to record his vote against the abovementioned motion.

6. *Application for Conversion of GHPL to Freehold over Lot 6 on SP258871 – 2022/001642*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Department of Resources requesting Council's views or requirements including any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values that the department should consider and/or that may affect the future use of the land, in relation to the land described as Lot 6 on SP258871 – 2022/001642, with the proposed use being Freehold.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Advise the Department of Resources that they have no objections to Lot 6 on SP258871 – 2022/001642 being used for Freehold.

Subject to roads being off alignment, council advise the Department of Resources that:

- a) Council acknowledge that Oakleigh Road is a constructed road asset of Council and is maintained by Council
- b) From the documentation given and a search of Council records it may be possible that Oakleigh Road are off alignment and this can be confirmed by undertaking a survey of the road/ road corridor. Council currently does not have any available resources to undertake such a survey.
- c) Council have no objections to the closure of the abovementioned Oakleigh Road.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.11
5/0

7. *Application for Conversion of GHPL to Freehold over Lot 5082 on PH418 – 2022/001641*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Department of Resources requesting Council's views or requirements including any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values that the department should consider and/or that may affect the future use of the land, in relation to the land described as Lot 5082 on PH418 – 2022/001641, with the proposed use being Freehold.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Advise the Department of Resources that they have no objections to Lot 5082 on PH418 – 2022/001641 being changed to Freehold.

Subject to roads being off alignment, council advise the Department of Resources that:

a) Council acknowledge that Oakleigh Road is a constructed road asset of Council and is maintained by Council

b) From the documentation given and a search of Council records it may be possible that Oakleigh Road are off alignment and this can be confirmed by undertaking a survey of the road/ road corridor. Council currently does not have any available resources to undertake such a survey.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION # 24.02.12
5/0

8. *Application for Conversion of GHPL to Freehold over Lot 143 on SP134201 – 2022/001851*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Department of Resources requesting Council's views or requirements including any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values that the department should consider and/or that may affect the future use of the land, in relation to the land described as Lot 143 on SP134201 – 2022/001851, with the proposed use being Freehold.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Advise the Department of Resources that they have no objections to Lot 143 on SP134201 – 2022/001851 being changed to Freehold.

Subject to roads being off alignment, council advise the Department of Resources that:

a) Council acknowledge that Paddys Road, Malacura Road and Carnes Road are constructed road assets of Council and is maintained by Council

b) From the documentation given and a search of Council records it may be possible that Paddys Road, Malacura Road and Carnes Road are off alignment and this can be confirmed by undertaking a survey of the road/ road corridor. Council currently does not have any available resources to undertake such a survey.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.13
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Renee Bester left the meeting at 3.15pm.

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 3.14pm to discuss (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government under section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 which states that:

- (1) A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.
- (2) A committee of a local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the committee be closed to the public.

(3) However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss the sale of land.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.14
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RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 3.38pm.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.15
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Renee Bester returned to the meeting room at 3.38pm.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the report on the Georgetown Student Hostel and instruct the CEO to present a report to strategically addressed issues to the next Council Meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #24.02.16
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Barns left the meeting at 3.56pm and returned to the meeting room at 3.38pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Royes - First Street Georgetown Drainage - please advise funding source	DES
Cr Royes - Einasleigh Australia Day Event - proposed new date	CEO
Cr Royes - Contaminated Soil (Weeds) being dumped on private properties and road reserves. (Bio-security risk and increasing spread of invasive weeds)	DES
Cr Royes - Forsayth Water interruption (Business interruption/ health risk) Update on the issue and the commitment to community to avoid the repeated "communication" issues.	DES
Cr Royes - Capital Project Budgets - actual budget figures per project still unavailable after several years of request.	DES
Cr Royes, Cr Barnes & Cr Gallagher - Charleston Dam (Amenity cleaning) to be incorporated into Forsayth Town maintenance for better efficiency as opposed to travel costs per each clean.	DES
Cr Royes - Mount Surprised Town Maintenance Budget/service level - Although the contractor does a brilliant job with existing gardens, is the "Bike Track" included in the contract.	DES
Cr Royes - Georgetown Rodeo/Campdraft/Horsesports Grounds - Water supply. After the campdraft in 2023 a request was made to upgrade (at a minimum) the inlet pipe size to the main tank. As it is, the current water infrastructure does not supply enough water for even the minimum amount of competitors for events. Without the upgrade, committees will be forced to reduce participants and events.	DES
Cr Royes - Maintenance Georgetown Rodeo/Campdraft/Horsesports grounds - being a public council asset, will this facility be maintained all year round, enabling community use at all times?	DES

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Cr Royes - Columbarium wall for Kidston cemetery - request for costings (as previously requested on several occasions)	DES
Cr Royes - Lynd Clinic completion (Perimeter fence etc) - request for costings (as previously requested on several occasions)	DES
Cr Royes - Invasive weeds on road corridors (council owned & Main roads) - Who is responsible for the control of invasive weeds on the respective road corridors. Landholders frustrated with the lack of accountability leading to rapid spread to private land.	DES
Cr Barns - Percyvale Road alignment	DES
Cr Gallagher - Causeway on access road to Georgetown Airstrip	DES
Cr Gallagher - Georgetown State School petition for skate park/bike park	DCS
Cr Gallagher - Goat Head Burrs are spread mainly by council in every town mowing vacant council land. Why can't council use a herbicide spray to poison before mowing??	DES
Cr Gallagher - I brought to Council a request by a Forsayth resident re locked gate at Charleston Dam. It was decided to put in a man gate or turn style , i don't see that recorded anywhere??	DES
Cr Gallagher - Light above entrance to sports centre	DES
Cr Gallagher - Forsayth Town Common	DCS
Cr Gallagher - Man gates at Georgetown Cemetery	DES
Cr Gallagher - Council Jumping Castles	DCS
Cr Haase - Fallen road closed signs on Gregory Development Road on shortcut road	DES

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.02pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

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MAYOR DATE