



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015,
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

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ATTENDANCE

Crs W Attwood, T Arnett, W Bethel, P Royes, I Tincknell

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr Michael Kitzelmann, Chief Executive Officer
Mr David Munro, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Mr Rohana Samarasekera, Director of Engineering Services
Mrs Tanya Robinson, Executive Assistant
Mr Terry Whitaker, Works Manager

GALLERY

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.16am 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.

APOLOGIES AND CONDOLENCES

Council offers their condolences to the Brown family on the passing of Grant Brown.

That an apology from Cr Bethel be accepted and leave of absence be granted where Cr Bethel advised that he may be late due to unforeseen circumstances.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting – Wednesday 15 April 2015

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 15 April 2015 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1357
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Rohana Samarasekera left the meeting at 9.34am and returned at 9.48am.

7. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Monthly Financial report as at 30 April 2015

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:

Adopt the monthly Financial Report pursuant to and in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ending 30 April 2015.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1358
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel attended the meeting at 9.41am and offered apologies for late arrival as a result of unforeseen circumstances.

GMCCS2.

Capital Works Budget 2014/2015

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the 2014/15 Budget, Council has approved a number of Capital Works Projects. The attached report provides a summary of the Capital Works Program through a financial perspective.

Council receives a detailed commentary on how we are delivering on our Capital and Operating budgets each quarter through the Operational Plan review.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1359
5/0

GMCCS3.

Our Organisational – Update on Employment Numbers (FTE)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

People are the key to Etheridge Shire Council's future. The survival, growth and success of Etheridge Shire Council are directly linked to the quality of the staff as individuals and as collaborative colleagues.

This report provides Council with an update on "Full Time Equivalents" (FTE) numbers and also provides trends and statistics on Council's Human Resource Department.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report.

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1360
5/0

GMCCS5.

Etheridge Shire Council – Revenue Policy 2015/2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A local government must prepare a revenue policy each financial year, and the Revenue Policy must state -

(a) The principles that the local government intends to apply in the financial year for -

- (i) Levying of rates and charges; and*
- (ii) Granting concessions for rates and charges; and*
- (iii) Recovering overdue rates and charges; and*
- (iv) Cost-recovery fees*

(b) If the local government intends to grant concessions for rates and charges - the purpose for the concessions, and

(c) The extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development, and

(d) The amount of each reserve to be kept in the operating fund and the way in which the local government intends to ensure funding is available to support the purpose of each reserve.

The revenue policy may state guidelines that may be used for preparing the local government's Revenue Statement.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the 2015/2016 Revenue Policy in accordance with and pursuant to Section 193 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1361
5/0

GMCCS6.

Etheridge Shire Council – Investment Policy 2015/2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Council with a contemporary investment policy based on an assessment of counterparty, market and liquidity risk within the legislative framework of the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act and Regulations.

This Policy applies to the investment of surplus funds in accordance with investment powers under Part 6 of the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangement Act 1982 (SBFAA).

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the Etheridge Shire Council's – Investment Policy 2015/2016 pursuant to and in accordance with Section 191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1362
5/0

GMCCS7.

Etheridge Shire Council's Fees and Charges 2015/2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year Council is required to adopt by resolution a Schedule of Fees & Charges for its services. Under the Local Government Act 2009, Section 97, it states that Council can charge two types of Fees & Charges. The first being Regulatory, and the second being Commercial. The difference between the two is quite simple.

Regulatory Fees are those fees which have been regulated or legislated with the fee being set at the cost of performing or delivering that particular service. For example, issuing a Food License is a regulatory fee, it has a head of power being the Food Act 2006 and Council is only able to charge the cost to perform that service. Commercial Fees are those fees which have not been regulated or legislated with the fee being able to be set at a Commercial Rate.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to adopt the Etheridge Shire Council's 2015/2016 Fees and Charges pursuant to and in accordance with Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1363
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10.01am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10.43am. Rohana Samarasekera was not in attendance.

ATTENDANCE

Rohana Samarasekera attended the meeting at 10.44am.

GMCCS9.

Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Local Councils across Australia have recently received the third quarterly payment of Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants (FAGS) to Local Government for this financial year. FAGs are an important “untied” payment to Council’s from the Australian Government which are invested in essential community infrastructure.

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) welcomes the payment of FAGs to Local Government and acknowledges the importance of this direct funding link between the Commonwealth and Local Government. However, it is also important that the level of funding provided to Council’s, the sphere of government closest to the community, is adequate to ensure infrastructure and services are provided at a reasonable level in all communities.

FAG’s funding is not currently keeping pace with the demand for services and infrastructure in local communities and the “freeze” of indexation will worsen this. Freezing FAG’s at their current level until 2017/18 will result in a permanent reduction in the FAG’s base by 13%.

ALGA in its 2015 Federal Budget submission, has called for FAG’s indexation to be restored immediately and for the Federal Government to consider the adequacy of the quantum of FAG’s and the indexation methodology in the future.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Acknowledges the importance of Federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of councils services and infrastructure and furthermore that Council acknowledges it will receive \$4,507,872 in 2014/15 and will ensure that this Federal funding and other funding provided by the Federal Government under relevant grant programs is appropriately identified as Commonwealth grant funding in council publications, including annual reports.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1364
5/0

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Arnett declared a conflict of interest in GMCCS10 and left the meeting at 10.48am

Cr Arnett returned to the meeting at 11.22am

GMCCS10.

Vacant Land – Agistment Purposes (Georgetown)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has approved the use of several unoccupied vacant allotments within the Georgetown Township for the purpose of agistment based on applications received from members of the public. Council has been in receipt of a number of enquiries from the community regarding vacant land for the sole purpose of agistment.

This report identifies current land under agistment plus any vacant land that Council has available and deemed suitable for the purpose of agistment.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Requests the CEO to prepare a draft concept for the equitable access to vacant Council land for the agistment of animals, this concept is to include a proposal for the lease rate.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1365
5/0

GMCCS11.

Request to Renew Permit to Occupy over part of Lot 6 on SP206970, Georgetown- Forsayth Road

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a written request from the applicant who currently has an approval to agist horses on part of Lot 6 on SP206970 seeking an extension of their current arrangements for a further 12 months as per the original signed agreements.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to defer the matter to the June General Meeting.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1366
5/0

GMCCS12.

Request for a Permit to Occupy over Part of Lot 994 on SP258857 (Gulf Development Road, Georgetown)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a written request from a local Georgetown resident seeking a Permit to Occupy over part of Lot 994 on SP258857 (Gulf Development Road, Georgetown) for the purpose of agistment.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to inform the applicant that a review of Council land for agistment purposes is currently under review and that a temporary permit will be offered as per the request however the current pricing structure and the parcel of land may be subject to change as part of this review.

This temporary permit is subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the area will need to be fenced with a stock proof fence;*
- (ii) the area will need to be maintained in accordance with Council's Pest Management Plan;*
- (iii) the purpose of the "Permit to Occupy" is for grazing;*
- (iv) no other use will be permitted;*
- (v) any infrastructure placed on the defined area within Lot 994 on SP258857 must not be of a permanent nature;*
- (vi) if the subject allotment is developed by council in the future then the Permit of Occupy will be terminated with council providing sufficient time for the holder of the Permit to Occupy to remove any infrastructure and to relocate any livestock on the defined area;*

- (vii) *term of the Permit to Occupy – 1 year with an option to renew at expiry.*
- (viii) *Agistment fee \$3.50/head/week (paid in advance)*

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1367
5/0

GMCCS13.

Charleston Dam – ILUA & Cultural Heritage Management Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been investigating the option of constructing a Dam located on the Delaney River north of the Forsyth Township for the purpose of water security, recreation use and economic development.

As part of the Statutory requirements to enable this project to become “shovel ready” Council has been in negotiations with the Traditional Owners of the land, The Ewamian People to arrange an Indigenous Land Use Agreement and a Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1368
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Royes left the meeting at 11.56am and returned at 11.58am

Cr Bethel left the meeting at 12.06pm and returned at 12.07pm

GMCCS14.

Proposed Community Event

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the April 2015 General Meeting a “Steering Committee” has been developed to organize a Community Event.

This committee comprises of two Councillor’s and two Council Officers and since the creation of the committee it has met on two occasions to develop an action list of what needs to be done and to delegate duties amongst the committee members.

This report to Council is to provide an update as to what has occurred and what still needs to be undertaken and also to provide Council with a preliminary Budget to run this Community Event.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- (i) *Endorses the budget as presented and furthermore;*
- (ii) *That Council resolve to support outside road crews participating in this event (subject to taking annual leave, accumulated RDO’s or TOIL) to enable them to participate and support this community event for the weekend of 26th & 27th September 2015 and furthermore;*

- (iii) *That Council resolve to advertise through the Inform seeking expressions of interest from any community groups, or businesses wanting to undertake the catering and running of the bar for this community event.*

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1369
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 12.17pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.04pm

GMCCS15.

Development Application for:

- A) Material Change of Use – Code Assessment for Industry (Shed) and Caretaker’s Residence and
- B) Operational Works on Land Described as Lot 99 on SP206971 Via Industrial Street Georgetown, Parish of Georgetown, Country of Gilbert

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a Development Application for

- A) MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE – CODE ASSESSMENT FOR INDUSTRY (SHED) AND CARETAKER’S RESIDENCE; and*
- B) OPERATIONAL WORKS ON LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 99 ON SP206971 VIA INDUSTRIAL STREET GEORGETOWN, PARISH OF GEORGETOWN, COUNTY OF GILBERT*

Specifically the proposal is for the carrying out of operational works in order for an access road and a sufficient level area be created to allow for the construction of an industrial shed and caretaker’s residence for the purpose of housing and maintaining the applicants earth moving business.

The attached Planning Report and Draft Decision Notice suggests that the application is consistent and in accordance with the Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

In accordance with the Integrated Planning Act 1997 as amended and the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 Council approve a Development Permit for:

- A) MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE – CODE ASSESSMENT FOR INDUSTRY (SHED) AND CARETAKER’S RESIDENCE; and*
- B) OPERATIONAL WORKS ON LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 99 ON SP206971 VIA INDUSTRIAL STREET GEORGETOWN, PARISH OF GEORGETOWN, COUNTY OF GILBERT*

Subject to the following conditions as identified in Appendix 2 – Draft Decision Notice (Section A – Assessment Managers Conditions (Council) and refer Appendix 3 for Conditions and Advice from Concurrence Agency Response (Department of State Development Infrastructure and Planning - DSDIP)

A. ASSESSMENT MANAGER CONDITIONS (COUNCIL)

General:

- 1) *The development shall be undertaken substantially in accordance with the approved drawings and/or documents and in accordance with the specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council.*
- 2) *The conditions of the Development Permit must be affected prior to Commencement of Use, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.*
- 3) *The concurrence agency conditions and advice provided by the Department State Development Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) (Refer Appendix 3) shall be included as conditions of this approval.*
- 4) *The applicant will ensure as far as practicable that access to the site by the public during construction shall be limited as far as practicable by way of temporary construction fencing and gates to a height of 1800mm.*
- 5) *The applicant shall within 3 months of commencement of operations provide tree/shrub vegetation that is compatible with the regional vegetation such that it provides partial screening of their operations from the Gulf Development Road.*
- 6) *Construction works associated with a shed and Caretaker's Residence and the like shall require separate building and plumbing approvals from the Etheridge Shire Council.*

Time and Effect:

- 7) *The Development Approval shall lapse four (4) years after the date the Development Approval takes effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 341 of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 and Section 3.5.21 of the Integrated Planning Act 1997.*

Roads – External

- 8) *All road design details shall be submitted to the Etheridge Shire Council for final approval.*
- 9) *The proposed driveway and crossover (refer Ausnorth Consultants Plans: 14069/DTM/01 and 14069/DSN/01) shall require a drop section in lieu of a pipe at the entrance which will require stabilising (4% cement by volume with ridge gravel) length 15m. The roadway will need to allow a minimum of 2m from the fence line (East of the entrance path). Width and cross fall accepted. This work shall be carried out to the satisfaction of councils' Engineer.*

Roads – Internal: (Access roads on private property):

- 10) *The maintenance of all internal roads shall be the responsibility of the applicant and costs associated with this maintenance shall be borne by the applicant.*

Services:

- 11) *The Applicant shall be responsible for the cost of necessary alterations to existing public utility mains, services or installations required by works in relation to the proposed development or any works required by condition(s) of this approval.*

Water:

- 12) *In lieu of connection to the town water supply the applicant shall provide sufficient rain water storage for industry and residential purposes associated with this development.*

Bushfire Management:

- 13) *The Applicant shall ensure that the development can be accessed by the Rural Fire Service in the event of bushfire, to the satisfaction of that organisation.*
- 14) *The applicant shall supply 2 x 60,000 litre water tanks for catchment of roof water drainage from the proposed shed. This water storage shall be made available as an on-site and bushfire fighting measure.*

Drainage:

- 15) *Soil and water management measures must be installed / implemented prior to discharge of water from the site, such that no external stormwater flow from the site*

adversely affects surrounding or downstream properties (in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 1994)

Car Parking:

- 14) *The applicant shall make provision for sufficient car parking spaces within the boundaries of the development suitable in number for the type and operations of the proposed business.*
- 15) *The Caretaker's Residence shall be provided with one (1) car park space for the caretaker, one (1) car park for any other temporary accommodation room and one (1) additional visitor car parking space.*

On-Site Sewerage:

- 16) *Waste disposal shall be by way of a minimum Secondary Standard Waste Water Treatment Plant and associated land application area. Prior to construction a site and soil report with associated effluent design shall be lodged with council for prior approval.*

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1370
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Royes left the meeting at 1.16pm

GMCCS16.

Waste Collection – Full Cost Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has requested that a review be undertaken into the cost of Waste Collection for the township of Georgetown. This review will enable Council to consider alternative options of Waste Collection.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report and furthermore that Council acknowledges that there is no real cost benefit savings to outsource the function at the present time subject to the reduction in Council's internal plant utilistaion rate.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1371
4/0
Cr Royes was absent for the vote

ATTENDANCE

Cr Royes returned to the meeting at 1.19pm

GMCCS17.

Request for Land (Forsayth)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a written request to seek Council's support to either Lease or Purchase an area of land that is currently gazetted as a road reserve that adjoins Second & Fifth Street, Forsayth.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Requests the Chief Executive Officer to write to the applicant advising that Council is currently conducting a cost benefit analysis on completing this section of road. As such the application has been denied.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1372
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Terry Whittaker left the meeting at 1.31pm and returned at 1.33pm

GMCCS18.

Community Resilience Fair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On the 12 June 2015 a Community Resilience Fair will be held in Georgetown. This event will be open to all community members of Etheridge Shire.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes Officers Report and endorses the recommendations of a bus service for community members in Forsayth, Einasleigh and Mt Surprise to attend Community Resilience Fair.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1373
5/0

GMCCS19.

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a state and local government partnership that supports local artist and arts and cultural activities in Queensland Communities.

Etheridge Shire Council has received an RADF application from Northern Gulf Resource Management Group "Grow – Do it and Etheridge Shire Council "The essence of place; What makes our region special" (under the RADF guidelines Council is able to co-ordinate arts and cultural projects for the community)

The "Grow- Do It" program is a series of music workshops at Mt Surprise, Georgetown, & Forsayth. The music tour will be run in conjunction with the Get into the Garden program which teaches hands

on permaculture skills to students. The connection of the town programs will establish the understanding of the words and rhymes used in ecological songwriting through the hands on activities of both programs.

“The essence of place; What makes our region special” is a series of painting/colour skills workshops at Mt Surprise, Georgetown and Forsyth State Schools which will involve the children exploring aspects of their local region and learn ways to express ideas through paint.

In Etheridge Shire Council’s 2014/2015 annual Arts Queensland bid, funds were allocated towards a strategic initiative project. This project is a regional partnership between Mareeba Shire Council, Tableland Regional Council, Partners In Recovery and Centacare Cairns. “Photography Journeys” is a series of workshop held throughout Etheridge Shire, presented by a professional photographer with a focus on expression and composition. The aim of the project is to establish connectedness between individuals, supports and service providers using photography to tell a story. At the completion of the workshops there will be a regional exhibition to display the final photography products.

These applications have been assessed by the RADF Committee and have been determined to comply with the appropriate assessment criteria as detailed through Arts Queensland and the RADF Program.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Endorse the actions taken by the Etheridge Shire Council RADF Committee in the assessment and approval of RADF funding for application received as per the following:

- NGRMG	“Grow – Do It”	\$ 3,160.00
- ESC	“ The essence of place; What makes our region special”	\$8,000.00
- ESC	“Photography Journeys”	\$6,030.00
Total Approved		<u>\$17,190.00</u>

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1374
5/0

8. CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMES1.

Monthly Engineering Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a review of the performance of Engineering Services for the month of April 2015, bench marked against Council’s Corporate and Operational Plan.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Receives and notes the report from the Director Engineering Services in respect of the work performed and services offered for the month of April 2015 by the Engineering Section.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1375
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel left the meeting at 2.10pm and returned at 2.11pm

GMES2.

Maintenance Agreement – Bolwarra Enterprises Pty Ltd

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Development Application from Bolwarra Enterprises to extract a maximum of 20,000 tonne of sand per annum from the embankments of the Etheridge River was approved by Council on 18 March 2015 subject to compliance with set conditions.

Condition twelve(12) of the Development approval involved the applicant negotiating a Roads Maintenance Agreement with the Director of Engineering for maintenance of a section of road that will be traversed by trucks to extract material from designated site on the Etheridge River.

A monetary agreement has been negotiated based on per tonne of material carted from the extraction site.

This alone will not constitute the agreement as Bolwarra Enterprises will be required to abide by other requirements in respect of road usage such as: watering of the roadway way during cartage, construction of access to the extraction site in accordance with specification as provided, appropriate road signs in accordance with the MUTCD and ESC Standards.

RESOLUTION

*That Council:
Resolves to impose the agreed fee on Bolwarra Enterprises on the basis of a per tonne of sand extracted from the riverbed.*

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1376
5/0

GMES3.

Successful Contract – Copperfield River Gorge Dam Inspection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Energy and Water Supply (DEWS) approached Council with a Sole Invitee Tender proposal for the Copperfield River Gorge Dam Inspections. DEWS are required under the current dam safety licence conditions to have weekly, monthly (RPEQ Engineer) and Special Inspections carried out in line with the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) requirements.

As the successful contractor Council is required to carry-out these inspections and collated data to be provided to DEWS on a weekly, monthly basis, in accordance to a procedure set down by the Principle Engineer DEWS (Presently Bill Steen).

RESOLUTION

*That Council:
Notes and receives the Officers Report*

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1376
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 2.28pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 2.41pm

GMCCS21.

Invitation for Expression of Interest – Regional Funding Drought Assistance (Feral Animals) Phase II

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Australian Government has provided Queensland with \$5.6 million in drought assistance funding to support improved pest animal management in drought-affected areas for the 2013/14 to 2015/16 financial years.

This funding has been made available to organisations such as resource management groups, local governments and others directly involved in the delivery of pest animal management, working cooperatively on regionally agreed projects.

To initiate the process, it is suggested that regional meetings be held to identify the organisations that can lead and contribute to regional projects and to develop project concepts to submit for consideration by the Oversight Group.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Requests the CEO to liaise with the Pest Management Committee for the preparation of a draft submission which is to be communicated through a memorandum to all Councillors and members of the Pest Management Committee for final endorsement on the 9th June 2015.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1377
5/0

GMCCS22.

Round 2 – National Stronger Regions Fund

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Round Two of the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) opened on 15 May 2015 and closes on 1 July 2015. This programme will provide funding of \$1 billion over 5 years, commencing in 2015/2016, to fund priority infrastructure in regional communities.

- *Grants must be between \$20,000 and \$10 million.*
- *Local government and incorporated not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply.*
- *Grant funding must be matched in cash on at least a dollar for dollar basis.*
- *All partner funding must be confirmed.*
- *NSRF funding will be provided for capital projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or an extension of existing infrastructure.*
- *The project must deliver an economic benefit to the region beyond the period of construction. Projects should support disadvantaged regions or areas of disadvantage within a region.*
- *The NSRF funded component of the project must be completed on or before 31 December 2019.*

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report on the National Stronger Regions Fund (Round 2) and furthermore that Council lodge an application for the Charleston Dam project.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1378
5/0

GMCCS23.

Exploration Permit for Minerals No.13072 over the Einasleigh District

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from Consolidated Tin Mines Ltd advising Council that it is in the process of commencing “exploratory drilling in and around the existing Mining lease(s) located on the outskirts of the Einasleigh Township.

The exploratory drilling program is for the purpose of collecting further soil and rock chips samples and mapping of the area.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officer’s report.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1379
5/0

CLOSURE OF MEETING

MOTION:

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

- ***Organisational Structure – New (F/T) Position “HR & Governance Officer”***
- ***Offer to Purchase Lot 27 on SP217469 (Residential Estate – Georgetown)***
- ***Organisational Structure – New (F/T) Position “Builder & Electrician” (Trade Qualified)***

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1380
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Rohana Samarasekera left the meeting at 3.12pm and returned at 3.21pm

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION:

That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 3.47pm

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1381
5/0

7. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS4.

Organisational Structure – New (F/T) Position “HR & Governance Officer”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Management has been requested by the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to Council for its consideration to increase the FTE numbers by one (1) to accommodate a new position within Council’s Organisational Structure titled – HR & Governance Officer.

This position will be responsible for the Human Resource Functions of Council (i.e. Recruitment, Appraisals, HR Policies & Procedures, Training plans etc..) plus the additional responsibilities of Council’s Corporate Governance (i.e. Risk Management, Assist in the implementation of & management of the Corporate Governance Framework as well as the Policy Framework across the Organisation, Right to Information etc..)

RESOLUTION

That Council:

That Council lays this matter on the table for one month whilst the Mayor confers with the CEO.

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1382
5/0

GMCCS8.

Offer to Purchase Lot 27 on SP217469 (Residential Estate – Georgetown)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has developed “Residential Land” within the township of Georgetown which went to Public Auction on the 24 September 2011. Council can now deal with offers from the public on a case by case basis after the Auction date which is in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, subject to the offer being higher than the Auction Bid on the day of the said Auction.

Council has received a written offer for the purchase of Lot 27 on SP217469.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to accept the purchase price from the applicant for Lot 27 on SP217469.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1383
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Michael Kitzelmann left the meeting at 3.57pm and returned at 4.02pm

GMCCS20.

Organisational Structure – New (F/T) Positions “Builder & Electrician (Trade Qualified)”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Management has been requested by the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to Council for its consideration to increase the FTE numbers by two (2) to accommodate new positions within Council’s Organisational Structure titled – Builder (Trade Qualified) & Electrician (Trade Qualified).

These positions will be responsible for undertaking a portion of Councils trade services requirements in building and electrical works as identified within Council’s adopted Budget plus the ability to undertake additional work for the public through Private Work arrangements.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

That Council lays this matter on the table for one month whilst the Mayor confers with the CEO.

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1384
5/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Bethel

RESOLUTION:

That Council resolves to accept the Forsyth Road Action Group Report (FRAG).

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1385
5/0

RESOLUTION:

Council resolves to instruct the Engineering Section to investigate the installation of traffic counters on the Forsyth/Einasleigh Road and the North Head Road.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1387
5/0

RESOLUTION:

That Council resolves that the first stage of upgrade to the Georgetown Forsyth Road to be conducting in the section from the end of the bitumen to the Brothers Dam grid

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1386
5/0

RESOLUTION:

That Council instructs the Engineering Section to investigate the installation of a sign informing motorists of the length of the unsealed road.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1388
5/0

Cr Royes

- Fencing around the Kidston Cemetery
- Terrestrial Centre

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the CEO to investigate the options of a better business plan for the Terrestrial Centre to be presented at the June General Meeting.

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1389
5/0

Cr Tincknell

- Year 7 Facility update

ATTENDANCE

Terry Whittaker left the meeting at 4.31pm and returned at 4.33pm
Rohana Samarasekera left the meeting at 4.37pm and returned at 4.45pm

Cr Attwood

- Snow Peak Mining discussions
- Geologist discussions
- Wandering and Barking Dogs
- Tyre Shredder
- Clinic at the Oasis

RESOLUTION:

Council resolves that the CEO liaise with King and Co to discuss the details and procedures required to participate in the mediation process between Snow Peak and Etheridge Shire Council.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1390
5/0

RESOLUTION:

That Council requests the CEO further implement Local Law no 2 – Animal Management.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1391
5/0

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 4.52pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 17 June 2015.

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MAYOR

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