

Minutes of the Dorset Council Meeting

15 February 2016

The Meeting Opened: 6.00 pm

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

General Manager T J Watson, Corporate Services Manager G R Jetson, Community & Economic Development Manager S E Bower, Accountant M Ranson

APOLOGIES: Nil

16/16	Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes 18 January 2016 Ref 16/613
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Crs Stein/Moore

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on 18 January 2016, having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

17/16	Confirmation of Agenda
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Crs Stein/Quilliam

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 15 February 2016 Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously

18/16	Declaration of Pecuniary Interest of a Councillor or Close Associate
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Cr D R Jessup declared an interest, as a close associate, in Item 28/16

Cr L D Archer declared an interest, as a close associate, in Item 28/16

19/16	Dorset Council Management Team Briefing Report Ref: 16/1088
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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 Jessup/Archer

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

Carried Unanimously

20/16 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting
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2 February 2016 – Briefing Workshop

21/16 Applications for Leave of Absence
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Nil

22/16 Public Question Time

The following questions were taken on notice at the 18 January 2016 Council Meeting.

Mr Max Willson:

1. 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 by General Manager, Tim Watson:

A broad strategy was presented to the community in October 2015, and is available on the Council website.

2. 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 by General Manager, Tim Watson:

Council has not held a public meeting, however a presentation was made to the community in October as per above.

3. 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 by General Manager, Tim Watson:

The webpage referred to is still active and will remain active into the future. Information will be uploaded for viewing on an ‘as needs’ basis.

Dr Mary Schramm:

1. Regarding Aminya, at what stage is the agreement between the provider May Shaw and Dorset Council going to be finalised?

Response by General Manager, Tim Watson:

The contract between May Shawn and NE Care (which is the association formed on behalf of the community) which Council is part of, that contract is in its final stages. My intention would be to have that ready for the first Board meeting of NE Care so that the Board can formally ratify it.

2. In regards to this agreement, is a buy back or takeover provision included in the agreement with May Shaw to avoid the previous situation with Presbyterian Care?

Response by General Manager, Tim Watson:

Yes, that was one of the key elements that we needed to cover off, as the last thing we want to be is in that same situation that occurred with Presbyterian Care.

Mr Geoff Lucas:

Will there be any improvements to the Waterhouse Road which were on hold due to the Musselroe Bay development?

Response by Mayor Greg Howard:

Progressively even if the Musselroe development doesn't go ahead, the State Government will make improvements to the Waterhouse Road. Council no longer owns the road, as it was part of the road swap, with Council taking over ownership of Gladstone Road from Pioneer to Gladstone, and section of road from Tasman Highway to Ringarooma. My understanding is that there are already provisions in

place to redo the road from finishes from the second entrance to the Lost Farm through to a property named Marengo at Waterhouse but I am unsure of any intention to do anything to this end of the road. They did state that they would upgrade it selectively, meaning that they would attempt to upgrade the worst parts first. No forward plan has been provided to Council stating what year that may occur.

The only other factor that may result in the section getting sealed earlier is the Great Eastern Drive concept that Break O'Day Council are currently undertaking. This currently runs from St Helens to Bicheno, but the intention is for it run from Bridport to Sorell along the East Coast.

Response by General Manager, Tim Watson:

When Council negotiated the road swap, one of the things we were hoping to get into the agreement were some timeframes around upgrades. State Growth would not commit to that, not because they didn't want to, they didn't commit because they weren't able to identify where the funding would come from. However, given that the State has taken over the road the timeframes for getting the gravel section sealed should be quicker than if ownership had stayed with Council.

Mrs Jill Probert:

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

Question Taken on Notice

23/16 Deputations

Nil

24/16 Councillor Question Time

The following questions were taken on notice at the 18 January 2016 Council Meeting.

Councillor L D Archer:

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

Response by General Manager, Tim Watson:

As previously advised, a detailed business plan will be developed by Council.

- 2. What is the current occupancy of Aminya?*

Response by General Manager, Tim Watson:

Occupancy levels have increased from 14 to 21 residents after one month of operation which is in line with expectations.

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

Response by General Manager, Tim Watson:

Financial information will be provided to Councillors in the closed session Council Meeting.

Cr L C Stein:

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

Question Taken on Notice

Cr S J Arnold:

1. A couple of meetings ago I brought up in regards to getting a representative from the Winnaleah Irrigation Scheme to present to Councillors in regards to irrigation schemes, have we spoke to anyone yet?

Response by General Manager, Tim Watson:

Haven't followed that request up at this stage, however, this shall be arranged in the next few weeks with a presentation arranged for a Workshop no later than April 2016.

2. Have the Federal Government given the final approval for the irrigation scheme yet?

Response by Mayor Greg Howard:

No, with an answer probably not expected prior to June.

3. Could Council write to the State Government regarding the Waterhouse/Gladstone Road as sections of the sealed road (between Tomahawk and the Banca Road turnoff) are in worse condition than the unsealed section.

Cr L D Archer:

1. I am presuming that Scottsdale is still an RV friendly town, the sign at the entrance from Bridport side of town has disappeared, could this be replaced?

Response by Mayor Greg Howard:

Yes, this can be followed up.

2. In relation to the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme, when was the water supposed to flow if it goes ahead?

Response by Mayor Greg Howard:

Well originally it was going to be 2017/2018, however in the latest press release they are talking about 2018/2019, but I am currently having discussions with them about this change. They are saying that they have been put back a year by not achieving the water sales by the originally date and therefore it would take an extra year. The only issue would be if they gave the construction to one contractor. They could certainly build the dam and install the power lines and mini power station in the 2017/18 year, it would only be the laying of the 70 km of pipeline that would slow them down.

3. 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?

Question Taken on Notice

4. As Council is highly invested in the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme, can Tasmania Irrigation be invited, sooner rather than later, to present to a Council Workshop on a range of things.

Response by General Manager, Tim Watson:

I agree with Cr Archer, Tasmania Irrigation now have a new CEO, so it may be timely to invite them to an upcoming Workshop to present.

25/16 Notices of Motion by Councillors

Nil

26/16	Quarterly Financial Report - 31 December 2015
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Reporting Officer: Accountant, Matthew Ranson Ref: 16/522
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Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present to Councillors and the community the financial performance for the 2015/16 year.

Recommendation

That Council receive the Financial Report for the period ended 31 December 2015.

Decision

Crs Hall/Arnold

That Council receive the Financial Report for the period ended 31 December 2015.

Carried Unanimously

27/16	Budget Variation 3 of 2015/16
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Reporting Officer: Accountant, Matthew Ranson Ref: 16/1115

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to present proposed budget variations to the Budget Estimates for 2015/16.

Recommendation

That Council approve the following budget variation:

1. Transfer of \$16,167 budget funding from Old Waterhouse Road to Barnbogle Road

Decision

Crs Quilliam/Archer

That Council approve the following budget variation:

1. **Transfer of \$16,167 budget funding from Old Waterhouse Road to Barnbogle Road**

Carried Unanimously

Councillor D R Jessup and Councillor L D Archer declared an interest, as a close associate, in Agenda Item 28/16 and left the meeting.

28/16

Election of Inaugural Board for NE Care Inc

Reporting Officer: Community & Economic Development Manager, Susie Bower and
Corporate Services Manager, Guy Jetson
Ref: 16/1087

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to elect the inaugural Board of NE Care Inc as outlined in section 15.1 of the NE Care Inc Constitution and to set the membership fee for 2016 as outlined in section 9.1 of the NE Care Inc Constitution.

Recommendation

1. That Council confirm the election of the following candidates to the Board of NE Care Inc. subject to them becoming members:
2. That membership for the NE Care Inc. is set at \$5 for 2016.

Decision

Crs Moore/Hall

1. That Council confirm the election of the following candidates to the Board of NE Care Inc. subject to them becoming members:
 - a. Dr Roger Skierka
 - b. Mr Max Willson
 - c. Ms Marilyn Canterford
 - d. Mrs Gail Archer
2. That membership for the NE Care Inc. is set at \$5 for 2016.

Carried Unanimously

Crs Jessup and Archer returned to the meeting.

29/16 Closure of Meeting

Crs Stein/Arnold

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

Carried Unanimously

Time: 6.47 pm

Time Meeting Closed: 7.13 pm

Minutes Confirmed:

21 March 2016

Minute Number:

32/16

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Mayor