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# Minutes

## Council Meeting

20 December 2021

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## Council Meeting Minutes 20 December 2021

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**Meeting Opened:** 6:02 pm

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

General Manager: Tim Watson, Director – Corporate Services: John Marik, Director – Works & Infrastructure: Dwaine Griffin, Blue Derby Trail Maintenance Team Leader: Peter Coleborn

**Apologies:** Cr Leonie Stein

**Item 197/21**      **Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 15 November 2021**  
Ref: DOC/21/14027

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*The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 15 November 2021, 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 15 November 2021 having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Item 198/21                      Confirmation of Agenda

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**DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Jessup

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 20 December 2021 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Item 199/21                      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

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Item 200/21                      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 Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Nichols

That the Management Team Briefing Report be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Item 201/21                      Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

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7 December | Briefing Workshop

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Item 202/21                      Councillor Applications for Leave of Absence

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Nil

The following questions were received without notice from members of the public present:

**Lawrence Archer, Bridport:**

*Council management report that they have spent approximately \$10,000 on legal advice in relation to Right to Information requests. As Section 3 of the Right to Information Act states:*

*The object of this Act is to improve democratic government in Tasmania*

- a. by increasing the accountability of the executive to the people of Tasmania;*
- b. by increasing the ability of the people of Tasmania to participate in their governance; and*
- c. by acknowledging that information collected by public authorities is collected for and on behalf of the people of Tasmania and is the property of the state.*

*Why does Council spend \$10,000 on legal advice to oppose requests for information and ignore guidelines and advice published by the Ombudsman?*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

As clearly a lot of the questions don't meet any of those aims stated in the Act.

*Can Council provide an update on the new Derby Deport including:*

- 1. the expected date of occupation;*
- 2. the reasons for the delays; and*
- 3. the total costs to date?*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

1. Unknown, due to the matter still being processed by the Solicitor-General.
2. This matter still sits with the Solicitor-General with Council yet to see a lease for parcel of land.
3. **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

The following question was taken on notice at the 15 November 2021 Council Meeting:

**Councillor Leonie Stein:**

*As we know there certainly is a parking issue in Bridport, one we will address by extending the CWA carpark by a certain degree, but at the top IGA opposite an entrance into the proposed food truck park – that’s probably the busiest and most dangerous section of the Bridport Main Street. I think with the additional parking that the food park is going to attract, it is going to make it extremely precarious in that area during opening hours. Is there any way that we, as a Council, can be responsible and put time constraints on the parking along the entire Main Street?*

**Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:**

Council has the authority to restrict parking wherever it sees fit. The issue however, is the policing of parking restrictions. The local constabulary have confirmed that Police do not involve themselves in enforcing parking restrictions due to the labour intensive nature of collecting evidence to enforce infringements.

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**Deputy Mayor Dale Jessup:**

*Relating to the new Scottsdale Aquatic Centre. I would like to start by stating that it is an absolutely magnificent facility so I don’t want to take away from that at all. Relating to safety of the bollards that have been installed for the shade cloth. Around the bottom of the bollards there are some steel metal cleats to hold the poles up – they look very sharp to me. I am concerned that if someone was to slip around the wet play area in particular and hit their head on the bottom of one of those bollards they might have a fairly severe injury. Has this potential safety issue been assessed and what was the outcome?*

**Response from Director – Works & Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:**

The Pool complies with all regulations. This was raised a couple of weeks ago and I did reassess the risk assessment and I am confident that it is low risk.

Nil

**Item 207/21****Community Disrupters**

Reporting Officer: General Manager, Tim Watson

Ref: DOC/21/15130

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is in response to questions raised by Councillor Stein and a member of the public at the October and November 2021 Council Meetings. The questions both related to the cost to Council and therefore the community in responding to questions raised by 2 regular attendees of Council Meetings.

**Recommendation**

That Council receive and note the report.

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**DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Nichols

That Council receive and note the report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Item 208/21****Scottsdale Pool and Netball Courts Redevelopment**

Reporting Officer: General Manager, Tim Watson

Ref: DOC/21/16853

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to report to Councillors and community on the successful delivery of the redevelopment of the Scottsdale Pool and Scottsdale Netball Courts improvements.

**Recommendation**

That Council receive and note the report.

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**DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council receive and note the report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Item 209/21****Work Health & Safety Policy Review**

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, John Marik

Ref: DOC/21/16862 | Reviewed Policy: DOC/21/9363

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to review Policy 51 – Work Health and Safety (the Policy).

**Recommendation**

That Council adopt the attached revised Policy 51 – Work Health and Safety.

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**DECISION**

**MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr McLennan**

That Council adopt the attached revised Policy 51 – Work Health and Safety.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Item 210/21****Budget Variation 2021/22 | Plant and Equipment Purchase – Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails**

Reporting Officer: General Manager, Tim Watson

Ref: DOC/21/16932

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek a budget variation to the Budget Estimates for 2021/22.

**Recommendation**

That Council approve a variation to the 2021/22 Budget Estimates of \$16,000 for the purchase of a mobile rock crusher and power carrier for the Blue Derby mountain bike trails.

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**DECISION**

**MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Lade**

That Council approve a variation to the 2021/22 Budget Estimates of \$16,000 for the purchase of a mobile rock crusher and power carrier for the Blue Derby mountain bike trails.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Time Meeting Closed:** 6:38 pm



Minutes Confirmed: 17 January 2022

Minute No: 1/22

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. H. A.', written over a dotted line.

Mayor