



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2017,
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

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ATTENDANCE

Crs W Devlin, T Barnes, W Bethel & T Gallagher

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr Norm Garsden, Chief Executive Officer
Mr David Munro, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Mr Jeff Bunt, Director of Engineering Services
Ms Anna Christensen, Executive Assistant

GALLERY

Mr Ian Carroll

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:05am 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

MOTION

That apology from Cr Attwood be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1991
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CONDOLENCES

Council would like to pass on their sincere condolences to Trumby, Deidre, Katrina and Jacinta on the passing of Jack Hickey.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting – Wednesday 15 March 2017

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 15 March 2017 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1992
4/0

Business arising from Minutes – Wednesday 15 March 2017

- Inclusion of the old Greens Motors in the Work 4 Queensland Grant

DEPUTATION

Eric Tan presented, on behalf of the Peace Picnic Committee, information on the further development of the Peace Monument Park and details the Peace Monument Park Picnic.

RESOLUTION:

That Council receives Mr Eric Tan's letter and requests the Chief Executive Officer to respond.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1993
4/0

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Discussions regarding reports from Director of Corporate and Community Services, Engineering Services, Childcare Centre and Terrestrial Centre.

Action Taken List from previous meetings.

CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMES2.

Grading Of Strathmore Road

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Strathmore Station has recently undertaken grading works on Strathmore road without council approval.

The road has been inspected by council and the work is of a poor standard with loose soil, dust holes and rough patches.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to send a letter advising the station owners that the quality of work undertaken was of a poor standard and they require formal approval from council to undertake such works.

Resolve to investigate the possibility of granting approval for private entities to undertake works on council roads including the conditions of approval that would be imposed should approval be granted.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1994
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bunt left the meeting at 8:57am.

Ian Carroll left the meeting at 8:57am and returned at 9:08am.

CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

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 March 2017.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1995
4/0

GMCCS2.

Operational Plan Review for the Quarter ending March 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Chief Executive Officer is required to present a report on Council's progress towards implementing the annual "Operational Plan".

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the Operational Plan review for the March 2016/17 quarter in accordance with Section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1996
4/0

GMCCS3.

Community Drought Support Package 2016|2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services has continued with its grant funding for the 2017 calendar year subject to the following conditions:

- *Coordinate the distribution of funds to local community organisations in drought declared communities who will provide the delivery of a range of local community events and activities that contribute to connectedness, social well-being and increased access to support services.*
- *Facilitate a Flexible Financial Hardship Fund by brokering to one or more community based organisations such as Lions, Rotary, Zonta, neighbourhood centres etc. that have the governance and capacity to manage the needs assessment and accountable distribution of donations to community members adversely affected in drought declared communities within the local government catchment.*

Council submitted a grant application in December 2016 under this funding initiative and was advised on the 10th February 2017 that our application was successful subject to signing and agreeing to the terms and conditions.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to undertake the following events for the community during the 2017 calendar year:

1. *Community Football Match*
2. *Community Christmas Extravaganza*
3. *Astronomical' Theatre Production*
4. *Drought Resilience Fair*

And furthermore that Council resolve to adopt the revised version of the Community Drought Support Flexible Financial Hardship Policy and application form.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1997
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GMCCS4.

Get Out Get Active Grant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Round Three of the Get Out, Get Active funding under The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing is currently open for applications until 28th April 2017.

The Get Out, Get Active program provides funding for community-based sport and recreation opportunities aimed at women and girls who are either currently inactive or would otherwise benefit from further participation.

The department invites proposals from Queensland Local Government Authorities (councils) for one-off funding of up to \$40,000 to deliver initiatives that clearly align to the Get Out, Get Active objectives.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to lodge an application for \$20,000 under the Get Out, Get Active program for the delivery of the 'What's Your Excuse?' Community Challenge and furthermore consider committing the required council contribution of \$2,000 in the 2017/18 Budget should the application prove successful.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1998
4/0

GMCCS5.

Astronomical Theatre Production

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Full Throttle Theatre Company has proposed to include the Etheridge towns of Mt Surprise, Einasleigh, Forsyth & Georgetown as locations for their 'Astronomical' theatre production.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore that council considers provisioning funds within the 2017/18 Budget or Council considers utilising funds from the Community Drought Assistance Fund to provide the necessary subsidization to host this event within the 2017/18 financial year.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM1999
4/0

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Bethel declared a potential conflict of interest on GMCCS6 Work for Queensland Projects.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel left the room at 9:31am.

Anna Christensen left the room at 9:36am and returned at 9:40am.

Ian Carroll left the meeting at 9:40am and returned at 9:54am.

GMCCS6.

Work for Queensland (W4Q) Projects – Endorsement of Concept Plans

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2016–17 Works for Queensland (W4Q) program is a Queensland Government funding program to support local governments outside of South East Queensland to undertake job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects. This initiative is funded under the State Infrastructure Fund.

The 2016–17 budget for the W4Q program is \$200 million. Each eligible local government will receive a base allocation of \$1 million, with an additional notional allocation based on unemployment data.

The allocation is to be spent on job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects relating to assets owned or controlled by local governments.

In order to access the W4Q funding, eligible local governments were required to submit a list of projects to the department for endorsement prior to the 10th February 2017, with all endorsed 2016–17 W4Q program projects must be completed by 30 November 2017.

Since obtaining the approval in March 2017, Council Officers have been working on obtaining quotes, and working on the concepts and designs for the various projects.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to endorse the following concept plans for the Work for Queensland (W4Q) projects as listed to enable Council to obtain firm quotes for each project and also allow for the planning and commencement of each project. (Project 1 – Caschafor Park; Project 2 – Forsayth Cemetery; Project 3 - Copperfield Gorge Rest Area – Einasleigh; Project 9 Beautification of Georgetown River Walk)

That Council:

Resolve to approve the purchase of the Speed Camera for Mt Surprise (Project 5) from Artcraft as per quote.

That Council:

Resolve to approve the realignment of the fence for Project 9 - Beautification of Georgetown River Walk

That Council:

Resolve to clean up part of Lot 5 on SP209970 starting from the southern boundary and finishing at the track of convenience located to the northern boundary and furthermore that Council resolve to clean up part of Lot 7 on SP 266610 adjoining the Forsayth Road.

That Council:

Resolve to approve the quote obtained from Shed Boss for the supply & install of the two sheds located at the Gilbert River and Lynd Junction and furthermore that Council request additional internal fit-out requirements (i.e Toilets, Kitchenette etc..) and any external requirements such as rainwater tanks by Council day labor.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2000

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Cr Bethel did not vote on this matter due to a declared potential conflict of interest.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel returned at 10:24am.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10:24am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:45am.

GMCCS7.

Amendment to Community Consultation Meeting Dates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each month, Council travels to a different township of the Shire to hold a Community Consultation Meeting. These meetings give community members the opportunity to voice any concerns or ideas they might have as well as get a firsthand update from Council on projects in the Shire.

In the month of May, Council is due to travel to Oak Park for a Community Consultation Meeting. Council received a phone call from one of the community members in Oak Park requesting to have the date moved from Wednesday the 3rd of May to Friday the 5th of May due to the Royal Flying Doctors delivering a clinic on Friday the 5th of May. By combining the two events this would mean less travel for those who would like to attend the meeting as well as the possibility of an increased attendance at the meeting. Council was also asked that the meeting be held slightly later in the day to accommodate the clinic.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to maintain the current date and time and furthermore Council will consider the suggestion to collaborate the Community Meetings with the Royal Flying Doctor Clinics in the future.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2001
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bunt returned to the meeting at 10:59am.

GMCCS8.

Street Scaping (Etheridge Shire)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the last General Meeting dated 15th March 2017, Council requested that Management prepare and submit a report on "Street Scaping" for the four Townships within Etheridge Shire for the April General Meeting.

Management has prepared a preliminary report on this subject matter to invoke further discussion surrounding this proposed future infrastructure project.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note the draft concept plan for streetscaping and furthermore conduct a public consultation workshop to explore alternative options for the plan prior to the June General Meeting.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2002
4/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 11:17am.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2003
4/0

CLOSURE OF MEETING

MOTION:

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

- Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme (1) (e)
- Expiry of Term Position (1) (b)
- Legal Matters (Rates) (1) (f)
- Supply And Delivery Of Plant 1 (e)
- Compensation for use of Lornevale land and dams 1 (f).

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2004
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Anna Christensen left the room at 11:17am and returned at 12:26

Cr Bethel left the room at 11:17am and returned at 11:25am.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 12:26pm.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2005
4/0

CONSIDERATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CLOSED REPORTS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Bethel did not participate in discussion on GMCCS11 due to a perceived conflict of interest. Cr Bethel left the room during the discussion on GMCCS11 in closed session at 11:17am and returned at 11:25am.

GMCCS11.

Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme (the Scheme) has been the subject of Council discussion and investigation over the past decade. Following recent deputations and letters to various Ministers, a meeting of the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and representatives from the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning was held to charter further development of the Scheme.

The Scheme has now reached a stage where a dedicated officer is needed to manage the development and apply for the necessary approvals.

Section 275 of the Local Government Regulations 2012 permits Council to resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its councillors consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees.

A resolution that a meeting be closed must state the nature of the matters to be considered while the meeting is closed.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. *Approve the creation of a temporary (project based) position of Project Manager – Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme;*
2. *Call applications for the position of Project Manager – Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme, based on the following:*
 - o *Reporting: To the Chief Executive Officer;*
 - o *Location: Based at the Georgetown Office;*
 - o *Classification: Level 7 or 8 (depending on qualifications and experience) under the Local Government Officers Award 1998, or replacement award.*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2006
3/0

Cr Bethel abstained from voting due to a perceived conflict of interest.

CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS9.

Expiry of Term Position

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council conducted a strategic workshop in November 2012, which Council discussed a number of issues which included the appointment of a new position within the Organisational Structure. This position was subsequently approved and endorsed by Council with an approved period being for two (2) years which was subsequently extended by Council for a further extension of another (2) years with the term employment ceasing as at 30th June 2017.

Due to this position being requested by Council, the decision to renew the position again for an additional term period or to make the position a permanent position within Councils Organisational Structure is dependent upon Council.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to approve an additional term period of two (2) years for the position of a Community & Economic Development Officer within the Etheridge Shire Council's "Organisational Structure" and that Council advise the incumbent officer of this arrangement.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2007
4/0

GMCCS10.

Legal Matters (Rates)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council requested management via a resolution of Council on the 21 January 2015 to commence legal proceedings within the District Court to recover unpaid rates. Council issued its Claim against the defendant on the 13th February 2015.

Management has been in contact with Councils Legal Department who is handling this matter on behalf of Council and has requested additional advice in relation to providing a solution to this matter without Council incurring any additional legal expenses.

The contents contained within this report are strictly confidential.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to issue a "Without Prejudice Notice" to the defendant seeking compensation on the basis that Council's claim and the Defendants counterclaim be discontinued.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2008
4/0

CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMES1.

Supply And Delivery Of Plant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2016/17 budget provides for the procurement of two 4x4 Executive Wagons. In accordance with relevant legislation and the Etheridge Shire Council Procurement Policy, Tenders for these items were invited in February and closed at 12.00 noon on 22 March 2017.

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

Please note the following:

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The recommendation is based on the Tender offers for supply of new vehicles received from Ireland Mitsubishi and the offered price for purchase of the used vehicles received from BK Trading Australia Pty Ltd.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the following Tenders, with the new vehicles to include all added extras as requested in the Tender documentation.

Plant #	Item for Trade	Recommended Tender	Purchase Price	Trade Price	Net Changeover Price
1073	Mitsubishi Pajero 4x4 Wagon	IRELAND MITSUBISHI Mitsubishi NX Pajero GLX	\$62,305.00		\$62,305.00
1073		BK Trading Australia P/L		\$21,780.00	-\$21,780.00
1193	Mitsubishi Pajero 4x4 Wagon	IRELAND MITSUBISHI Mitsubishi NX Pajero GLX	\$62,305.00		\$62,305.00
1193		BK Trading Australia P/L		\$21,680.00	-\$21,680.00
Total Plant Replacement Cost					\$81,150.00

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2009
4/0

GMES3.

Compensation for use of Lornevale land and dams

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Correspondence was received from Darren Pedracini, dated 27 March 2017, granting approval for Council to use Lornevale land and dams during the upgrade and sealing of the Forsayth –Georgetown Road.

A request was made, by Darren, for council to consider sealing a section of the Lornevale access road up to the first grid. This would provide compensation for their cooperation with council in the use of Lornevale land over an extended period of time.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to gravel sheet the access road for two hundred and twenty-five (225) metres from the sealed section of forty-six (46) metres that has already been planned and costed as part of the approved works, up to the first grid in recognition of the continuing cooperation and good will shown by the landowner despite the level of inconvenience caused during road construction.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2010
4/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 12:31pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:25pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Councilor attendance at Anzac Day Services in the Shire
- Overgrown vegetation at the Cumberland Chimney

Cr Barnes

- Distribution of commercial bins to businesses
- Placement of CCTV cameras at higher risk Council operated/owned areas
- Placement of a CCTV camera at the dump to prevent burning
- Provision of corporate shirts for the Councillors
- Painting of the School crossing poles

Cr Attwood

- Request for investigation into resurfacing and releveling of Einasleigh tennis courts
- Repairs of the Einasleigh tank stand at the Hall
- Review of power supply at the Einasleigh Hall
- Investigation into the boosting of mobile phone cellular signal in Einasleigh
- Peace Picnic Committee's request for letter of support from Council
- Georgetown Markets, first market day to be held on 7th of May
- Georgetown Progress Association request for tables and air conditioning at the Op Shop

RESOLUTION:

That Council provide a letter of support for the Peace Day Picnic Committee.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2011
4/0

Cr Devlin

- Bollard placement at Cumberland Chimney
- Investigation into an alert system at the Pool for risk management
- Implementation of event calendars on the signage being erected in eight locations around the Shire
- Recognition of David Munro's work as Acting CEO
- Welcome to Norm Garsden and Jeff Bunt on their first General Meeting
- Request for all staff breakfast in the near future

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 2:00 pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2017.

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