

Minutes of the Dorset Council Meeting

21 March 2016

The Meeting Opened: 6.04 pm

PRESENT: Crs G J Howard (Mayor), M A Hall (Deputy Mayor), D R Jessup, S J Arnold, L D Archer, S D Moore, L S Quilliam, S Y Martin, L C Stein

General Manager T J Watson, Director – Corporate Services G R Jetson, Director – Infrastructure D Griffin

APOLOGIES: Director – Community & Economic Development S E Bower

32/16	Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes 15 February 2016 Ref 16/1306
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Crs Quilliam/Stein

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on 15 February 2016, having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

33/16	Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes 15 February 2016 Ref 16/1305
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Crs Hall/Moore

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting Closed Session held on 15 February 2016, having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

34/16	Confirmation of Agenda
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Crs Martin/Stein

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 21 March 2016 Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously

35/16	Declaration of Pecuniary Interest of a Councillor or Close Associate
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Nil

36/16	Dorset Council Management Team Briefing Report Ref: 16/2254
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The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Councillors and the community with a briefing on matters of interest dealt with during the past month by Council's Management Team.

Decision

Crs Jessup/Quilliam

That the Dorset Council Management Team Briefing Report be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

37/16 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting
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1 March 2016 – Briefing Workshop

38/16 Applications for Leave of Absence
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Nil

39/16 Public Question Time

The following questions were taken on notice at the 15 February 2016 Council Meeting.

Mrs Jill Probert:

I would just like to know if there are proposed road works for Cape Portland Road and Rushy Lagoon Road?

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

Council have \$234,699 in the 2015/2016 budget for Cape Portland Road with almost all of that allocation being expended. A further allocation will be considered during the 2016/2017 budget process.

Mr Adrian Calder:

How can a business, namely Scottsdale Pork, under the control of Dorset Council be allowed to emit pollution in the way of offensive smell that affects the amenity of the

surrounding residents for several kilometres and for this issue to continue even after many complaints to both Dorset Council and the owner?

Question Taken on Notice

Dr Mary Schramm

Reading through the discussion papers for tonight's meeting I pose the following questions:

1. *Bridport has a consultative committee, can I ask if Council might consider establishing committees in other areas of Dorset?*

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

This committee was formed for a specific issue (Bridport Concept Plan) with no full time committee planned to continue.

2. *Could Council consider implementing the options that are available under the Local Government Act 1993 of securing representation on the Council for an appropriate number of seats assigned to an appropriate geographical areas of Dorset?*

Question taken on Notice

Dr Christine Booth

1. *Each month we've been asked to put forward our statistics for our business in relation to mountain biking which we are very pleased to do, but I'm just wondering when we are going to start getting those summarised monthly statistics? As a tourism operator I find it very useful to get access to that summarised data.*

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson

The problem that we have got with the data at the moment is that it is unreliable and a bit spasmodic. So we analysed the data about two (2) weeks ago to see what conclusions we could draw, but we just don't have enough data to actually give you anything meaningful. Basically what will happen is each business operator will be contacted every month by our Marketing & Events Coordinator so that we do start to get some solid data.

2. *Are you still getting the stats of people riding the trails (counters)?*

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson

We have got the trail count data however we are not publishing that publicly at this stage, as we think it is a little early to put that out in the public domain. We are happy to share that with business operators though.

40/16 Deputations

Mr Tim Slade – The real time publication of Tasmania’s drinking water guidelines.
(copy attached)

41/16 Councillor Question Time

The following questions were taken on notice at the 15 February 2016 Council Meeting:

Cr L C Stein:

Could Council please contact the State Government regarding re-painting of the speed hump in Bridport yellow?

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

Council Officers contacted the Department of State Growth who confirmed the colour of the line marking on the speed humps in Bridport Main Street is the standard applied across the State. To avoid pedestrian confusion Council has painted the pavement on each corner of the humps clearly stating “pedestrians give way to traffic”.

Cr L D Archer:

- 1. In relation to the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme, in the contracts or agreements that were signed with the landowners to take water, that had to pay 2% on signing, what was the agreement then on delivery date?*

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

The Mayor and General Manager met with Tasmanian Irrigation on Wednesday 24 February and were advised that the contracts do not have a specific “water delivery date” so as to allow commissioning to occur within 48 months of the public funding approval date. This is to allow for any contingencies that might occur through the planning and construction phase.

Cr Max Hall

Over the last 30 years we have spent a numerous amount of money on sporting ovals with Council currently using rotary mowers. If we used gang mowers we would not have to spend the money we do year in year out on these ovals to put dirt on them and we would have a much better surface. Could Council have a look at this option in the future?

Question taken on Notice

Cr Dale Jessup

1. *Relating to the water testing results, the so called traffic light system that is the system that the General Manager outlined after the deputation is not, I believe, in the intent of the original motion that was passed by Dorset Council or the Local Government Association of Tasmania and I would like to request that the issue is placed on the agenda for our upcoming workshop in April so that Councillors can discuss it?*

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

Yes, an item can be placed on the workshop agenda for April.

2. *A meeting was arranged by Steve Cowell in July last year regarding the intersection of Carisbrook Lane and Tasman Highway. In attendance were Richard Burk (Department of State Growth (DSG)), residents from Ringarooma and Legerwood and myself representing Council.*

Mr Burk made several observations on improvements that could be made to increase visibility of the intersection in low light and foggy conditions.

Can council write to Mr Burk at DSG asking for the proposed works to be completed prior to the upcoming winter?

Question taken on Notice

42/16 Notices of Motion by Councillors

Nil

Mayor Howard vacated the Chair for Item 43/16. Deputy Mayor Hall took the chair.

43/16	Notice of Motion – Mayor, Councillor G J Howard Re-Direction of Brid River, Bridport Ref: 16/2083
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Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a notice of motion proposed by Mayor, Councillor Greg Howard.

Recommendation

That Council write to the State Government with a request for them to conduct a pre-feasibility study regarding the redirection of the Brid River through a man-made channel through the sand dune adjacent to Trent Water.

Decision

Amended Recommendation

Crs Howard/Moore

That Council write to the State Government with a request for them to conduct a pre-feasibility study regarding the redirection of the Brid River/Trent Water through a man-made channel through the sand dune adjacent to Trent Water.

Carried Unanimously

44/16	Notice of Motion - Councillor D R Jessup – Support of Forestry Tasmania Ref: 16/2323 Notice of Motion: 16/2287
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Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Dale Jessup.

Recommendation

That Dorset Council issue a public statement and write to Forestry Tasmania stating Council's position of officially supporting Forestry Tasmania in both its commercial and non-commercial activities in the Dorset municipality.

Decision

Crs Jessup/Quilliam

That Dorset Council issue a public statement and write to Forestry Tasmania stating Council's position of officially supporting Forestry Tasmania in both its commercial and non-commercial activities in the Dorset municipality.

Voting For the Motion: Mayor Howard, Deputy Mayor Hall, Crs Jessup, Arnold, Archer, Moore, Quilliam

Voting Against the Motion: Crs Stein, Martin

Carried

45/16	2015/2016 Dorset Councillors Discretionary Grants Application Assessment Reporting Officer: Director – Community & Economic Development, Susie Bower Ref: 16/1968
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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the recommendation of the Community Grants Committee to Council for approval.

Recommendation

That Dorset Council endorses the recommendations of the Community Grants Committee and approves the allocation of funds to the applicants as listed in the following table:

Organisation	Project	Grant Recommended
Scottsdale RSL Sub Branch Inc	Maintenance of the military tree carving in Scottsdale	\$2,000
TOTAL		\$2,000

Decision

Crs Stein/Archer

That Dorset Council endorses the recommendations of the Community Grants Committee and approves the allocation of funds to the applicants as listed in the following table:

Organisation	Project	Grant Recommended
Scottsdale RSL Sub Branch Inc	Maintenance of the military tree carving in Scottsdale	\$2,000
TOTAL		\$2,000

Carried Unanimously

46/16	2015/2016 Dorset Council Community Matching Funding Grants Reporting Officer: Director – Community & Economic Development, Susie Bower Ref: 16/1895
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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the recommendation of the Community Grants Committee to Council for approval.

Recommendation

That Dorset Council endorses the recommendation of the Community Grants Committee and does not approve the allocation of funds to the Scottsdale RSL Sub Branch to install a reverse cycle heat pump.

Decision

Crs Moore/Arnold

That Dorset Council endorses the recommendation of the Community Grants Committee and does not approve the allocation of funds to the Scottsdale RSL Sub Branch to install a reverse cycle heat pump.

Carried Unanimously

47/16

Community Consultation Policy Review

Reporting Officer: Director – Community & Economic Development, Susie Bower
Ref: 16/2160 Reviewed Policy 16/2253

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to review Council’s Community Consultation Policy.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the attached reviewed Community Consultation and Communication Policy.

Decision

Crs Hall/Stein

That Council adopt the attached reviewed Community Consultation and Communication Policy.

Carried Unanimously

48/16

Social Media Policy Review

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, Guy Jetson
Ref: 16/2047 Reviewed Policy 16/2253

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to review Council’s Social Media Policy.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the attached revised Dorset Council Social Media Policy.

Decision

Crs Jessup/Arnold

That Council adopt the attached revised Dorset Council Social Media Policy.

Carried Unanimously

49/16

Bridport Community Reference Group Recommendations

Reporting Officer: Director – Community & Economic Development, Susie Bower
Ref: 16/2230

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the recommendations of the Bridport Community Reference Group to Council.

Recommendation

That Dorset Council receive and note the recommendations of the Bridport Community Reference Group.

Decision

Crs Quilliam/Archer

That Dorset Council receive and note the recommendations of the Bridport Community Reference Group.

Carried Unanimously

50/16	Northern Councils – Amalgamations, Benchmarking, Boundary Adjustment & Shared Services Reporting Officer: General Manager, Tim Watson Ref: 16/2085
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Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to firstly respond to the Minister for Local Government regarding his recent request that the northern Councils expand the benchmarking and shared service project to include amalgamations. And secondly to make a decision on whether to pursue the concept of boundary adjustments with the City of Launceston.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. Council formally advise the Minister for Local Government that it supports the expansion of the Northern Councils' benchmarking and shared service models project to incorporate modelling of potential boundary adjustments and associated amalgamations.
2. Council write to the Minister for Local Government and the Mayor of the City of Launceston advising that it wishes to investigate potential boundary adjustments that would see Lilydale and surrounding rural areas and settlements incorporated into the Municipality of Dorset.

Amendment

Crs Archer/Martin

3. That Council write to our neighbouring Councils expressing our willingness to investigate potential boundary adjustments/amalgamations.

Voting For the Amendment:

Crs Archer, Stein, Martin

Voting Against the Amendment:

Mayor Howard, Deputy Mayor Hall, Crs Jessup, Arnold, Moore, Quilliam

Amendment Lost

Decision

Crs Jessup/Quilliam

It is recommended that:

- 1. Council formally advise the Minister for Local Government that it supports the expansion of the Northern Councils' benchmarking and shared service models project to incorporate modelling of potential boundary adjustments and associated amalgamations.**
- 2. Council write to the Minister for Local Government and the Mayor of the City of Launceston advising that it wishes to investigate potential boundary adjustments that would see Lilydale and surrounding rural areas and settlements incorporated into the Municipality of Dorset.**

Voting For the Motion: Mayor Howard, Deputy Mayor Hall, Crs Jessup, Arnold, Moore, Quilliam

Voting Against the Motion: Crs Archer, Stein, Martin

Carried

51/16	Footpath Policy Committee Reporting Officer: General Manager, Tim Watson Ref: 16/2085
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Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Councillors to determine the Councillor representatives on the internal Footpath Policy Committee.

Recommendation

1. That Council appoint the following Councillors to the Footpath Policy Committee:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. That Council appoint as a proxy on the Footpath Policy Committee.

Decision

Amended Recommendation

Crs Jessup/Quilliam

That Council appoint the following Councillors to the Footpath Policy Committee:

- a. Cr M A Hall**

- b. Cr L D Archer
- c. Cr L S Quilliam
- d. Cr L C Stein

Carried Unanimously

7.24 pm – Meeting Adjourned for tea break with the public

7.38 pm – Meeting recommenced

52/16 Closure of Meeting

Crs Hall/Quilliam

That pursuant to Regulation 15 (2) (g) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, Council close the meeting to the public.

Time:

Carried Unanimously

Time Meeting Closed: 7.54 pm

Minutes Confirmed: 18 April 2016

Minute No: 55/16

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Mayor