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Council Meeting

19 October 2020

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Council Meeting Minutes 19 October 2020

Meeting Opened: 6:01 pm

Present: Crs Greg Howard (Mayor), Dale Jessup (Deputy Mayor), Mervyn Chilcott, Edwina Powell, Jan Hughes, Murray Lade, Wendy McLennan, Jerrod Nichols, Leonie Stein

General Manager: Tim Watson, Director – Corporate Services: John Marik, Director – Community & Development: Rohan Willis, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: Director – Works & Infrastructure: Dwaine Griffin

Item 149/20 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 21 September 2020
Ref: DOC/20/10355

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 21 September 2020, finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Hughes | **SECONDED:** Cr Chilcott

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on 21 September 2020 having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair to ask Councillors if there are any questions they wish to ask in relation to the Closed Session Minutes that would require them to be discussed in Closed Session

Item 150/20 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes – 21 September 2020
Ref: DOC/20/10359

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 21 September 2020, finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Stein

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Closed Session Meeting held on 21 September 2020 having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 151/20 Confirmation of Agenda

Decision

MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 19 October 2020 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 152/20 Declaration of an Interest of a Councillor or Close Associate

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* and Council's adopted Code of Conduct, the Mayor requests Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary interest or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Howard Item 160 (Immaterial)

Item 153/20 Management Team Briefing Report

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 Management Team Briefing Report be received and noted.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Stein

That the Management Team Briefing Report be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 154/20 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

6 October | Council Briefing Workshop

Item 155/20 Councillor Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

Item 156/20 Public Question Time

The following question was received on notice:

Ross Watson, Scottsdale – 1 October 2020

At the 21 September 2020 Council Meeting Mr John Marik Director – Corporate Services provided at Agenda Item 144/20, Waste Management Strategy Final Report, that there had been a direct improvement of \$218,045 when 2019/20 waste financials are compared to 2017/2018.

What is the total and individual breakdown of the amounts included in the waste financials for the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 years?

Response from Director – Corporate Services, John Marik:

The total and individual breakdown of the amounts included in the waste financials for the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 years are commercial-in-confidence and subject to confidentiality agreements. Divulging these figures jeopardises these commercial arrangements.

Mary Schramm, Ringarooma

Where the undergrowth in Bridport has been cleared last year, I've noticed an extensive growth of weeds. Does the Council have any plan to rehabilitate this area with native species?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

We do have some blackwoods planted down there, but the rest will just be maintained with sprays to keep the exotic species away.

Further Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

In addition to that, the problem Council have when we have done some plantings, people have come and stolen them, which is pretty frustrating.

What about native grass? People don't steal that.

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

The problem with planting grass is you have to mow it and it also becomes a fire hazard in summertime. The answer to that would probably be no.

On behalf of the people who live on Forsyth Hill Road and those in the areas of West Maurice Road, beyond where the tar seal is. There is very considerable traffic on this road. They request that Council considers sealing the road between East Maurice Road and Cottons Bridge Road and from the end of the sealed road to Cottons Bridge Road and up Forsyth Hill Road.

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

I can tell you now that those two roads in particular would have a very low level of traffic compared to many of the roads in the municipality, which are equally not sealed. The cost of sealing roads these days is just exorbitant. You take the parameters for a sealed road versus parameters of a gravel road, and the speed limit from 80 km up to 100 km, just the design alone needs to change. It's basically out of our reach and we have something like 670 km of unsealed road in the municipality. Roads like the Old Waterhouse Road and Oakdene Road would have much more traffic than either of those roads, and we don't intend sealing any of those. We will continue to re sheet, grade and maintain it. The chances of having it sealed are almost zero.

Linda Borrell, Talawa

In regards to the speed limit through the town of Ringarooma it's currently 60 km and most built up areas are 50 km in towns. Are there any plans to have the speed limit changed in the Main Street of Ringarooma?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

No, the speed limit for most towns which have a major freight road and thoroughfare including Ringarooma, Winnaleah and Branxholm, those sort of towns basically are a 60 km zone. We would have to apply to the Transport Commission and have very, very good reasons why that needs to happen. I'd say it's highly unlikely.

Item 157/20

Deputations

Nil

Councillor Leonie Stein:

Are we still waiting on approval from Parks to clean up the debris left from the storm several weeks ago opposite the corner of Elizabeth / Main Street, Bridport? There have been a lot of complaints directed to Council staff in regards to this not being cleaned up. To those that I have spoken to I've suggested they contact Parks with their concerns. Do you know what the status is of that approval?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

When Council cleaned up after the storm, Council did it without a works permit to try and clean it up and get it out of the way and Parks put a stop work notice on us. We applied for a works order on 7 September, and followed it up on 7 October, and here we are 19 October and still haven't heard word. All they really need to do is a signature on a piece of paper. That just shows their incompetence.

I have also had a lot of queries from campers and people just in general that walk through the Caravan Park expressing their concerns regarding the danger of large trees that are precariously hanging over camp sites. These trees in question are very shallow rooted and my concern is with how damp the soil is currently and we've also been told of the La Nina forecast, of which wetter and windier conditions are expected. My question is, can we get an arborist to look at that and remove any dangerous trees before the holiday influx arrives?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

We do an arborist report for all the trees in our reserves and around the roads each year. We normally just act on that arborist report. We have done one for the caravan park but once again a works order to take out the dead wood of any dangerous trees was lodged the same day as the previous works order (mentioned above) on 7 September, and followed up on 7 October, and still haven't heard anything. They would probably give us a works order to remove the dead wood out of the tops of them, and maybe some pruning but in terms of removal, I wouldn't hold your breath.

Councillor Mervyn Chilcott:

Is there an update on the situation on the Sideling Road upgrade?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

Tim Watson, Dwaine Griffin and I have a meeting with State Growth on 28 October to bring us up to speed on the latest proposal which includes the Sideling and the route down Corkery's Road. The last time they were here they said it was too steep. We had a meeting and went over and took some new readings of where we thought the road should go, as opposed to where they wanted the road to go. Clearly where we want to go it's not too steep, they had to go away and re cost it and come up with a new design. We are hoping they will present that to us at this meeting.

Can we have an update on the rail trail at Scottsdale?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

Yes, we are close to having a development application ready for the Scottsdale end of the rail trail. Once that is lodged, we have to wait on the Minister to decide if we as a Council get to determine the development application (DA) or if he wants another Council to assess the DA. Once that's completed, Officers will then focus on finishing the DA for the City of Launceston municipality portion ready for submission.

Can we have an update on the Derby Depot?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

Nothing to add.

Have we received a reply back from the Government?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

No.

Councillor Edwina Powell:

Now that we have been made responsible for the rail corridor, to what extent can we guarantee that we can preserve the rails and sleepers, so that there can be the potential into the future for rail and track riding. My understanding is that the Legislative Council were wanting to encourage that the tracks and sleepers be preserved. Can we consider that?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

No they are not going to be preserved, it would mean that you would need to build the trail beside the current railway line. The current cost of \$40,000 - \$50,000 a kilometre to pull up the line, crush the ballast and form a trail, would probably blow out to between \$400,000 and \$500,000 a kilometre. It would blow the whole program out the water. The funding agreement we have with the Federal Government was always based on the premise that the rails and sleepers would be removed. The Legislative Council only said in their report that we 'should' maintain the rail sleepers where practical, and it's not practical from a cost point of view.

Item 159/20

Notices of Motion by Councillors

Nil

Cr Howard declared an interest in Item 160, but stated it was immaterial and did not leave the Meeting.

Item 160/20

Budget Variation 2 of 2020/21 – Bridport Football Ground Lighting

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services: John Marik
Ref: DOC/20/11266

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek a budget variation to the Budget Estimates for 2020/21.

Recommendation

That Council approve a variation to the 2020/21 Budget Estimates of \$150,000 for the upgrade of the Bridport Football Ground lighting to AFL Tasmania standards.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Stein | SECONDED: Cr Nichols

That Council approve a variation to the 2020/21 Budget Estimates of \$150,000 for the upgrade of the Bridport Football Ground lighting to AFL Tasmania standards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 161/20

Quarterly Financial Update – 30 September 2020

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services: John Marik
Ref: DOC/20/11189

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present to Councillors and the community the financial performance for the 3 months ended 30 September 2020.

Recommendation

That Council receive the Financial Report for the period ended 30 September 2020.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Nichols | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council receive the Financial Report for the period ended 30 September 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 162/20

Annual Plan 2020/21 – September Quarter Update

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services: John Marik

Ref: DOC/20/10943 | Annual Plan – September Update: DOC/20/8254

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update Council and the community on progress of the Annual Plan 2020/21 as at 30 September 2020.

Recommendation

That the attached Annual Plan 2020/21 September Quarterly Report be received and noted.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Jessup

That the attached Annual Plan 2020/21 September Quarterly Report be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 163/20

Schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings and Briefing Workshops 2021

Reporting Officer: Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Ref: DOC/20/11209 | Schedule of Meetings 2021: DOC/20/10650

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to adopt a schedule of dates for Ordinary Council Meetings and Council Briefing Workshops in 2021.

Recommendation

That the following Schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings and the Schedule of Council Briefing Workshops for 2021 be adopted:

Decision

MOVED: Cr McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That the following Schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings and the Schedule of Council Briefing Workshops for 2021 be adopted:

Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule, with meetings on the third Monday of each month at 6.00 pm (with the exception of June), at the Council Chambers, Scottsdale, except where an alternative location is specified.

Monday 18 January 2021
Monday 15 February 2021 (Winnaleah)
Monday 15 March 2021
Monday 19 April 2021 (Legerwood)
Monday 17 May 2021
Monday 28 June 2021

Monday 19 July 2021
Monday 16 August 2021
Monday 20 September 2021
Monday 18 October 2021 (Branxholm)
Monday 15 November 2021 (Bridport)
Monday 20 December 2021

Council Workshops Schedule, with workshops held on the first Tuesday of each month at 4.30 pm (with the exception of January and April), at the Council Chambers, Scottsdale.

Nil for January 2021
Tuesday 2 February 2021
Tuesday 2 March 2021
Wednesday 7 April 2021
Tuesday 4 May 2021
Tuesday 1 June 2021

Tuesday 6 July 2021
Tuesday 3 August 2021
Tuesday 7 September 2021
Tuesday 5 October 2021
Tuesday 2 November 2021
Tuesday 7 December 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Item 164/20 Appointment of Councillor Representatives on Council Committees
2020 - 2022**

Reporting Officer: Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth
Ref: DOC/20/11212

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to appoint Councillor representation on Council Committees until the end of their elected term in 2022.

Recommendation

That Council appoint representatives to serve on the Committees, as listed, until the end of their elected term in 2022.

- **Australia Day Awards Selection Panel**
Mayor Howard, Cr Nichols and Cr Stein
- **Community Grants Selection Panel**
Cr McLennan, Cr Lade, Cr Chilcott
- **Barry Jarvis Education Scholarship Selection Panel**
Cr Hughes, Cr Powell, Cr McLennan
- **Audit Panel Committee**
Deputy Mayor Jessup, Cr Stein, Cr Nichols (alternate member)

- **Emergency Relief Grant Panel**
Cr Chilcott, Cr Nichols, Cr Stein
- **General Manager’s Remuneration Committee** *(a vote is to be conducted)*
Mayor Howard, Deputy Mayor Jessup and nominees Cr Stein and Cr Powell
- **TasWater Owners Representative**
Mayor Howard (Proxy – Deputy Mayor Jessup and the General Manager)
- **Local Government Association of Tasmania Representative**
Mayor Howard (Proxy – Deputy Mayor Jessup and the General Manager)

A vote by secret ballot was undertaken by Councillors for the position on the General Manager’s Remuneration Committee – Cr Powell received 3 votes, Cr Stein received 6 votes, therefore Cr Stein was elected to the Committee.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council appoint representatives to serve on the Committees, as listed, until the end of their elected term in 2022.

- **Australia Day Awards Selection Panel**
Mayor Howard, Cr Nichols and Cr Stein
- **Community Grants Selection Panel**
Cr McLennan, Cr Lade, Cr Chilcott
- **Barry Jarvis Education Scholarship Selection Panel**
Cr Hughes, Cr Powell, Cr McLennan
- **Audit Panel Committee**
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- **Emergency Relief Grant Panel**
Cr Chilcott, Cr Nichols, Cr Stein
- **General Manager’s Remuneration Committee**
Mayor Howard, Deputy Mayor Jessup, Cr Stein
- **TasWater Owners Representative**
Mayor Howard (Proxy – Deputy Mayor Jessup and the General Manager)

- Local Government Association of Tasmania Representative

Mayor Howard (Proxy – Deputy Mayor Jessup and the General Manager)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 165/19 Closure of Meeting to the Public

Decision

MOVED: Cr Stein | SECONDED: Cr Nichols

That the Meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, and that members of the public be required to leave the meeting room.

Time Meeting Closed to the Public: 6:44 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Adjourned: 6:44 pm

Reason: For tea break with members of the public

Meeting Resumed: 7:10 pm

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

The following matter was listed in the Closed Session Meeting section of the Council Agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*:

Item 166/20 General Manager’s Annual Performance Review

The report on this matter was listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* as the detail covered in the report relates to:

- Personnel matters

Time Meeting Closed: 7:28 pm

Minutes Confirmed: 16 November 2020

Minute No: 168/20

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Mayor