



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD

ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2019,

COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

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ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. David Munro, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Ian Kuhn, Director Corporate and Community Services
Miss. Judith Zahner, Administration Trainee
Mrs. Anna Bethel, Executive Assistant

GALLERY

Mr. Graham Steele
Mr. Ian Carroll
Mr. Drew Finlay

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8am 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.

DECLARATIONS

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

CONDOLENCES

That Council passes on its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of the late Mr. Bevin Butler.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Friday 18 October 2019

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Friday 18 October 2019 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2763
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

N/A

Special Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 13 November 2019

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 13 November 2019 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2764
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

- The Mayor requested the Chief Executive Officer to provide an update regarding the outcomes of the discussions with the chosen Tenderer in Item GMCCS2 – Terrestrial Upgrade from the Special Meeting.
- Council requested to see all conditions satisfied as per Resolution No. 2019/GM2761 from the Special General Meeting dated 13th November 2019 prior to Council issuing a contract for the Terrestrial Upgrade.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to inform the tenderer that prior to a contract being issued that the Tenderer must confirm back to Council:

- The design parameters of the Building (where all piers will be located, location of power points (as quoted within the original pricing), awning details, suspended floor details and engineering requirements for the suspended floor, the café design, has there been allowance in the costs for a display unit for food items, what did the contractor have in mind about what the Café would look like how is the roof to be insulated, how is the building being air conditioned etc..;***
- A detailed schedule of the costs associated with the upgrade of the building (broken down and also showing the original pricing as submitted within the tender against the amended pricing submitted to Council on the 13th October 2019;***
- An updated concept design showing that all elements as requested within the Tender Scope of Works have been included and incorporated within the proposed design)***

And furthermore that once the Tenderer has supplied the information to Council, Council will resolve to only award the contract subject to the Tenderer addressing the above conditions to Councils satisfaction.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2765
4/1

Cr Bethel voted against the resolution due to the cost of the Upgrade of the Terrestrial Centre.

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 Attwood

- Queried the Forest Home Road Works, specifically, the number of entry points to Forest Home and which road Council is performing NDRRA works on.
- Questioned what chainages on the Gregory Development Road is being restored under the TMR NDRRA Flood Damage claim.
- Commended the detail of the Workshop Matters of Interest report.

Cr Loudon

- Queried which Floodway which has been submitted under the Betterment Application to QRA on the Oak Park-Bagstowe Road.
- Questioned the GHD costing at the end of their contract on the Charleston Dam.

Cr Devlin

- Queried whether the removal of multiple gravel pits throughout the Shire is mandatory or whether this matter can be delayed and re-evaluated.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Gilbert River Irrigation Project

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Cr Bethel declared that he has a material personal interest (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) in Item GMCCS12 as he owns land on the Gilbert River, 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 8:45am while this matter was discussed and voted on. Cr Bethel returned to the meeting after voting at 9:01am

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Gallagher declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined by the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS1 titled "Gilbert River Irrigation Project" as he has family that live on the Gilbert River. Cr Gallagher determined that this personal interest is not 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 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:

Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Gallagher has a perceived conflict of interest in Item titled "Gilbert River Irrigation Project" and furthermore that Cr Gallagher may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2766
3/0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On Thursday, October 21, 2019 Jacobs held a design workshop in their offices in Brisbane to present options regarding the design, and costings, of water holding and delivery infrastructure for the proposed Gilbert River Irrigation Project. Representing ESC at that workshop were the ESC Mayor, the Gilbert River Irrigation Project Officer, scheme technical advisor, Peter Gilbey and his assistant, dam design technical advisor, Daryl Bigden.

The dam design was considered by the workshop and consensus was reached that the design was appropriate both in terms of design and cost. Having said that, the outlet works incorporated in the dam to accommodate water release stipulations indicated in the Gulf Water Plan 2007 will be subject to further design work. The dam design engineers have no reference point considering that the release volumes and timing indicated in the Water Plan are unprecedented in Australia, and require outlet works of a scale also unprecedented in Australia. On the positive side, the cost of the current outlet work design fell far short of early predictions.

Recommendations were made regarding the water delivery infrastructure methodology. Analysis indicates that the original scenario incorporating channels either side of the river covering the entire project area will incur huge cost that may render the project non-viable. Jacobs is working on more viable scenarios at the time of this report. Those scenarios may, among other things, indicate a reduction in the irrigated area.

RESOLUTION

That Council:
Resolve to note and receive the Project Officer's report.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2767
4/0

Cr Bethel was not in attendance during the voting on this matter as Cr Bethel had declared a Material Personal Interest and left the meeting.

GMCCS2.

Land Reconfiguration – Etheridge Shire Council and Queensland Police Service

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been in ongoing discussions with the Queensland Police Service regarding a land swap of land parcels known as Lot 2 on CP899013 and Lot 3 on CP899013 to prepare for the projected growth of the Queensland Police Service requirements in the region.

RESOLUTION

That Council:
Resolve to endorse the draft survey plan and furthermore advise the Queensland Police Service to prepare the necessary survey plan for the reconfiguration of Lot 2 on CP899013 & Lot 3 on CP899013

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2768
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Council has been in ongoing discussions with Queensland Police Service regarding a land swap and has come to a decision that benefits all parties involved in order to plan for projected growth.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Drew Finlay entered the gallery at 9:04am.

GMCCS3.

Decision Notice for Change Application to a Development Approval

Application No: DA2018-002

Proposal: Minor Change -

- (A) MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE – CODE ASSESSMENT FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE (HYDRO STORAGE FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE);
- (B) OPERATIONAL WORKS – CODE ASSESSMENT (CLEARING NATIVE VEGETATION);
- (C) OPERATIONAL WORKS – CODE ASSESSMENT (REFERRABLE DAM); AND
- (D) OPERATIONAL WORKS – CODE ASSESSMENT (ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE)

ON LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 1 ON SP289310 AND LOT 66 ON SP287774
(VIA GILBERTON ROAD, KIDSTON)

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 GMCCS3 as he owns shares in Genex, 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 9:03am while this matter was discussed and voted on. Cr Attwood returned to the meeting after voting at 9:15am.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (AECOM) prepared a planning report on behalf of Genex Power Limited (the Applicant) (Genex) to provide supporting information for a development application for the proposed Kidston Pumped Storage Hydro Project (the Project).

Council received the original Development Application on the 29th June 2018 seeking a Development Permit under the Planning Act 2016 for the following items of assessable development.

- Material Change of Use (Community Infrastructure)***
- Operational Work (Referable Dam)***
- Operational Work (Vegetation Clearing)***
- Operational Work (Electricity Infrastructure)***

Council issued a Decision Notice on the 20th September 2018 (approval) under s63(2) Planning Act 2016.

Genex is the sole proponent for the Project, and is currently in the process of developing the wider Kidston Renewable Energy Hub in North Queensland.

The Project forms a component of the wider Kidston Renewable Energy Hub. Energy produced by the Stage 1 and Stage 2 solar farms constructed on, and around the mine site, will be used to power the pumping of water into the upper reservoir. Once completed, the Project will be the first in the

world to utilise two disused mine pits for hydroelectric power generation, and the first hybrid large-scale solar photovoltaic and pumped hydro storage plant.

On the 27th September 2019 AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (AECOM) submitted a “Change Application pertaining to the Development Approval Application DA2018-002. The Applicant seeks to make an ‘Other Change’ to the Development Permit as per Section 78 of the Planning Act 2016. Specifically, the Applicant seeks approval to amend Condition 3.1 of DA2018-002 in relation to the approved plans of development.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to approve the Change Application (DA2018-002-1) in accordance with Section 81A of the Planning Act 2016 that was originally approved by Council on the 20th September 2018 for :

- a) MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE – CODE ASSESSMENT FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE (HYDRO STORAGE FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE);
- b) OPERATIONAL WORKS – CODE ASSESSMENT (CLEARING NATIVE VEGETATION);
- c) OPERATIONAL WORKS – CODE ASSESSMENT (REFERRABLE DAM); AND
- d) OPERATIONAL WORKS – CODE ASSESSMENT (ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE)

On land described as Lot 1 on SP289310 and Lot 66 on SP287774 (Via Gilberton Road, Kidston) to include an additional drawing under the original Condition 3.1.

APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

3.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by any condition of this development approval:

<u>Plan / Document Name</u>	<u>Plan / Document Reference</u>	<u>Dated</u>
Figure 1 – Indicative Project Area	Figure 1	29 th June 2018
Clearing & Excavation Layout Plan	Drawing No. 91603592-KPSP04.01 DWG-2061	29 th June 2018
Embankment Layout Plan	Drawing No. 91603592-KPSP04.03 DWG-2061	29 th June 2018
Embankment	Drawing No. 91603592-KPSP04.03 DWG-2062	29 th June 2018
Embankment	Drawing No. 91603592-KPSP04.03 DWG-2063	29 th June 2018
Embankment Longitudinal Section	Drawing No. 91603592-KPSP04.03 DWG-2064	29 th June 2018
Embankment Longitudinal Section	Drawing No. 91603592-KPSP04.03 DWG-2065	29 th June 2018

<u>Plan / Document Name</u>	<u>Plan / Document Reference</u>	<u>Dated</u>
Embankment Spillway	Drawing No. 91603592-KPSP04.03 DWG-2066	29 th June 2018
General Arrangement	Drawing No. 377551-KST-FS-DWG-130	29 th June 2018
General Arrangement	Drawing No. 377551-KST-FS-DWG-700	29 th June 2018
General Arrangement	Drawing No. 377551-KST-FS-DWG-711	29 th June 2018

The following plan to be added:

- Kidston Hydro Switching Station Proposed Site Location (Date: 20/07/2018).

<u>Plan / Document Name</u>	<u>Plan / Document Reference</u>	<u>Dated</u>
Kidston Hydro Switching Station	91603592-KPSP04.01 DWG-2041dwg	20 th July 2018

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2769
4/0

Cr Attwood was not in attendance during the voting on this matter as Cr Attwood had declared a Material Personal Interest and left the meeting for discussion and voting.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Change Application has been assessed in accordance with S.81 of the Planning Act 2016 and in addition the Change Application was re-assessed against all of the assessment benchmarks and the application complies against the assessment benchmarks.

GMCCS4.

Local Government Reform Changes (Belcarra 2)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Queensland Government is pursuing a rolling reform agenda in the local government sector. New reforms since October 2017 address issues of integrity and accountability in local government, and follow the release of the Belcarra report and other input from local government stakeholders.

The reforms further strengthen the transparency, accountability and integrity measures that apply to the system of local government in Queensland.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the Officer's report and furthermore that Council request the Chief Executive Officer to advertise the Local Government Reform changes in the Inform Newsletter.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2770
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Etheridge Shire Council has developed a Corporate Governance Framework to ensure compliance with legislation and best practice democratic local government. The Framework is not a policy or statement of intent, but rather a document which outlines council's governance policies and practices. It provides an overview of the governance program that has been put in place in order to assist elected members, management and employees in meeting their governance responsibilities. Council is committed to high standards of corporate governance and accountability and seeks continuous improvement in this regard.

GMCCS5.

Etheridge Shire Membership – District Disaster Management Group

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Far North Disaster Management Group has been on a trial by way of combining the Mareeba Disaster Management Group and Cairns Disaster Management Group into one.

Advice has recently been received that a review of the trial has ceased and that Etheridge Shire LDMG will become part of the reformed Mareeba DDMG.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to acknowledge Etheridge Shire's membership in the reformed Mareeba District Disaster Management Group and furthermore request the Chief Executive Officer write to the Cairns Disaster Management Group and Acting Police Commissioner regarding Council's concerns on reforming the Mareeba Disaster Management Group.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2771
4/1

Cr Attwood voted against the item as he has had experience in dealing with the previous Mareeba DDMG and then dealing with the Cairns DDMG. The amount of extra resources and support from Cairns DDMG made the operations a lot smoother in the region.

REASONS FOR DECISION

When a disaster occurs in the region, equipment and services are often obtained from Cairns. For operational purposes, it would be of greater benefit for the Etheridge Shire to be a part of the Cairns Disaster Management Group.

GMCCS6.**Public Notice of Meetings for 2020****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At least once in each year, Council must publish a notice of the days and times when its ordinary meetings will be held and furthermore Council must publish this notice in a newspaper circulating generally in the Local Government area in accordance with Section(s) 277 (1) & (2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopts the following meeting dates as presented for 2020 pursuant to and in accordance with Section 277(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and furthermore Council will publish this notice within the Inform Newsletter and also on Councils website.

Month	Date	Venue	Time
January	Wednesday, 22 January 2020	Georgetown	8.00am
February	Wednesday, 19 February 2020	Georgetown	8.00am
March	Wednesday, 18 March 2020	Georgetown	8.00am
April	Wednesday, 15 April 2020	Georgetown	8.00am
May	Wednesday, 20 May 2020	Georgetown	8.00am
June	Wednesday, 17 June 2020	Georgetown	8.00am
July	Wednesday, 15 July 2020	Georgetown	8.00am
August	Wednesday, 19 August 2020	Georgetown	8.00am
September	Wednesday, 16 September 2020	Georgetown	8.00am
October	Wednesday, 21 October 2020	Georgetown	8.00am
November	Wednesday, 18 November 2020	Georgetown	8.00am
December	Wednesday, 16 December 2020	Georgetown	8.00am

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2772
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

At least once in each year, Council must publish a notice of the days and times when its ordinary meetings will be held which is in accordance with S.277(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012

GMCCS7.

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

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 October 2019.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2773
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.

ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Rebekah Haase, Community Development and Events Officer and Mr. Liam Hensel from Arts Queensland entered the meeting at 9:52am.

GMCCS8.

Operational Plan Review for the Quarter ending September 2019

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 September 2019/20 quarter in accordance with Section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2774
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 states that The chief executive officer must present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at meetings of the local government held at regular intervals of not more than 3 months.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 9:55am.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:22am.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Drew Finlay and Mr. Graham Steele did not return to the gallery after morning tea.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 10:22am.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2775
5/0

DEPUTATION

Deputation from Liam Hensel from Arts Queensland regarding the Savanna Way Art Trail.
(Refer to Attachment A)

ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Rebekah Haase, Community Development and Events Officer and Mr. Liam Hensel from Arts Queensland left the meeting at 10:22am.

Mr. Ian Carroll left the gallery at 10:22am.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 11:11am.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2776
5/0

CLOSURE OF MEETING

RESOLUTION:

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

- Purchase of a bobcat compact excavator and trailer.
- Rates Requests.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2777
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Anna Bethel, Executive Assistant and Miss Judith Zahner, Administration Trainee left the meeting at 11:12am and returned at 11:54am.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION:

That Council resumes standing orders at 11:54am.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2778
4/0

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS9.

Purchase of a Bobcat Compact Excavator and Trailer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2019/20 budget provides for the procurement of a bobcat compact excavator and trailer. In accordance with relevant legislation and Etheridge Shire Council's Procurement Policy, quotations for these items were invited and closed at 4: 00pm on Tuesday 29 October 2019.

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

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to purchase bobcat compact excavator and trailer, Cat 302CR, from Hastings Deering (Australia) Pty Ltd as per specifications and furthermore that the additional options on the trailer be included.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2779
5/0

GMCCS10.

Rates Requests

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 GMCCS10 as he owns shares in one of the below mentioned assessments requesting a waiver 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 11:28am while this matter was discussed and did not participate in voting. Cr Attwood returned to the meeting after voting at 11:54am.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 Council: -

- 1. must levy general rates on all rateable land within the local government area; and*
- 2. may levy separate rates and charges. special rates and charges and utility charges to assist in funding the operation and maintenance of Council services and facilities.*

Where possible, Council will endeavour to base all rates and charges on a full cost recovery basis.

Council will exercise its rate recovery powers in order to reduce the overall rate burden on ratepayers. It will be guided by the principles of:

- transparency by making clear the obligations of ratepayers and the processes used by Council in assisting them meet their financial obligations*
- making the processes used to recover outstanding rates and charges clear, simple to administer and cost effective*
- equity by having regard to providing the same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances*
- flexibility by responding where necessary to changes in the local economy.*

Council has received six (6) separate requests for waiver of various rates charges:

RESOLUTION

That Council:
Resolve to

- A) Waive the accumulated penalty interest and grant the discount on Assessment Nos 00297-00000-000, 00441-70000-000, 00355-71300-000 and 00441-00000-000 in the amounts of \$94.66, \$7597.12, \$9085.25 and \$6989.39 respectively.*
- B) Waive the accumulated penalty interest and grant the discount on Assessment No 00491-10000-000 in the amount of \$3613.34.*
- C) Reduce the rate of the Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy on Assessment Nos 00405-10002-000 and 00405-30227-000.*
- D) Waive the accumulated penalty interest and grant the discount on Assessment No 00434-10004-600 in the amount of \$1446.35.*
- E) Waive the accumulated penalty interest and grant the discount on Assessment Nos 00365-95000-000 and 00365-5000-000 in the amounts of \$307.45 and \$423.18 respectively.*

F) *Waive the accumulated penalty interest and grant the discount on Assessment Nos 00335-50000-000, 00409-15000-000, 00461-30000-000, 00441-72000-000, 00202-00000-000, 00505-95100-000 and 00224-00000-000.*

G) *Waive the accumulated penalty interest on Assessment No 00473-50000-000 in the amount of \$706.42.*

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2780
4/0

Cr Attwood did not vote on this matter or participate in discussion as Cr Attwood had declared a Material Personal Interest.

REASONS FOR DECISION

In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will allow a 15% discount on all General Rates and Utility Charges, if payment is made within 30 clear days from the date of issue of the notice.

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.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Discussed the building that has been proposed to be erected at The Lynd for health care purposes.

Cr Attwood

- Raised a request from an Einasleigh resident to have a garden erected in the carpark at Einasleigh.
- Discussed the movements of the Aged Care Committee and the outcomes of the Questionnaire that was distributed to all residents in the Etheridge Shire.

Cr Loudon

- Raised the complaints that have been received from the Community regarding the Emergency Call system at the Georgetown Hospital and the issue of Patient Travel Subsidy paperwork only being available on certain days of the week to obtain.
- Enquired into the grants currently available for Airport Upgrades and the possibility of investigating these grants.
- Discussed the possible Dust seals on the Oak Park-Bagstowe Road.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to request the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the current grants available for airport upgrades.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2781
5/0

Cr Bethel

- Furthered Cr Loudon's comments on the possible seal on the Oak Park - Bagstowe Road and whether this has been made as a recommendation to Council.
- Asked for maintenance/replacement of the Shire Entrance Sign on the Western side of Georgetown.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Request the Chief Executive Officer to write to the property owners adjacent to the Mt Surprise Township to keep their stock out of the township of Mt Surprise in accordance with Councils Local Laws and furthermore request the Chief Executive Officer to obtain costings on portable panel yards for the purpose of holding wandering stock.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2782
5/0

Cr Devlin

- Gave an update on his movements in the last month and specifically his meetings outside the Shire including meeting with the Premier, Deputy Prime Minister, various Ministers and Senators to secure funding for the Etheridge Shire on various projects.

Chief Executive Officer Update

- Advised Council that the new Director of Engineering will be starting on the 3rd December 2019.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed 12:45pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 18th December 2019.

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MAYOR

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DATE