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# Minutes

Council Meeting

21 December 2020

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## Council Meeting Minutes 21 December 2020

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**Meeting Opened:** 6:00 pm

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

General Manager: Tim Watson, Director – Works & Infrastructure: Dwaine Griffin, Director – Corporate Services: John Marik, Director – Community & Development: Rohan Willis, Town Planner: Thomas Wagenknecht

**Apologies:** Nil

**Item 184/20** Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 16 November 2020  
Ref: DOC/20/12743

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*The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 16 November 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 Powell | **SECONDED:** Cr McLennan

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on 16 November 2020 having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Item 185/20 Confirmation of Agenda**

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**Decision**

**MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Jessup**

**That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 21 December 2020 Council Meeting.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Item 186/20 Declaration of an Interest of a Councillor or Close Associate**

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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**

Nil

**Item 187/20 Management Team Briefing Report**

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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 Management Team Briefing Report be received and noted.

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**Decision**

**MOVED: Cr Stein | SECONDED: Cr Hughes**

**That the Management Team Briefing Report be received and noted.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Item 188/20 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting**

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1 December | Council Briefing Workshop

**Item 189/20 Councillor Applications for Leave of Absence**

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Nil

**Karl Willrath, Scottsdale**

*On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September this year, the North Eastern Advertiser published an opinion piece by Mayor Howard titled 'Perspective on current matters'. In this piece, Howard divulged personal information about a Dorset Council employee. Does the Mayor understand that by doing so he may have breached the Dorset Council Code of Conduct?*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

That is incorrect.

Nil

**Councillor Murray Lade:**

*I was talking to the Hockey Club and they were wondering what Council are doing with the Nugget Sellers Pavilion as they are interested to know whether they could use it as a clubroom for their Association.*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

I thought that Council had that discussion with them previously and it was dependant on changes occurring under the Grandstand where their storage area currently is and we haven't got back to them as yet. Council are happy to have that discussion with them as it currently sits their vacant except for occasional use by visiting female sporting teams.

**Councillor Wendy McLennan:**

*I've been informed that there are a lot of dirt bikes going up and down the Rail Trail – is there anything we can do about it?*

**Response from Mayor Howard:**

I've had a phone call as well and I had a discussion with the Director – Works & Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin about it who has spoken to the Police and also Council Officer, Wayne 'Turtle' Churchill about this. They don't have any current reports of dirt bikes but they certainly intend to monitor the area in the future. There is signage on the Trail that states walkers and cyclists only.

**Councillor Mervyn Chilcott:**

Anything happening on the Scottsdale to Lilydale Rail Trail?

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

Council are progressing towards bringing the development application to, at this stage, probably by the February 2021 Council Meeting.

**Councillor Edwina Powell:**

*Have we got an outcome or could you report on the 2-day Workshop with the Department of State Growth regarding the Sideling Road upgrade?*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

Nothing concrete, with discussions around options and where we might go. The Department of State Growth is going to consider what was discussed. We talked about potentially the first piece upgraded could be from the top of the Sideling back towards Scottsdale and see how far the money goes, then go from there.

*Have we heard back from the Solicitor-General?*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

We've heard back from Council's Solicitor to say that they have not heard back from the Solicitor-General.

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**Item 193/20                      Notices of Motion by Councillors**

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Nil

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**Item 194/20                      Notice of Motion – Councillor Edwina Powell - Acknowledgement of Country at Council Meetings**

Ref: DOC/20/13819 | NoM: DOC/20/12996 and DOC/20/13194

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Edwina Powell.

**Recommendation – Cr Powell**

That an acknowledgement of country and the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, be made at the beginning of each Dorset Council Meeting.

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MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr McLennan

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*Procedural Motion*

Decision

MOVED: Cr Stein | SECONDED: Cr Lade

That the item be deferred for further discussion at the February Workshop.

Voting for the Procedural Motion: Mayor Howard, Deputy Mayor Jessup, Crs Stein, Nichols, Lade, Chilcott

Voting Against the Procedural Motion: Crs Powell, McLennan, Hughes

**CARRIED**

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Item 195/20                      **Managed Grassland Fire Risk Abatement Policy**  
Reporting Officer: Town Planner: Thomas Wagenknecht  
Ref: DOC/20/13865 | Policy: DOC/20/13868

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to adopt a Managed Grassland Fire Risk Abatement Policy.

**Recommendation**

That Council adopt attached Policy No. 57 - Managed Grassland Fire Risk Abatement.

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Decision

MOVED: Cr Nichols | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council adopt attached Policy No. 57 - Managed Grassland Fire Risk Abatement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Item 196/20                      **Closure of Meeting to the Public**

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Decision

MOVED: Cr Stein | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

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:    6:19 pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:19 pm  
*Reason:* For tea break with members of the public  
**Meeting Resumed:** 6:30 pm

## CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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The following matters were 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 197/20 Contract 2020/21-02 – Replacement of Bridges 1502 and 1600**

**Item 198/20 Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – Caretakers Agreement Variation**

The reports on these matters were listed in the Closed Session section of the Council Agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* as the detail covered in the reports relates to:

- Contracts and tenders for the supply of goods and services

**Time Meeting Closed:** 6:57pm

**Minutes Confirmed:** 18 January 2021

**Minute No:** 1/21

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**Mayor**