

Dorset Council Meeting

Minutes

19 September 2016

The Meeting Opened: 6.00 pm

Present: Crs G J Howard (Mayor), M A Hall (Deputy Mayor), S J Arnold, D R Jessup, 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, Accountant S J Edwards, Economic Development & Communications Officer N Grose, Community Projects Coordinator A Ferguson

Apologies: Nil

163/16	Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes 15 August 2016 Ref 16/8201
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Decision

Crs Stein/Arnold

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

Carried Unanimously

164/16	Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes 15 August 2016 Ref 16/8199
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Decision

Crs Quilliam/Jessup

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

Carried Unanimously

165/16	Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Minutes 7 September 2016 Ref 16/9248
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Decision

Crs Moore/Hall

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Special Meeting held on 7 September 2016, having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

166/16	Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes 7 September 2016 Ref 16/9250
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Decision

Crs Arnold/Quilliam

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Special Meeting Closed Session held on 7 September 2016, having been circulated to all Councillors (excluding Cr L C Stein), be confirmed as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

167/16	Confirmation of Agenda
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Decision

Crs Jessup/Arnold

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 19 September 2016 Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously

168/16	Declaration of Pecuniary Interest of a Councillor or Close Associate
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Mayor, Cr G J Howard

In relation to agenda item 181/16 I acknowledge that I may have a perceived conflict interest according to Council's Code of Conduct April 2016.

The perceived conflict of interest relates to my wife's part-time employment through THS at James Scott.

Part 2 6(b) of the Code of Conduct requires that I act in good faith and exercise reasonable judgement to determine whether the conflict of interest is so material that it requires removing myself physically from any Council discussion and remaining out of the room until the matter is decided by the Council. I do not consider this matter to be material and therefore intend to remain in the meeting on this critically important strategic issue for the Dorset Community.

169/16	Dorset Council Management Team Briefing Report Ref: 16/9369
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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.

Recommendation

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

Decision

Crs Quilliam/Moore

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

Carried Unanimously

170/16	Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting
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1. 7 September 2016 – Briefing Workshop

171/16	Applications for Leave of Absence
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Nil

172/16	Public Question Time
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Mr Jim Smith:

What are Council going to do about reconstructing Bentley Street, Bridport with kerb and channelling, etc?

Response from Director – Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

There has been discussions recently regarding Bentley Street, and would like to flag it for consideration in the 2017/2018 budget discussions.

Further Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

Council's intention over the next few months is to identify and prioritise those streets that we believe need reconstruction. The intent would be once that has been determined that it would be brought back to Council to have a discussion with Councillors about setting some priorities and then match that up with Council's Long Term Financial Plan. I would envisage that Bentley Street would sit in that list, however unsure where on the priority level.

Dr Mary Schramm:

1. *Is the Council aware of how inadequate and deteriorated the line marking over the Sidling, particularly from the Lookout to the Dorset/City of Launceston municipal boundary? I've approached the Department of State Growth directly and received a reply but nothing has happened in the past six months. Could Council approach State Growth and see when these markings will be repainted?*
2. *The junction between Legerwood Lane and the Tasman Highway just outside Branxholm is inadequately marked. The sharp turn is marked if you are travelling towards Branxholm but there is no indicator when you are travelling from Branxholm towards the Legerwood/Ringarooma turn off. This is a junction between Council and a State Government road. Could this please be investigated?*

Response from Mayor, Greg Howard:

1. In relation to the Sidling, Council are fully aware that the condition is inadequate and have already approached the Department of State Growth and the Minister regarding an upgrade of the Sidling to B-Double standard as most of the freight that leaves the North East with the exception of wood chips/logs to Bell Bay, usually go via the Sidling. It is certainly Councils intention to pursue that with the State Government and make the Sidling our priority freight access road. Council can certainly follow up with Department of State Growth regarding line marking schedules for this section of road in the interim.
2. In relation to the Legerwood Lane and Tasman Highway intersection near Branxholm Until you mentioned it I wasn't aware there was an issue, so that is certainly something Council can investigate.

173/16	Deputations
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Mr Steve Love (Representing the Rotary Club and the wider community) – Agenda Item 181/16 – Aged Care in the North East

174/16	Councillor Question Time
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Councillor D R Jessup:

In preparation for a discussion at our next Council Workshop, can I ask Council Officers investigate the implications of installing a school crossing on William Street, Scottsdale, south of the Coplestone Street intersection?

Response from Director – Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

Yes

Cr L D Archer:

Does the Council have any legal matters being taken against it, or is there anyone taking legal action against the Council?

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

I'm certainly not aware of any.

Cr S D Moore:

- 1. Has Council been approached before to have a dive wreck in the Bridport/North East area?*

Response from Councillors Stein and Arnold:

Yes, it has previously been presented to Council.

- 2. Would Council be able to follow up possibilities to see where it could go into the future (relating to a document handed to Councillors regarding a potential dive wreck)?*

Question Taken on Notice

175/16	Notices of Motion by Councillors
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The following Notice of Motion has been withdrawn by Cr Lawrence Archer due to the recent announcement by TasWater in relation to dividends.

Cr Lawrence Archer – 2 August 2016
Ref: 16/7843

That Management report to the September Council Meeting on the long term financial implications if the Council were to forgo half or all of its TasWater Dividends for 5 or 10 years.

176/16	Notice of Motion – Cr L S Quilliam – Free Camping at the Ringarooma Recreation Ground Ref: 16/9161, Notice of Motion: 16/9125
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Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor L S Quilliam.

Recommendation

That the Dorset Council set aside an area for free camping at the Ringarooma Recreation Ground for self-contained vehicles, and that the appropriate signage is erected at the Tasman Highway at the Legerwood turnoff and also at Legerwood and Ringarooma.

Decision

Crs Quilliam/Stein

That the Dorset Council set aside an area for free camping at the Ringarooma Recreation Ground for self-contained vehicles, and that the appropriate signage is erected at the Tasman Highway at the Legerwood turnoff and also at Legerwood and Ringarooma.

Carried Unanimously

177/16	Sponsorship of Sporting and Cultural Representatives Policy Review
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	Reporting Officer: Director - Community & Development, Rohan Willis Ref: 16/9367, Reviewed Policy: 16/9368
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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to review the Sponsorship of Sporting and Cultural Representatives Policy.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the attached revised Policy No. 4 Sponsorship of Sporting and Cultural Representatives Policy.

Decision

Crs Arnold/Moore

That Council adopt the attached revised Policy No. 4 Sponsorship of Sporting and Cultural Representatives Policy.

Carried Unanimously

178/16	2016 Update – Dorset Strategic Plan 2014-2018
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	Reporting Officer: General Manager, Tim Watson Ref: 16/9255, Update: 16/3844
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Purpose

This purpose of this report is for Council to receive and adopt the 2016 Update of the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2014-2018.

Recommendation

That Dorset Council adopt the 2016 Update of the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2014 – 2018.

Decision

Crs Stein/Hall

That Dorset Council adopt the 2016 Update of the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2014 – 2018.

Carried Unanimously

179/16	Budget Variation 1 of 2016/17 Reporting Officer: Accountant, Samantha Edwards Ref: 16/9365
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Purpose

The purpose of this item is to present proposed budget variations to the Budget Estimates for 2016/17.

Recommendation

That Council approve the following budget variations:

1. Increase the funding from \$20,000 to \$24,360 for the Children's Reserve Masterplan: Playground Equipment.
2. Increase the funding for the replacement of the tip truck from \$55,900 to \$89,000.

Decision

Crs Jessup/Martin

That Council approve the following budget variation:

1. Increase the funding from \$20,000 to \$24,360 for the Children's Reserve Masterplan: Playground Equipment.

Carried Unanimously

Crs Hall/Arnold

That Council approve the following budget variation:

2. Increase the funding for the replacement of the tip truck from \$55,900 to \$89,000.

Carried Unanimously

180/16	Additional Budget Item – Resurfacing of Branxholm Tennis/Basketball Courts Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, Guy Jetson Ref: 16/9465
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Purpose

The purpose of this item is to consider an additional Budget Estimates item to resurface the Branxholm Community Tennis/Basketball Court.

Recommendation

That Council consider the request from Branxholm Community Pines Committee to resurface the Branxholm Community Tennis/Basketball Court.

Decision

Crs Quilliam/Moore

That Council consider the request from Branxholm Community Pines Committee to resurface the Branxholm Community Tennis/Basketball Court.

Carried Unanimously

Further Motion

Crs Quilliam/Stein

That Council accept the offer of \$8,150 from the Branxholm Community Pines Committee to resurface the Branxholm Community Tennis/Basketball Court

Carried Unanimously

181/16 Aged Care in North East Tasmania – The Path to Sustainability
Reporting Officer: General Manager, Tim Watson
Ref: 16/9431

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a recommendation that Council formally commits to financially underwriting the merging of the Aminya and James Scott aged care facilities and subsequent redevelopment.

Recommendation

That Council resolves to support and underwrite the merger of the James Scott and Aminya aged care facilities under the operation of May Shaw, and commit to financing the subsequent redevelopment if required.

Proposed Amendment

Crs Stein/Jessup

That Council resolves to support and underwrite the merger of the James Scott and Aminya aged care facilities under the operation of May Shaw, and commit to financing the subsequent redevelopment if required *following the securing of the James Scott Wing bed licences.*

Carried Unanimously

The Amendment was put to the original Motion

Decision

Crs Hall/Quilliam

That Council resolves to support and underwrite the merger of the James Scott and Aminya aged care facilities under the operation of May Shaw, and commit to financing the subsequent redevelopment if required following the securing of the James Scott Wing bed licences.

Carried Unanimously

Decision

Crs Quilliam/Arnold

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

Carried Unanimously

Time: 7.00 pm

7.00 pm – Meeting adjourned for tea break with the public

7.18 pm – Meeting recommenced

Time Meeting Closed: 7.46 pm

Minutes Confirmed: 17 October 2016

Minute No: 186/16

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Mayor