

Minutes of the Dorset Council Meeting

18 April 2016

The Meeting Opened: 6.00 pm

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

General Manager T J Watson, Director – Corporate Services G R Jetson, Director – Infrastructure D Griffin, Director – Community & Economic Development S E Bower

APOLOGIES: Cr L D Archer

55/16	Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes 21 March 2016 Ref 16/2523
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Crs Arnold/Stein

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on 21 March 2016, having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

56/16	Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes 21 March 2016 Ref 16/2531
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Crs Quilliam/Moore

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting Closed Session held on 21 March 2016, having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

57/16	Confirmation of Agenda
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Crs Jessup/Moore

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 18 April 2016 Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously

58/16	Declaration of Pecuniary Interest of a Councillor or Close Associate
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Nil

59/16	Dorset Council Management Team Briefing Report Ref: 16/3126
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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/Stein

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

Carried Unanimously

60/16 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting
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5 April 2016 – Briefing Workshop

61/16 Applications for Leave of Absence
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Nil

62/16 Public Question Time

The following questions were taken on notice at the 21 March 2016 Council Meeting.

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?

Response from Regulatory Services Manager, Rohan Willis:

Council officers are aware of the issue of odour raised by the complainant and have extensively investigated the matter. The odour issue arises from the process of solid effluent treatment in paddocks located northward of the entrance to Scottsdale Pork; which includes reuse of liquid waste effluent as a means of keeping solid waste moist to reduce potential odour nuisance during dry spells.

Generally this is an effective means of solid waste treatment, but should unfavourable conditions arise (including wind and extended dry periods, like past summer) there may on occasion be instances where odours are present. Scottsdale Pork are aware of this issue and are taking reasonable steps to ensure the issue is managed satisfactorily.

It is not unusual for sensitivities to arise in rural areas between primary industry activities and surrounding houses. Notably, State legislation exists that acts to protect primary industry activities from being considered a nuisance, particularly where such activities have been in continuous operation and pre-date the establishment of sensitive uses (e.g. dwellings) that are the source of complaint.

Dr Mary Schramm:

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 area of Dorset?

Response from Mayor, Greg Howard:

Under Section 17 of the Local Government Act 1993 it is possible to divide a Municipal area into 2 or more electoral districts. This can be done only by the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister.

For the Minister to make such a recommendation there would have to be a compelling case that a large portion of a municipality cannot achieve representation because of a lack of eligible electors residing in that area.

Statistically there are enough votes on the “other side of the Billycock” to elect at least two Councillors and given that only one (Councillor Quilliam) was elected suggests that either electors in that area did not vote or the policies or platforms of the other candidates standing from that area did not resonate well enough with the electors to gain sufficient votes for election. Consequently there does not appear to be a compelling case for change to the current system.

Nil

63/16 Deputations

Nil

64/16 Councillor Question Time

The following questions were taken on notice at the 21 March 2016 Council Meeting:

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?

Response from Director – Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

Council has previously looked at the option of purchasing a gang mower for the sports ovals, and although the cylinder type mower is the best to use for manicured lawn, i.e. sports ovals and golf courses they are very high maintenance with rocks, sticks and dirt easily damaging the cylinder. Gang mowers are expensive to purchase compared to rotary mowers. Using our existing rotary mowers gives us the flexibility to do sports oval maintenance in a town and then move onto street verge mowing with the same machine.

Cr Dale Jessup:

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?

Response from Director – Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

Yes, Council will write to Mr Burk at the Department of State Growth asking for an update on the proposed works.

Cr Sheryl Martin:

Could all Councillors receive trail count data on the mountain bike trails at Derby from the official opening date and from each month thereafter until the present time and monthly from now on or however frequently the data is collected?

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

It is not an issue doing that, however, I would ask Councillors to keep that data confidential as we don't want to release that data publicly at this stage until all the trails are completed.

Cr Steve Arnold:

I have spoken to Mr David Foster in regards to getting the Axeman's Hall of Fame relocated to the North East. He is quite willing to come and meet with us with details. I have spoken to Susie regarding possible locations including the old Post Office in Scottsdale. Could Council arrange a meeting to find out more details?

Response from Mayor, Greg Howard:

Council can definitely arrange a meeting with Mr Foster to find out more details.

Deputy Mayor Max Hall:

In relation to the March Council Meeting, and Mayor's Notice of Motion regarding Trent Water, I spoke to a resident in Bridport as to where the rocks would be sourced and would the sand travel over time?

Response from Mayor, Greg Howard:

There is a fairly detailed study that has already been completed and there is a lot of work that Mr Bayles did when he first proposed the idea about sand and waters depths, etc. Whether they did any modelling on the long-term movement of the sand I'm not sure, however, there is an extensive report that we are trying to locate a copy of which may contain this information.

Cr Steve Arnold:

In regards to the regulatory services section of the management team report, I requested a long time ago whether we could go back to the old process we had of including details of applicants, addresses, etc as we do get asked in the public regarding planning and building statistics. Could we please be provided we this again?

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

Not a problem to include this information.

Cr Shaun Moore – Drinking Fountains

In relation to drinking fountains, do we have a policy on those? I've received a lot of questions recently about water fountains and why we don't have any.

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

There is no formal Council policy as far as I am aware of.

65/16 Notices of Motion by Councillors

Nil

66/16

Notice of Motion – Cr L C Stein – Bridport Hall

Ref: 16/3193, Notice of Motion: 16/3192

Purpose

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

Recommendation

That the Bridport Hall remain in its current location and be repaired/upgraded as a high priority.

Crs Stein/Martin

That the Bridport Hall remain in its current location and be repaired/upgraded as a high priority.

Decision

Amended Recommendation

Crs Hall/Moore

That the Bridport Hall be repaired/restored as a high priority.

Voting For the Amendment: Mayor Howard, Deputy Mayor Hall, Crs Moore, Arnold, Quilliam & Martin

Voting Against the Amendment: Crs Stein, Jessup

The Amendment became the Motion, was put and Carried.

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

Voting Against the Motion: Crs Stein, Jessup

Carried

67/16

Annual Plan 2015/2016 – March Quarterly Update

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, Guy Jetson

Ref: 16/3107, Update: 16/1443

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 March 2016.

Recommendation

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

Decision

Crs Jessup/Quilliam

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

Carried Unanimously

68/16	New Business and Investment Assistance Policy
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	Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, Guy Jetson Ref: 16/3105, New Policy: 16/3106
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Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to adopt a policy for new business and investment in Dorset.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the attached New Business and Investment Assistance Policy.

Decision

Crs Arnold/Quilliam

That Council adopt the attached New Business and Investment Assistance Policy.

Carried Unanimously

69/16	Budget Variation 4 of 2015/16
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	Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, Guy Jetson Ref: 16/3119
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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. Reallocate \$50,920 from Renewal Ruby Creek Bridge to plant purchase Flocon Truck.
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Decision

Crs Stein/Moore

That Council approve the following budget variation:

1. Reallocate \$50,920 from Renewal Ruby Creek Bridge to plant purchase Flocon Truck.

Carried Unanimously

General Business Item:

Cr Quilliam reported that the Bangers & Mash Aminya Vehicle Fundraiser night which was held on Friday 15 April raised approximately \$11,500. It was well attended with 160 items donated for the auction. Thank you to all those that attended and donated items. Mayor Howard and Councillors congratulated Cr Quilliam on his efforts.

70/16 Closure of Meeting

Crs Quilliam/Stein

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: 6.50 pm

6.50 pm – Meeting Adjourned for tea break with the public

7.10 pm – Meeting recommenced

Time Meeting Closed: 7.30 pm

Minutes Confirmed: 16 May 2016

Minute No: 73/16

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Mayor