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Council Meeting

20 January 2020

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Council Meeting Minutes 20 January 2020

Meeting Opened: 6.00pm

Present: Crs Greg Howard (*Mayor*), Edwina Powell, Mervyn Chilcott, Jerrod Nichols, Murray Lade, Leonie Stein, Jan Hughes (arrived 6.18pm)

General Manager: Tim Watson, Director - Infrastructure: Dwaine Griffin, Director - Corporate Services: John Marik, Director - Community & Development: Rohan Willis and Finance Manager: Samantha Hunt

Apologies: Crs Dale Jessup (*Deputy Mayor*) and Wendy McLennan

Item 1/20 **Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 16 December 2019**
Ref: DOC/19/14025

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the meeting of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 16 December 2019, finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Stein | **SECONDED:** Cr Powell

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on 16 December 2019 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 2/20 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes – 16 December 2019
Ref: DOC/19/14059 | Addendum: DOC/19/14062

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the meeting of the Ordinary Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 16 December 2019, 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 Nichols

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting Closed Session held on 16 December 2019 having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

Item 3/20 Confirmation of Agenda

Decision

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Stein

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 20 January 2020 Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Item 4/20 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 12/20 and Item 13/20

Item 5/20 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 Stein | SECONDED: Cr Lade

That the Management Team Briefing Report be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

Item 6/20 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

Nil

Item 7/20 Councillor Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

Item 8/20 Public Question Time

The following questions were Taken on Notice at the 16 December 2019 Council Meeting:

Mr Lawrence Archer:

At the last meeting I asked what was the total expenses paid by Council regarding Aminya and the James Scott Wing. I received a response from the Director, which is included in the Agenda, that the net amount expended is such and such. My question was for the total expenses paid by Council not the net amount. So I again, ask that question and I ask for all items to be included in that, being expenses and including the leave entitlements that were taken over at the beginning of Council's role of taking over Aminya from Presbyterian Care.

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

Under the agreement between Council and May Shaw, Council is only obligated to make a contribution towards net operating deficits. Information relating to the total operating expenses is commercial in confidence and therefore it is inappropriate for Council to release such information. The question relating to leave entitlements and Council's and the State Government's financial exposure to the operating deficits and other financial obligations has been disclosed in previous Council meetings. This information is publically available on Council's website.

(Question in relation to Jarvis Link speed limit of 80km/hr)

Can I have the reasons why the Department of State Growth put that speed limit on this road?

Response from Director of Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

Jarvis Link was designed to an 80km/hr speed limit standard. Due to some of the large banks at the edge of the road, construction costs would have increased significantly to ensure compliance with a 100km/hr speed limit standard. As the northern end of the

road links to a 60km/hr zone on Sandy Points Road, an 80km/hr buffer would have been required on Jarvis Link regardless of the road's overall speed limit. The lower speed limit has minimal impact on overall travel time and therefore the decision was made to construct the road to an 80km/hr speed limit standard.

Mary Schramm:

Walking along the Bridport Foreshore track I noticed that some of the sections that have been cleared over the last summer have been invaded by weeds in great numbers and wondered does the Council have a program for revegetating with non-weed growth in these areas?

Response from Director of Infrastructure – Dwaine Griffin:

We're maintaining the weeds, but it is Crown Land.

Response from the General Manager, Tim Watson:

We would maintain a very narrow corridor, the path itself, but the rest is the responsibility of Crown Land.

Item 9/20 Deputations

Nil

Item 10/20 Councillor Question Time

The following Councillor Questions were Taken on Notice at the 16 December 2019 Council Meeting:

Councillor Wendy McLennan:

When you are coming out of the carpark at the Old Pier, if there are any large vehicles parked on that corner from Charles Street to that first driveway it is very difficult to manoeuvre out of that carpark. Would it be possible to place a yellow line or something similar to indicate that no parking is allowed in that section of the street?

Response from Director of Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

Bentley Street was constructed in accordance with all relevant standards. Council will continue to monitor and investigate Bentley Street traffic flow and respond accordingly.

Councillor Dale Jessup:

Just a question regarding the adult exercise equipment that we have got ordered for the Scottsdale Children's Reserve. Just querying the location of that equipment so far in that it doesn't seem to be an area that people would normally exercise in, like there is no other exercise

equipment in the reserve. I was wondering whether it would be better placed on the Listers Lane walking track or located where there are similar pursuits?

Response from Director of Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

Council will monitor the usage of the equipment in the playground and determine if there is a more appropriate location.

Councillor Leonie Stein:

Just a follow up in relation to the heavy vehicles using Main Street, Bridport. Where are we at with that?

Response from Director of Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

We might discuss that at the next Workshop.

Also, where are we at with the speed hump / pedestrian non crossing in Bridport?

Response from Director of Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

This will also be listed at the next Workshop.

Councillor Jerrod Nichols:

We discussed in the December Workshop just briefly the possibility of getting one of the water fountains that were allocated for Victoria Street that were put on hold installed in the stadium. Have you been able to have a look at that?

Response from Director of Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

Yes, it's happening as we speak. It should be installed by next week.

Councillor Leonie Stein:

Over the summer there have been collisions between push bikes being ridden and pedestrians in Bridport. I know that we've got signs up, but what else can we do? An elderly lady got bowled over and she could have been seriously hurt. I know myself that I've growled at quite a few of them going really fast and they just don't care. Is it a policing matter now?

Response from Director of Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

Yes, it is a police matter.

As a Council, can we approach the police to start doing something?

Response from Director of Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

Council are only one voice, the community needs to approach the police with these matters.

Councillor Mervyn Chilcott:

A few of the fires that we've had on the Mainland and the speed that they can cover over paddocks and that type of thing, if that happened in this municipality who would be the one that would start setting up halls for people to vacate to, and provide meals and that type of thing?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

Dwaine is the Emergency Management Coordinator, so that would be basically his role. In terms of the actual firefighting, that will be dependent on where the fire is and whose property it's on.

Response from Director of Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

It is TasFire who take control, it's their responsibility. We offer support where needed.

Councillor Leonie Stein:

Following on from that, do all of our towns actually have a place to go to if a fire did break out? Do we have a plan? Does Bridport have a fire plan?

Response from Director of Community and Development, Rohan Willis:

There are community fire plans that TasFire set up in consultation with the community. There are places known as safe places, such as the Derby Town Hall. The community plans are available on the TasFire website.

Councillor Murray Lade:

In talking about the fires, out at the Western Access Road, you look along the river going into Bridport. If someone flicks a cigarette butt or something out there that whole area down through there could go up because there's been no backburn down there for around 30 years. Who looks into any of that type of business?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

It's Crown Land, and Crown Land is managed by Parks and Wildlife so that's their role.

Further Response from the General Manager, Tim Watson:

I wrote to Crown Land on behalf of Council as a result of a decision of Council, and I'm waiting for a response. I did that letter just before Christmas. On the Western side of Bridport we need a controlled burn at some stage.

Councillor Edwina Powell:

Following on from these questions, on our website is it possible just to perhaps have a very brief list guide, because people are really interested in what would we do, who do we see? Just as an information source for our residents.

Response from Director of Community and Development, Rohan Willis:

The emergency management plan is on our website, but we could do a link to the TasFire website to make it easier for people.

Item 11/20 **Notices of Motion by Councillors**

Nil

Cr Howard declared an interest in this matter but stated it is immaterial and did not leave the room.

Item 12/20 **Code of Conduct – Tabling of Determination Report**

Reporting Officer: General Manager, Tim Watson

Ref: DOC/19/14238 | Determination Report: DOC/19/13775

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to table a copy of a Code of Conduct Panel Determination in response to a complaint made against Mayor Greg Howard by Mr Lawrence Archer.

Recommendation

That Council receive the Code of Conduct Panel Determination Report in relation to a complaint made against Mayor Greg Howard.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Nichols | SECONDED: Cr Lade

That Council receive the Code of Conduct Panel Determination Report in relation to a complaint made against Mayor Greg Howard.

Carried Unanimously

Cr Howard declared an interest in this matter but stated it is immaterial and did not leave the room.

Item 13/20 **Code of Conduct – Tabling of Determination Report**

Reporting Officer: General Manager, Tim Watson

Ref: DOC/19/14238 | Determination Report: DOC/20/346

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to table a copy of a Code of Conduct Panel Determination in response to a complaint made against Mayor Greg Howard by Mr Karl Willrath.

Recommendation

That Council receive the Code of Conduct Panel Determination Report in relation to a complaint made against Mayor Greg Howard.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Nichols | SECONDED: Cr Stein

That Council receive the Code of Conduct Panel Determination Report in relation to a complaint made against Mayor Greg Howard.

Carried Unanimously

Item 14/20

Annual Plan 2019/20 – December Quarterly Report

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, John Marik
Ref: DOC/19/14245 | December Update: DOC/19/11745

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update Council and the community on progress of the Dorset Council Annual Plan 2019/20 as at 31 December 2019.

Cr Hughes joined the meeting during the discussion (6.18pm)

Recommendation

That the attached Dorset Council Annual Plan 2019/20 December Quarterly Report be received and noted.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Stein

That the attached Dorset Council Annual Plan 2019/20 December Quarterly Report be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

Item 15/20

Quarterly Financial Report – 31 December 2019

Reporting Officer: Finance Manager, Samantha Hunt
Ref: DOC/20/171

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present to Councillors and the community the financial performance for the six months ended 31 December 2019.

Recommendation

That Council receive the Financial Report for the period ended 31 December 2019.

Decision

MOVED: Cr Nichols | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council receive the Financial Report for the period ended 31 December 2019.

Carried Unanimously

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Mayor