



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

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GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD

ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019,

COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

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**ATTENDANCE**

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

\* Cr Barnes attended the meeting via a teleconference, pursuant to section 276 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Council resolution No. 2017/GM2193.

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mr David Munro, Chief Executive Officer  
Miss Sydney Ryan, Administration Officer

**GALLERY**

Mr. Graham Steele attended the Gallery at 8:00am

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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.***

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Council would like to respectfully acknowledge the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) in naming one of their four new Beechcraft King Air B200 the "Geoffrey Carrick" in memory of the late Geoff Carrick of Maitland Station

**APOLOGIES AND CONDOLENCES**

That Council passes on its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of the late Dave Petersen.

That Council passes on its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of the late Former Prime Minister of Australia, Hon Bob Hawke.

**DECLARATIONS**

Councillors discussed making declarations prior to each agenda item and agreed that this will be the best way forward.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 17 April 2019**

**RESOLUTION:**

*That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 17 April, 2019 be confirmed.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2612**  
**5/0**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor-

- Requested an update on the progress of goat head removal within the Shire.

**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Discussions regarding reports from the Chief Executive Officer, Engineering Services, Childcare Centre, Gilbert River Project Officer and the Terrestrial Centre and the Action Taken List from previous General Meetings.

**Business arising from the Information Bulletin**

Cr Gallagher –

- Requested more details on the selection process for the resealing projects on various streets in Georgetown.

Cr Attwood –

- Requested an update on the 19/20 TIDS project on the Einasleigh - Forsayth Road.
- Requested an update regarding the current vacant Councillor position.

Mayor Devlin –

- Made note of the construction progress on the new Multi-Purpose Sports Complex.
- Requested an update on the Charleston Dam Project.

**ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Ian Carrol entered the meeting at 8:14 am

**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS**

**GMCCS1**

Community Infrastructure Grant from the Georgetown State School.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Etheridge Shire Council has received an application to the Community Infrastructure Grant from the Georgetown State School.*

*The nominated project is 'The Kitchen Garden Community – Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program' that gives students a hands on approach to learning to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, organic, seasonal food. The project aims to build invaluable knowledge and understanding of food and the integral role it plays in our physical and social wellbeing.*

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council:

*Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore declines Georgetown State School's application to the Community Infrastructure Grant for 'The Kitchen Garden Community – Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program' on the basis that the project is ineligible under the applied for grant.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2613**  
**5/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

Whilst the project has obvious benefits for the school and wider Georgetown community, the project has been deemed ineligible for the Community Infrastructure Grant because;

- The garden development is of privately-owned facilities
- It does not align with the policy guidelines.

**GMCCS2.**

**Savannah Way Art Trail – A RASN Project**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Etheridge Shire Council has received been invited by the Far North Queensland Regional Arts Services Network (RASN) to take part in the development of an art trail using large scale infrastructure such as water towers located in towns along Savannah Way. Installations will depict local stories, with focus on developing cultural tourism. Project also connects with a similar trail being developed along the Matilda Way by West QLD RASN Provider.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore accepts the Regional Arts Services Network's invitation for Etheridge Shire Council to produce an artwork (or two) to be included in the Savannah Way Art Trail Project to the value of \$15,000 dependent on successful funding from the Regional Arts Development Fund for the 2019/20 year. And Furthermore, that item Savannah Art Trail be included as an agenda item in the upcoming Western FNQROC Meeting to be held in Georgetown on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019.*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2614**  
**5/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

- The Regional Arts Development Funding is yet to be announced.
- This project has the capacity to compliment other attractions in Georgetown and/or Mt Surprise and to contribute to an increased length of stay in the town/s.
- There is the opportunity for Council to engage positively with residents around a feel good project that will add to local aesthetics, enhance the visitor experience, depict local stories and give local aspiring artists the chance to build their skills and capacity.

**GMCCS3.**

**Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019**

**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 April 2019.*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2615**  
**5/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 states that the Chief Executive Officer must present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government and furthermore that the financial statements must be presented if the local government holds its ordinary meetings monthly or less frequently to each meeting and the Financial Report presented to a meeting must be for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the previous month.

**GMCCS4.**

**Etheridge Shire Council – Revenue Policy 2019|2020**

**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:

*Resolve to adopt the 2019/2020 Revenue Policy in accordance with and pursuant to Section 193 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2616**  
**5/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

A local government must prepare a revenue policy each financial year in accordance with S.193 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, and the Revenue Policy may state guidelines that may be used for preparing the local government's Revenue Statement.

Council is required to adopt and prepare a Revenue Policy prior to the adoption of its annual Budget and needs to be adopted on or before the 30 June of each year.

**GMCCS5.**

**Matters of Attention – Etheridge Shire Council 2018|2019 Interim Audit**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The interim audit for Etheridge Shire Council has been completed for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.*

*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 satisfied with Council's operations based on the sample audit conducted to date.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Receives and notes the contents of the 2018/2019 Interim Audit – Matters Arising from Councils external auditor Altius and furthermore that Council endorses the responses provided from Management pertaining to the identified matters.*

**MOVED: Cr Attwood**

**SECONDED: Cr Bethel**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2617**  
**5/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

Audits help businesses uncover problems and ensure efficiency and to instil a sense of confidence in management that the business is functioning well and you are prepared to meet potential challenges.

An audit also helps reduce the risk of fraud and poor accounting. An audit facilitates the provision of advice that can have real financial benefits for a business, including how the business is running, what margins can be expected, and how these can be achieved.

**GMCCS6.**

**2020 Quadrennial Local Government Elections – Type of Ballot**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Local Government Elections will be held across Queensland in March 2020. Elections are run via an Ordinary Ballot process (polling booths established for voting at centres across the local government area on the 'election day') unless Ministerial approval is given that they can be run as a Postal Ballot (all voting is done by issuing of ballot papers to all voters via Australia Post and those papers are returned to the Returning Officer for counting on the 'election day'). Etheridge Shire Council elections have been Postal Ballot in the past.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to seek approval from the Minister for Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs to allow, as per Section 45 of the Local Government Electoral Act 2011, for the Etheridge Shire Council 2020 Local Government election to be conducted by Postal Ballot for the following reasons:*

- 1. The Etheridge Shire covers approximately 40,000 square kilometres with significant rural and remote areas and the travel required by many residents in the smaller communities to reach a polling booth on polling day can be extremely difficult.*

2. *The previous three (3) quadrennial local government elections have been via a full Postal Ballot and Council believes the option provides a more efficient and effective process as compared to that offered through an Ordinary Ballot process.*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2618**  
**5/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

The Etheridge Shire covers approximately 40,000 square kilometres with significant rural and remote areas and the travel required by many residents in the smaller communities to reach a polling booth on polling day can be extremely difficult.

The previous three (3) quadrennial local government elections have been via a full Postal Ballot and Council believes the option provides a more efficient and effective process as compared to that offered through an Ordinary Ballot process.

**GMCCS7.**

**Review of Policies**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

*Within the 2018/19 interim audit of Council, Council's external auditor has identified three (3) policies that require Council to undertake a review.*

- Defamation Policy*
- Dealing with a Complaint about a Public Official Policy*
- Gate and Grids Policy*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to further endorse and approve the following Council Policies:*

- 1. Defamation Policy*
- 2. Dealing with a Complaint about a Public Official Policy*
- 3. Gate and Grids Policy*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2619**  
**5/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

Outdated policies might result in risks that Council's activities are not aligned with current objectives and practices.

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

**GMCCS8.**

**Developing Northern Australia Conference 2019**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*As a representative of Queensland's council an invitation has been extended to attend the 2019 Developing Northern Australia Conference, taking place from 11-12 July at Red Earth Arts Precinct, Karratha.*

*Premiering in Western Australia for the first time, this annual two-day conference highlights the elements of progress, growth and investment as they pertain to Australia's northern regions. The*

*conference in its fifth year and attracts all sectors of government, decision makers, academics, visionaries, industry, researchers, Indigenous leaders and entrepreneurs who are all contributing to change and making a difference in Northern Australia.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to note and receive the officers report and furthermore that Council resolve to approve attendance to this conference for Mayor Warren Devlin and a Councillor.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2620**  
**5/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

Ensure councillors are provided with relevant learning and personal development opportunities to achieve stated strategic priorities and corporate objectives.

**GMCCS9.**

**Council Endorsement of Shell Financial Statements**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Prior to the disbandment of Council's Audit Committee, the Shell Financial Statements were presented to the Audit Committee. On the recommendation of the Queensland Audit Office it is requested that Council endorse the Shell Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2019 to ensure best practice and transparency between the executive team and the elected members of Council.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Notes and receives the Officers Report and furthermore endorses Etheridge Shire Council's Shell Financial Statements for the Financial Year ending 2018-19.*

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2621**  
**5/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

To ensure best practice by Council assuming responsibilities of the Audit Committee as recommended by the Queensland Audit Office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Adjourn for morning tea at 9:38 am

**RESUMPTION**

Council resume the meeting at 10:04 am



**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MOTION:**

*That Council suspends standing orders 10:05 am to move into General Business Matters*

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Gallagher**

- *Discussed the possibility of hosting an opening ceremony for when the Multi-Purpose Sports Centre is completed and that Council should send written invitations to the relevant Ministers and partners.*
- *Questioned whether a second Budget Workshop will be held for Councillors.*
- *Requested more information on vacant Council houses for new employees.*

**Cr Bethel**

- *Suggested that the Hostel Reunion be held on the Friday of the Bushman's Ball which could lead to greater numbers at the event.*

**Cr Barnes**

- *Acknowledged the Executive Team of the Council in the wake of his resignation and thanked the Council for the many opportunities he has received throughout his role as Councillor.*

**Mayor Devlin**

- *Discussed details of his latest Mayoral Delegation Meeting held in Brisbane.*
- *Reminded Councillors of the upcoming FNQROC Western Councils Meeting to be held in Georgetown on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and suggested the following topics to be included within the Agenda;*
  - *Strategic development,*
  - *Savannah Way Art Trail and*
  - *The Western Roads Upgrade.*
- *He stated that that the importance of Economic Development in the Gulf should be emphasised.*
- *Stated that all relevant Ministers should be formally invited to openings within the Shire.*
- *Requested an update on the contract arrangement between NQ Radio and Etheridge Shire Council regarding the use of the former Air Services Allotment for the purpose of transmitting 4KZ AM, specifically, the commencement date.*

**Cr Attwood**

- *Made note that the Melbourne Cup will be visiting Georgetown later in the year and suggested to have the event held at the newly completed Multi-Purpose Sports Centre.*
- *Suggested that a preferred supplier list should be established for the supply of gravel.*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Devlin left the meeting at 10.07am*

*Cr Bethel assumed the Chair of the meeting at 10.07am*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Devlin returned to the meeting at 10.13am and resumed the Chair of the meeting.*

**Preferred Suppliers List**

**IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM: Declarations:**

**MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST:** *Cr Devlin declared that he has a material personal interest (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) as Cr Devlin has a rural property (known as Routh Station) which has an active quarry on this property and furthermore this operator of the quarry may be interested in placing a tender as a preferred supplier, as Cr Devlin stands to gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter*

*He dealt with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting at 10:07am while this matter was discussed and voted on. Cr Devlin returned to the meeting after voting at 10:13am.*

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

***Request the Chief Executive Officer to arrange for a preferred supplier tender for the supply of gravel materials.***

**MOVED: Cr Attwood**

**SECONDED: Cr Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2622**  
**4/0**

***Cr Devlin was not in attendance during the voting of this matter nor did Cr Devlin vote on this matter.***

**Industrial Land Acquisition**

**RESOLUTION:**

**That Council:**

***Request the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Mayor to write to the relevant Ministers and Departments in relation to the industrial land acquisition west of Georgetown and furthermore to discuss the overall development of the proposed industrial estate.***

**MOVED: Cr Devlin**

**SECONDED: Cr Attwood**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2623**  
**5/0**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MOTION:**

***That Council suspends standing orders 10:48 am***

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**RESOLUTION:**

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

- **Contract Matters**
- **Lease of Kidston Airstrip – Genex Power Ltd**
- **Request for extension of Rates Discount Period**

- **Supply Gravel for the TIDS / R2R Project (Einasleigh-Forsayth Road) Closed S.275 (1)(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012**

**MOVED: Cr Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr Attwood**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2624**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Miss Sydney Ryan, Administration Assistant, left the meeting at 10.43am and did not return  
Mr. Graham Steele left the meeting at 10.43am and did not return  
Mr. Ian Carrol left the meeting at 10.43am and did not return*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Bethel declared a Conflict in Interest in Item GMCCS10 and left the meeting at 10.51am  
Cr Bethel returned to the meeting at 11.27am*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Attwood declared a Material Personal Interest in Item GMCCS11 and left the meeting at 11.25am  
Cr Attwood returned to the meeting at 11.37am*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Devlin declared a Material Personal Interest in Item GMCCS13 and left the meeting at 11.50am*

*Cr Bethel assumed the Chair of the meeting at 11.50am*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Cr Devlin returned to the meeting at 12.07pm and resumed the Chair*

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

**RESOLUTION:**

***That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 12:42am***

**MOVED: Cr Barnes**

**SECONDED: Cr Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2625**  
**5/0**

**CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED REPORTS**

**GMCCS10.**

**Contract Matters**

**IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM: Declarations:**

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** *Cr Bethel declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS10 as Cr Bethel has a related person (Brother) is the owner of an adjoining property to the Einasleigh Common and that this related person may request/seek to have cattle agisted on the Einasleigh Common and Cr Bethel determined that this personal interest is of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by not participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.*

However, he acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: - (a) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and (b) If so, whether: - i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

***Pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, resolve that Cr Bethel has a real conflict of interest in Item GMCCS10 and Cr Bethel must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed.***

**MOVED: Cr Attwood**

**SECONDED: Cr Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2626**  
**4/0**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

***Council resolved to award the management of the Einasleigh Common to the Einasleigh Rodeo Association in September 2018, subject to entering into a contract and providing Council with quarterly reporting regarding the operations of the Common.***

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

***Resolve to inform the Einasleigh Rodeo Association that Council will be exercising the provision within the contract to terminate the lease arrangements.***

**MOVED: Cr Attwood**

**SECONDED: Cr Barnes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2627**  
**4/0**

***Cr Bethel declared a Conflict of Interest and did not participate in the discussion nor did Cr Bethel vote on this matter.***

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

Council has reviewed the contract terms and conditions and deems that the Association has failed to comply with the contract obligations

**GMCCS11.**

**Lease of Kidston Airstrip – Genex Power Ltd**

***IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM: Declarations:***

***MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST:*** Cr Attwood declared that he has a material personal interest (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) in Item GMCCS11 as he owns shares in Genex Power Ltd, as he stands to gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter

*He dealt with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting at 11.25am while this matter was discussed. Cr Attwood returned to the meeting after the discussion at 11.37am*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

***Council has been approached by the Genex Power Ltd to lease the Kidston Airstrip. During the construction phase of Stage 2 & 3 of their Renewable Energy Project, the Developer will be utilising the airstrip to fly in and out contractors. At present Council is the owner of the said airstrip and has an obligation to undertake the maintenance. This potential arrangement will alleviate the ongoing***

*maintenance costs and upgrade to the airstrip which is currently funded via rates. The potential lessee will be required to undertake the ongoing maintenance and any upgrade to the air strip as required by CASA.*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to enter into a Lease Agreement with Genex Power Ltd pursuant to S.236 (D)(vii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 subject to the following conditions:*

- 1. That the Lessee undertake all maintenance and upgrade to the airstrip at no cost to Council;*
- 2. That the Lessee is made aware that this airstrip can still be utilised and accessed by the aeronautical community (i.e Royal Flying Doctors, private owners);*
- 3. That Council offer a 5 yr x 5 yr lease agreement;*
- 4. The Lease Fee by on a peppercorn arrangement*
- 5. That the Lessee indemnify Council against any potential liability claims;*
- 6. That the Lessee return the airstrip to Council at the end of the term in good repair;*
- 7. That the Lessee maintain Public Liability Insurance of \$20,000,000*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2628**  
**4/0**

Cr Attwood did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did Cr Attwood take part in the voting

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

The lease and management of the Kidston Airstrip to this entity is good economic management as it alleviates the responsibility from Council and also shifts the cost and risk of maintaining the airstrip to this entity.

**GMCCS12.**

Request for extension of Rates Discount Period

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Council has received correspondence from the owner of Assessment No: 00453-00000-000 seeking the approval of Council to extend the discount period from the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:

*Resolve to approve the extension of the discount period from the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 for Assessment No: 00453-00000-000 in accordance with Section 130(10) of the Local Government Regulation 2012*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2629**  
**5/0**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

*If Council is satisfied that a person liable to pay a rate has been prevented, by circumstances beyond the person's control, from paying the rate in time to benefit from a discount under section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, then Council under section 130(10) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, may still allow the discount following written application by the ratepayer.*

**GMCCS13.**

**Supply Gravel for the TIDS / R2R Project (Einasleigh-Forsayth Road) Closed S.275 (1)(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012**

**IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:**

**Declarations:**

**MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST**

*Cr Devlin declared that he has a material personal interest (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) in Item GMCCS13 as Cr Devlin has a rural property (known as Routh Station) which has an active quarry on this property and this quarry operation has provided Council with a quote for the supply & delivery of gravel from this quarry, as Cr Devlin stands to gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter*

*He dealt with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting at 11.50am while this matter was discussed. Cr Devlin returned to the meeting after discussion at 12.07pm.*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Council's Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS) program for 2018/19 is currently focused solely on the Einasleigh – Forsayth Road to construct the highest priority section of this road to bitumen seal standard, from Chainage 41.07 to 37.07. This road is becoming an important tourist route linking Georgetown, Cobbold Gorge, Forsayth (Savannahlander terminus), Einasleigh and shortcut to the Gulf Dev Road, Lynd Junction as well as the forthcoming recreation area at the Charleston Dam.*

**RESOLUTION**

**That Council:**

***Resolve to invoke Section 235(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to approve a contract for the Supply & Delivery of Sub Base Gravel (Type 2.3) pugged to (Optimum Moisture Content) OPM to Bolwarra Enterprises based on the following:***

- 1. There is insufficient time for Council to invite public tenders for the supply of the material,***
- 2. The quote provides Value for Money,***
- 3. The quote meets the required specification,***
- 4. The material can be delivered to site within the critical timeframe needed, and***
- 5. The supply of the material will enable Council to urgently complete this high priority section of road which is currently a hazard to the travelling public.***

**MOVED: Cr Attwood**

**SECONDED: Cr Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2630**  
**4/0**

**Cr Devlin did not participate in the discussion of this item nor did Cr Devlin take part in the voting**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

*Council has deemed that the supply of gravel is critical to complete the upgrade of the Einasleigh-Forsayth Road between Chainage 41.07 to 37.07 to a paved standard, and in addition, Council has started the construction of the new formation of the pavement and without the Sub Base Gravel to the site, will see Council exposed to 4km's of a road that is now in a worse state than what the unsealed section was previously. This entire section between Chainage 35.00 to 41.00 contains the most difficult alignment of tight curves and some undulating low visibility dips and rises and without the road being finished will become a hazard to the travelling public.*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Mr Tony Potter, Strategic & Planning Engineer entered the meeting at 12.23pm.  
Mr Tony Potter, Strategic & Planning Engineer left the meeting at 12.42pm*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**Resignation of Cr Troy Barnes**

*On behalf of the Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and staff of Etheridge Shire Council we sincerely thank Cr Barnes for your contributions, dedication, and commitment as a Councillor and we sincerely wish you, Sam, Amber & Mikaylah all the very best for the future and we sincerely hope that your time in the Etheridge Shire was enjoyable and rewarding.*

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 12:50pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 19 June 2019.

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