



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2017,
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

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ATTENDANCE

Crs W Devlin, W Attwood, 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 Eric Tan
Mr Colin Ryan
Mr Chris Godfrey

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:00am and welcomed all in attendance.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

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

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

DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations of interests by Councillors.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting – Wednesday 21 June 2017

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 21 June 2017 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2073
4/0

Business arising from Minutes – Wednesday 19 March 2015

GMCCS9

Cr Barnes asked if Midway was approached regarding the closure of the laneway, David Munro responded that they had not due to other properties neighboring Midway.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel arrived to the meeting at 8:06am.
Eric Tan arrived at 8:15am.

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 30 June 2017.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2074
5/0

GMCCS2.

Operational Plan Review for the Quarter ending June 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 June 2016/17 quarter in accordance with Section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2075
5/0

GMCCS3.

Etheridge Shire Council – Enterprise Risk Management Framework & Guidelines

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The major risk for most organisations is that they fail to achieve their strategic business or project objectives, or are perceived to have failed by their stakeholders. Etheridge Shire Council is committed to establishing an environment that is not unduly risk averse, but one that enables risks to be logically and systematically identified, analysed, evaluated, treated, monitored and managed.

Risk is inherent in all of Council's activities and a formal and systematic process will be adopted to minimise and where possible eliminate all risks that directly or indirectly impact on the Council's ability to achieve the vision and strategic objectives outlined in the Corporate Plan.

Council has developed an Enterprise Risk Management Framework and Guideline in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 164 (1) (a) & (b) and in line with the Australian and New Zealand Standards AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 to demonstrate Council's commitment, by detailing the integrated Risk Management framework to be employed by all staff members, contractors, committees and volunteers engaged in Council business and defining the responsibilities of individuals and committees involved in managing risk.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officers report and furthermore endorses the continuing review of the Enterprise Risk Framework and Guidelines in accordance with and pursuant to Section 164 (1) (a) & (b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and furthermore that Council approves the review and renewal of the "Enterprise Risk Management Policy & Guidelines."

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2076
5/0

GMCCS4.

Etheridge Shire Council – Asset Management Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council recognised that assets are integral to the role of service delivery and that assets must be planned for, provided, maintained, and renewed so that they continue to meet the service delivery needs of the community.

Asset management relates directly to the objectives of Council's Management plan and will ensure that Council delivers the appropriate level of service through its assets. This will provide positive impact on:-

- Members of the public;*
- Council's financial position;*
- The ability of Council to deliver the expected level of service;*
- The political environment in which Council operates; and*
- The legal liabilities of Council.*

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to renew Etheridge Shire Council's Asset Management Policy.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED

GMCCS5.

Etheridge Shire Council – Community Engagement Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Act 2009 has an increased emphasis on community engagement.

The principle based legislation applies to all local government business. It indicates that a Councils' decisions about operation and service delivery should be grounded in meaningful community engagement.

Amongst the five (5) key principles of the Act, there is an emphasis on “democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement” and “transparent and effective processes and decision making in the public interest”.

Community engagement is good practice. It presents a way for decision makers to connect and stay connected with communities in order to further develop relationships and inform decision-making processes. Communities have an expectation of being engaged now.

Engagement is about good communication, and ranges from a phone call, flyer or letter to a participatory workshop or forum.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to approve the Etheridge Shire Community Engagement Policy

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2078

5/0

GMCCS6.

Etheridge Shire Council's – Internal Audit Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Internal Audit function represents an integral part of Etheridge Shire Council's governance framework. It is designed to provide the organisation's stakeholders with assurance that business processes are operating appropriately and effectively in accordance with organisational and legislative requirements. The Internal Audit function is designed to assess and evaluate the control measures the organisation has adopted, or plans to adopt, to manage the operational risks to which the local government operations are exposed.

Council has an Internal Audit Policy supporting the creation of an Internal Audit function within the organisation in accordance with Section 207 - Internal Audit of the Local Government Regulation 2012. The Regulation requires that Council must:

- *Undertake an internal audit each financial year;*
- *Prepare an internal audit plan after evaluating operational risks and relevant accounting documentation;*
- *Monitor its implementation of the internal audit plan;*
- *Prepare and present an internal audit progress report; and*

- *At least once per financial year, a summary of Internal Audit recommendations and the actions taken by management, if any, in response to the recommendations.*

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt Etheridge Shire Council's Internal Audit Policy in accordance with Section 105(1) of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 207 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2079
5/0

GMCCS7.

Etheridge Shire Council's Audit Committee (Audit Committee Policy & Charter)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 105(2) of the Local Government Act (the Act), states that each large Local Government must establish an Audit Committee and must comply with Section 105 of the Act and Section 207-211 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

At present Council has a functioning Audit & Risk Management Committee since February 2015 with the Committee meeting its statutory obligations under current legislation; however the external Auditor has questioned its effectiveness within their interim Audit Matters for 2016/17.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to disband the Audit & Risk Management Committee effective from the 31st August 2017 and return this responsibility to Council.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2080
5/0

GMCCS8.

Matters of Attention – Etheridge Shire Council 2016|2017 Interim Audit

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The interim audit for Etheridge Shire Council has been completed for the financial year ending 30th June 2017.

The Interim Audit involves a detailed assessment of the controls that are currently being utilised within the operation of Council not just the financial side of Council, the auditors look at Governance, IT, Stores, Policies, Minutes, Payroll, Rates, Human Resources, Procurement, Revenue & Expenditure, Grants & Subsidies, Internal Controls and Risk and identify any weaknesses which may pose a risk to Council or which may affect the financial statements.

At this stage of the process Council's auditors have indicated that they are reasonably satisfied with Council's operations based on the sample audit conducted to date.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Receives and notes the contents of the 2016/2017 Interim Audit – Matters Arising from Councils external auditor Crowe Horwath and furthermore that Council endorses Management responses to identified raised matters.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2081
5/0

GMCCS9.

Request for the appointment of a Special Holiday for 2018 under Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been advised by the Office of Industrial Relations, that Council needs to submit its request for the appointment of a Special Holiday for 2018 under Section 4 of the Holidays Act prior to the 11th August 2017

Holidays appointed in respect of an annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show are public holidays and those appointed for an event which has significance to a particular district are bank holidays.

Upon receiving Ministerial approval, the holidays will be published in the Queensland Government Gazette.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to engage with the community at the Community Consultation Meeting on Wednesday the 2nd of August regarding the show holiday for the 2018 calendar year.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2082
5/0

GMCCS10.

Request for Financial Assistance (Community Drought Fund)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received written correspondence from the organizer of Camp Cobbold seeking Council's financial assistance via the Department of Communities Drought Assistance Grant to subsidise the cost of residents attending this community event.

Council had provided financial assistance to the organizing body in the 2016/17 financial year for the same purpose and also via funds provided through the same funding source.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to cover the registration costs for Etheridge Shire residents in financial difficulty to attend the Camp Cobbold event held in September 2017 utilizing the Community Drought Assistance Hardship funding and furthermore the Chief Executive Officer is requested to advise the organising body of Camp Cobbold that future funding through the Department of Communities may not be forthcoming in the 2018 calendar year.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2083
5/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 8:54am.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2084
5/0

DEPUTATIONS

Eric Tan made a presentation to Council regarding the Peace Day Picnic.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to accept the deputation given by Mr. Eric Tan and that the documentation tabled be received.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2085
5/0

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 9:03am.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2086
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Eric Tan left the meeting at 9:03am.

Norm Garsden left the meeting at 9:04am and returned at 9:06am.

GMCCS12.

2017-19 Works for Queensland (W4Q) Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from Director General of the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning advising Council that the Palaszczuk Government has announced another round of Work for Queensland funding.

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A key objective of the 2017-19 total of \$200 million W4Q Program is to support councils outside of South East Queensland to support job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works.

The W4Q Program, is administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department) with the W4Q funds may be used for maintenance and minor works to improve the condition, quality or lifespan of an asset or for maintaining a community asset.

These works may include projects for disaster resilience and preparedness.

The funds may also be spent on enhancing the scope of projects already committed to by the council.

Council has until the 28th July 2017 to lodge its application.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to lodge an application under the 2017-19 Works for Queensland (W4Q) program and nominate the Sport and Recreation Multipurpose Facility Georgetown as a project.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2087
5/0

GMCCS13.

Charleston Dam - Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been forging ahead with the design and development of a Dam located on the Delaney River approximately 6km's north of the Forsayth Township for the purpose of water security, recreation use and economic development.

The officer's report provides a brief update as to what has transpired over the past month.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Resolve to note and receive the Officer's report and furthermore that Council accepts the funding model as proposed to cover other elements outside of the construction of the Dam.
2. Resolve to call tenders for:
 - a. Fencing and clearing of the reserve boundary;
 - b. Clearing and scrubbing of the inundation area.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2088
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Keerah Steele and Ian Barton (LGW) arrived to the meeting at 9:31am for a presentation.

Norm Garsden left the meeting at 9:34am and returned at 9:35am.

Jenni Alexander arrived at 9:35am for a presentation.

GMCCS14.

Radio Advertisements

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tourist Radio FM88 has provided quotes for Council to re-advertise on their Tambo, Barcaldine, Blackall and Longreach Stations.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore approves the budget and resource considerations to fund three separate advertisements as identified in the report on Tourist Radio FM88 across the affiliate stations of Tambo, Barcaldine, Blackall and Longreach for the 2017/18 financial year.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2089
5/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 9:39am.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2090
5/0

Council presented Jenni Alexander with her 20 year service to Etheridge Shire Council gift.

Etheridge Shire Council was presented with a Bronze Award for Workplace Health and Safety by Ian Barton from Local Government Workcare.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 9:47 am.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2091
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 9:47am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:07am.

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Discussions regarding reports from Engineering Services, Childcare Centre and Terrestrial Centre.
Action Taken List from previous meetings.

ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bunt left the meeting at 10:22am and did not return.

CONSIDERATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS15.

October General Meeting

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is represented by the Mayor and Councillors at the Annual LGAQ Conference each year.

This year the LGAQ conference is being held on the 16th to the 18th of October in Gladstone. The conference clashes with the October General Meeting in Georgetown.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to move the October general meeting to the 25th of October in order to attend the Annual LGAQ Conference being held from the 16th to the 18th of October.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2092
5/0

GMCCS16.

Request for non-financial assistance – Terry Family Developments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council received a letter from Terry Family Developments requesting a letter of support for their proposal to build a certified airport on Howlong Station.

The airport will cater for aircrafts with seating capacities of up to 40 passengers.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to support Terry Family Developments proposal to build a certified airport on Howlong Station and furthermore direct the Chief Executive Officer to respond to the letter in writing expressing Councils support of the proposal.

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2093
5/0

GMCCS17.

Defamation Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The LGAQ has recently produced a guideline for councils on defamation proceedings by Elected Members and senior council officers against other parties. The LGAQ Policy Executive has twice previously visited defamation matters and on 30 June the Policy Executive unanimously adopted a guideline to assist councils to determine under what circumstances it could fund such actions. The guideline was prepared by Clayton Utz and reviewed by their National Government Partner and former Queensland Crown Solicitor.

Adoption of the Guideline by Council resolution is entirely at the discretion of council, however, the LGAQ advise that they will fully support any council which chooses to adopt the guideline.

RESOLUTION

*That Council:
Adopt the Draft Defamation Policy.*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2094
5/0

GMCCS18.

Geo-Tourism Advisory Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting of 21 June 2017, Council resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Not progress an application for a UNESCO accredited Geopark over the entire Etheridge Shire as a result feedback from Community Consultation, but continue with the original intent to promote the unique geological features, National Parks and other ventures as a means to encourage economic and employment growth within the Shire; and*
- 2. Continue to establish an Etheridge Geotrail Advisory Committee to develop and promote international branding to make Etheridge Shire a destination for tourism.*

Expressions of Interest have now closed for membership on the Advisory Committee and a number of people, representing a variety of interests have been nominated.

RESOLUTION

That Council appoint the following people to the Geo-tourism Advisory Committee:

- *Nick Smith (QLD Parks and Wildlife);*
- *Nominee (Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation);*
- *Gaye / Simon Terry (Cobbald George Tours);*
- *Robert Rutten (Savannahlander – Qld Rail);*
- *Simon Harrison (O'Brien's Creek Campground);*
- *Lyn French (Gilberton Outback Retreat);*
- *Chris Godfrey (Mining);*
- *Peter Henry / Adam Utschink (Flat Creek Station)*
- *Mayor Warren Devlin (Etheridge Shire Council).*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2095
5/0

GMCCS19.

Review of Corporate Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Together with the long-term asset management plan; long-term financial forecast and annual budget (including revenue statement and the annual operational plan), the Corporate Plan forms the basis of Council's financial management systems.

Council's current Corporate Plan was developed in 2009 and approved in 2010 and although extended to 30 June 2017, it has now expired. Both the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Queensland Audit Office have commented on the need to develop a new plan.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- *Endorse the draft Corporate Plan (option B) for the purposes of consultation;*
- *Commence community engagement, to encourage feedback on its contents.*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2096
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Anna Christensen left the meeting at 10:55am and returned at 10:57am.

GMCCS20.

Agreement with .id to provide an on-line economic profile of the Council area

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

.id Consulting markets and delivers information products designed to manage information and build knowledge about local communities. .id Consulting currently provides its services to Councils in the FNQROC area and presented at the recent FNQROC meeting, offering a discounted arrangement for FNQROC members to participate.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Agree to entering into an agreement with .id Consulting Pty Ltd to provide products and services in relation to developing social and economic profiles of the Etheridge Shire.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2097
5/0

ATTENDANCE

David Munro left the meeting at 11:00am and returned at 11:01am.

Rolfe Ellem attended the meeting at 11:00am to address Council on GMCCS22 and left at 11:10am.

GMCCS22.

Gilbert River Irrigation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Gilbert River Irrigation Project Officer commenced work in July and will be briefing Council on a monthly basis to keep Council aware of the progress of the Gilbert River Irrigation project.

The Project Officer has engaged with the following Government Departments and organisations to better understand the status of the project and to map the best way forward. Stakeholders contacted include:

- Greg Stanford – Principle Consultant and Project Director
- QLD Department of Infrastructure Local Government and Planning
- QLD Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
- QLD Department of State Development
- QLD Treasury Corporation
- QLD Department of Natural Resources and Mines
- Agforce
- Northern Gulf NRM
- Informal valuation advice – Land and water prices (Emerald)

A project workshop is scheduled for August 1 – 4, 2017 to pull all this work together and package it according to the requirements of the required Business Case.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- *Receive and note the update report; and*
- *Continue to support the project until the decision on business case funding.*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2098
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Members of the gallery left the meeting at 11:11am and did not return.

GMCCS23.

Development Application for:-
MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE – CODE ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 58 ET36 GULF DEVELOPMENT ROAD, GILBERT RIVER PARISH OF BUMBA, COUNTY OF ETHERIDGE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Council has received a Development Application for:

Material Change of Use – Code Assessable for a Proposed Telecommunications Facility on land described as Lot 58 on ET36 Gulf Development Road, Gilbert River – Parish of Bumba, County of Etheridge.

Specifically the aim of the application is to permit the establishment of a new telecommunications facility in the area to provide customer voice and data services in the Gilbert River locality.

The site has been identified as the most appropriate location for the new facility given the site specific coverage objectives of the facility and the parameters of the Federal Mobile Black Spot Program.

The typical physical characteristics of the development will see the establishment of a 30m monopole on the site (note antennas will protrude to 34.7m above ground level) and the Installation of new operational equipment within a new Telstra equipment shelter located at the base of the monopole.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

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

Application for Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Code Assessment for a Proposed Telecommunications Facility on land described as Lot 58 on ET36 Gulf Development Road, Gilbert River Parish of Bumba, County of Etheridge.

Subject to conditions as setout below and included in Draft Decision Notice (Appendix 3):

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 Applicant shall liaise with and comply with any requirements that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) may require in relation to this development. The Applicant shall provide council copies of any agreements and/or conditions which CASA determine necessary for this development.

Time and Effect:

- 4) 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 (Gulf Development Road – State Road):

- 5) Access to the site shall be from the Gulf Development Road.
- 6) The applicant shall be bound by the conditions as presented by the Department Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) with regard to any works associated with creating an access to the site via the Gulf Development Road. (refer Appendix 3 – Attachment 1)

Roads – External (Strathmore Road – Council Road):

- 7) No access shall be allowed to the site via the Strathmore Road.

Services:

- 8) 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.

Bushfire Management:

- 9) The Applicant shall ensure the telecommunications infrastructure will be designed and constructed to ensure that it is not susceptible to damage from bushfire.

10) *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.*

Decommissioning of Site:

16) *The Applicant shall, no later than 2 months after the telecommunications facility has permanently ceased to operate, notify the Council in writing of the cessation of the use. Within a further 12 months of this date, the operator, or in the absence of an operator, the owner of the land on which the relevant telecommunications facility is located, shall undertake the following to the satisfaction of Council within two years of cessation of the use:*

- i. remove all above ground non-operational equipment and structures generally associated with the previous telecommunications facility*
- ii. rehabilitate all access tracks and other areas affected by the project closure or decommissioning, if not otherwise useful to the on-going management of the land. Save that, the access road/s that are within remnant vegetation will be removed and rehabilitated to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2099
5/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 11:17am.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2100
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Anna Christensen left the room at 11:17am and returned to the meeting at 11:45am.

Cr Bethel left the room at 11:22am and did not return to the meeting.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

MOTION:

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

- Establishment of Local Government Controlled Entity: Etheridge Enterprise Limited*
- Offer to Purchase Lot 15 on SP217469 (Residential Estate – Georgetown).*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2101
5/0

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 11:45am.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2102
4/0

PERCIEVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Bethel did not participate in discussion on GMCCS21 due to a possible material personal interest (as he owns land in the proposed Gilbert River Irrigation Area) and left the room at 11:22am and did not return to the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS21.

Establishment of Local Government Controlled Entity: Etheridge Enterprise Limited

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To progress the Gilbert River Irrigation and the Geotourism Developments, a range of organisational structures have been considered that would facilitate the progress of these projects, minimise risk to the Council and community and maximise the opportunity for grant funding.

From the investigation, the creation of a company, limited by guarantee, with broad objects and power to promote economic growth and development (including the Gilbert River Irrigation and the Geopark Developments) within the Shire appears to best meet Council's objectives.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- *Establish Etheridge Enterprise Limited as a Company limited by Guarantee, under the Corporations Act 1982, subject to approval of the Queensland Treasurer, in accordance with the draft submission attached to this report;*
- *Endorse the draft Constitution for Etheridge Enterprise Limited;*
- *Apply for company registration (following approval by the Treasurer) via Australian Securities and Investment Commission;*
- *Seek expressions of interest from persons interested in being appointed to the board.*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2103
4/0

CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS11.

Offer to Purchase Lot 15 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

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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 to purchase one allotment being Lot 15 on SP217469.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

That Council authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into further negotiations and give authority to the Chief Executive Officer to complete the sale of Lot 15 on SP217469.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2017/GM2104
4/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Devlin

- Continuation of Gulf Savannah Development
- Trip to Canberra for Gilbert River Irrigation Consultations with selected Ministers
- Importance of growing the tourism industry in the North
- Visit from Minister Pitt to attend either Forsayth Turnout or the Peace Day Picnic

ATTENDANCE

Cr Devlin left the meeting at 11:56am and did not return.

David Munro left the meeting at 11:56am and returned at 12:00pm.

Deputy Mayor Tony Gallagher assumed the position of Chair.

Cr Barnes

- Request for a report on off street car parking in Georgetown, brought up in previous Council Meeting

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 12:05pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 16th August 2017.

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MAYOR

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