

Minutes of the Dorset Council Meeting

18 January 2016

The Meeting Opened: 6.00pm

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

Manager Corporate Services G R Jetson, Manager Community & Economic Development S E Bower

APOLOGIES: Cr D R Jessup

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| 1/16 | Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes 21 December 2015 Ref 15/12770 |
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Decision

Crs Stein/Moore

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on 21 December 2015, having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

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| 2/16 | Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes 21 December 2015 Ref 15/12772 |
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Decision

Crs Quilliam/Arnold

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting Closed Session held on 21 December 2015, having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

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| 3/16 | Confirmation of Agenda |
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Decision

Crs Stein/Moore

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 18 January 2016 Council Meeting excluding closed session agenda item 17/16 Aminya Update due to no new information being available.

Carried Unanimously

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| 4/16 | Declaration of Pecuniary Interest of a Councillor or Close Associate |
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| 5/16 | Dorset Council Management Team Briefing Report Ref: 15/8763 |
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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 Quilliam/Martin

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

Carried Unanimously

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| 6/16 | Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting |
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| 7/16 | Applications for Leave of Absence |
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| 8/16 | Public Question Time |
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Max Willson:

Councillor Dale Jessup was quoted in the NE Advertiser as "developing the plan to keep Aminya open" to be one of his highlights of 2015. *Is the plan available for public scrutiny?*

Response Mayor Greg Howard:

It was not a formal written plan. The information was commercial in confidence so it wouldn't be available to the public anyway. As far as I'm aware it is more a pathway that we are following but as to a written plan we don't have a written plan as such. The General Manager will provide a written response to your question.

Max Willson:

A public meeting was held in October 2015, for Community Update of Aged Care North East. Are there any minutes, notes, recommendations available from this meeting?

Response Mayor Greg Howard:

Sarah Forsyth took some notes but there weren't any formal minutes. The General Manager will provide a written response to your question.

Max Willson:

Council introduced the Aminya "Web Page" as a means of keeping Dorset ratepayers informed. This page has not been updated in the last 3 months. Is the "Web Page" still active and is it envisaged as the communication toll into the future?

Response Mayor Greg Howard:

The web page will be updated when we have sufficient concrete information to put on it. We only took over six weeks ago so we are still in the transition stage so I don't know if there is much we can put on the web page at this stage. The General Manager will provide a written response to your question.

All questions were taken on notice.

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| 9/16 Deputations |
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| 10/16 Councillor Question Time |
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The following question was taken on notice at the 21 December 2015 Council Meeting.

Councillor S J Arnold:

I believe that the Bridport rubbish collection is now undertaken by a contractor, when was it organised, was there an allocation in the budget for this and how much was it?

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson

An allocation was made in the 2015/16 budget for the provision of rubbish collection in Bridport by a commercial contractor. This was discussed in detail in a relevant budget workshop and was disclosed under the following line items:

- Contractors - Bridport Non Domestic Waste Operations

- Contractors - Waste Collection Bridport Holiday Park Operations.

For commercial in confidence reasons the amount of the contract cannot be disclosed publicly.

Councillor S J Arnold

I still have not had an opportunity to be able to go back through those budget items and get an actual figure that was allowed and my other concern was the length of the contract as such. The reason I asked the question in regards to the length of the contract is as Councillors, me being one, put out a contract for 9 years and that has come back to bite us. I'm not saying that is the length of the contract now and I don't know the contract was never discussed as far as I know with us Councillors

Mayor G J Howard

Following discussion in relation to the length of the contract and process followed the questions will remain open and be reported to next meeting.

Councillor S D Moore:

With regard to the recent failure of a number of new road surfaces in the municipality, could Council please find out why these road surfaces are failing and what factors are contributing to there failure?

Examples of new road surfaces that have recently failed are: Waterhouse Road, between Emily Street Bridport and the turn off to Barnboughe Lost Farm; Bridport Road, between Bridport and Scottsdale; and Ada Street, Bridport.

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson

Council will write to the Department of State Growth seeking an explanation on the causes of the above observed failures.

Councillor L D Archer

Will management develop a strategy and business plan for the disposal of Councils water rights in the Scottsdale irrigation Scheme for approval by Council?

Question taken on notice

What is the current occupancy of Aminya?

Question taken on Notice

Are we on track with forecast operational cost/losses for Aminya?

Question taken on Notice

11/16 Notices of Motion by Councillors

Nil

12/16 Annual Plan Update December 2015

Reporting Officer: Corporate Services Manager, Guy Jetson
Ref: 15/12499

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update Council and the community on progress of the Dorset Council Annual Plan 2015/16 as at 31 December 2015.

Decision

Crs Stein/Quilliam

That the attached Dorset Council Annual Plan 2015/16 December Quarterly Report be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

13/16 2015/2016 Dorset Council Community Matching Funding Grants Application Assessment

Reporting Officer: Community & Economic Development Manager, Susie Bower
Ref: 16/175

Purpose

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

Decision

Crs Moore/Hall

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 |
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| Ringarooma Swimming Pool Association | Solar heating repairs and upgrade to swimming pool | \$1,300 |
| TOTAL | | \$1,300 |

Carried Unanimously

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| 14/16 | 2015/2016 Dorset Council Small Grants Application Assessment Reporting Officer: Community & Economic Development Manager, Susie Bower Ref: 16/173 |
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Purpose

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

Decision

Crs Hall/Arnold

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 |
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| North East Country Crafters | Materials to make quilt for donation to NESM Hospital Auxiliary | \$819 |
| Ringarooma Swimming Pool Association | Water testing and daily chemicals for swimming pool | \$1,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$1,819 |

Carried Unanimously

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| 15/16 | 2015/2016 Dorset Councillors Discretionary Grants Application Reporting Officer: Community & Economic Development Manager, Susie Bower Ref: 16/177 |
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Purpose

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

Decision

Crs Quilliam/Hall

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 |
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| Bridport Street Party Committee | Cost of performers and entertainment for street party | \$4,168 |
| Bridport Innovations | Install permanent flag pole holders along the village green | \$1,500 |
| TOTAL | | \$5,668 |

Carried Unanimously

Time Meeting Closed: 6.47 pm

Minutes Confirmed: 15 February 2016

Minute Number: 16/16

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Mayor