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Ordinary Minutes

Council Meeting

15 August 2022

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Meeting Opened: 6:00 pm

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

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

Apologies: Cr Murray Lade

Item 117/22 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 18 July 2022
Ref: DOC/22/8141

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 18 July 2022 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 Chilcott

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on 18 July 2022 having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 118/22 **Confirmation of Agenda**

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Stein | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 15 August 2022 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 119/22 **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

Nil

Item 120/22 **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 Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That the Management Team Briefing Report be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 121/22 **Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting**

2 August | Briefing Workshop

Item 122/22 **Councillor Applications for Leave of Absence**

Nil

The following questions were received on notice from members of the public:

Lawrence Archer, Bridport | 30 July 2022

At the Council meeting held on the 16th August 2021 a 5 year lease, free and with renewal options, and \$65,000 was granted to Blue Derby Foundation for a shed at 57 Main St Derby to be converted to accommodation purposes. Within a short period the Council issued planning approval for the building to be used for accommodation.

What progress has been made with the provision of accommodation and has the \$65,000 been transferred to the Blue Derby foundation.

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

The Blue Derby Foundation is responsible for the design of the internal fitout and is also responsible for obtaining the necessary building approval. The required documentation has just been completed by the Foundation and has been lodged with Council. No money will be transferred to the Blue Derby Foundation. Rather Council will contribute \$65,000 to the cost of the fitout of the building. It is also important to understand that the building remains the property of the Council and therefore remains community property.

Karl Willrath, Scottsdale | 31 July 2022

Does the Dorset Council intend on running any educational workshops for candidates in the upcoming local gov election, and what is Dorset doing to encourage age, gender and background diversity in these candidates?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

No, the Local Government Association of Tasmania are running both online and in person sessions for prospective Councillors on behalf of Councils. The Australia Local Government Women's Association are also running regional sessions primarily for women who may wish to nominate for Council.

Given the demands of being a Councillor, diversity is often determined by the ability of prospective Councillors to have arranged flexible work hours or can afford to take time off work for Council duties, a flexible family life, mental toughness and resilience. The task is often made harder by the actions of a small section of community who see Councillors as easy targets for their petty and unfair criticism.

Mayor Howard is often quite critical of bureaucrats and bureaucracy in general. What does GM Watson and management of Dorset Council describe themselves as, especially in view of the "Private sector model"? (Examiner 12/7/19)

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

The Management Team.

Many people are unable to attend the Council meetings and have to rely on the audio, In the interest of clarity and accountability, would it be possible for Councillors and staff to use their formal title when addressing each other at the meetings?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

Councillors are encouraged to address other Councillors by their formal title however this is not regulated and therefore cannot be enforced.

Was any money allocated in the budget to supply the Dorset Councillors and staff with microphones for Council meetings, as the current sound quality seems to be below a suitable standard for 2022?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

No, there are already microphones spread around the table in front of Councillors which seems to work okay. I do not have any trouble understanding the recording.

Lawrence Archer, Bridport | 4 August 2022

Who owns and who controls the Ride Blue Derby accommodation booking site?

Response from General Manager, Tim Watson:

The site forms part of the Blue Derby website which is owned and operated by Dorset Council.

Lawrence Archer, Bridport | 6 August 2022

What is the interpretation of the term "Short term accommodation" that Dorset Council has adopted for the General Manager to use when determining rate remissions applying to the varied waste management charge?

Response from Administration Supervisor, Lauren Tolputt:

For the purpose of determining rate remissions to apply to the varied waste management charges, Officers interpret the term "Short Term Accommodation" as a dwelling or residential premise that is provided for short term or medium term accommodation for persons away from their normal place of residence, where a fee is being charged or consideration made for the use of the premises.

Such accommodation will have:

- a) A permit for Visitor Accommodation purposes or similar; OR
- b) An active listing on a short term accommodation booking platform (such as AirBNB, Stayz, Booking.com, etc.); OR
- c) A Land Use Code issued by the Office of the Valuer General that indicates its use as Short Term Accommodation

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

Nil

Item 124/22 Deputations

Nil

Item 125/22 Councillor Question Time

Councillor Wendy McLennan:

What information can you give to the public regarding the entrance to the Scottsdale Council depot and Austin's Road with the tree removal and burn off?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

In relation to Austin's Road, there isn't anything to report apart from we've fallen the trees in anticipation that we will be applying for a zoning change to a general residential for the whole of that area plus the previously cleared section. That will remain as it is for now. In regards to the entrance to the Council depot which has been stumped and burned, the front block is Tas Networks and the contract for the other two pieces down the back is yet to be signed.

The windfarm, we've been informed that there is going to be continuing community consultation and I am aware this was held at Gladstone, and under the major projects process it states that there will be further opportunities for public consultation. Can we ensure this also happens in Scottsdale and Bridport also?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

I spoke to ACEN at the Gladstone drop-in session, and they said they would be running further drop in sessions in Bridport and Scottsdale, that's their full intention. They firstly had to have the project declared a major project and secondly, they need to have the transmission route decided before they go any further because there is a lot of public consultation that will have to happen with affected land owners and potentially with landowners where the transmission line goes around the back of Bridport.

The CWA car park, a member of the community has asked if part of that is going to be a flat area in front of the football posts and would that be able to be used for stage parking for events for a truck?

Response from Director – Works & Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

The car park is primarily designed as a car park, it won't be level, there would still be some slope on it, but given semi-trailer trailers are adjustable, I can't see it not being able to use it for that.

The trees along the Bridport foreshore, in response to my question about the fallen trees there seems to be an expectation that Council staff or Parks and Wildlife, someone is going to deal with it. We've got qualified people in the Lions Club, is there any possibility that a timber merchant or the Lions Club could be involved in that activity?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

Firstly, we have to get approval from Parks to remove the trees that is ongoing but I think we're headway in that area.

Response from Director – Works & Infrastructure, Dwaine Griffin:

Initial thoughts that is a good idea and I can't see a problem with that as long as they are all licenced. We are still communicating with Parks where that ends up I don't know. It's likely to take some time.

The walkability project was a study that was done through the Menzies Institute and it was put to us as elected members at a recent meeting. It is a project where walking groups can audit the town and identify paths through the town where people can get exercise and give people the opportunity to walk to places. It has already commenced in four towns around the State and they want to look at Scottsdale as a possible site. Would Council be prepared to investigate backing this project?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

That isn't an answer we can give tonight as it would need to be discussed further with all Councillors. I will say that walkability projects work best in larger towns and cities where you don't have open spaces and paths, tracks already established. Scottsdale has the walking path around Listers Road, the Recreation Ground right in the centre of town, the Rail Trail crisscrossing the town in the other direction, so we are certainly not short of walking paths or trails. How much benefit Scottsdale would gain remains to be seen, but would need to be discussed further at a Workshop.

Councillor Jerrod Nichols:

The Cape Portland Wind Farm it's a marvellous revenue earner for Council with the rates that we receive. The proposed ACEN windfarm will be entirely on privately owned land, so how are we going to achieve the same level of income through rates without adversely affecting the land holders whose properties the towers may be on?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

Whilst you are saying landowners could potentially get burned through extra rates because the tower is on their property, on the other side they will be receiving a substantial amount of income per tower for every tower is on the property anyway. Given we only charge five point something cents in the dollar AAV, I'm pretty sure they will be a long way in front. I would doubt though that we will get the same sort of windfall as we did with Musselroe Bay as there the power company owns the land.

Councillor Mervyn Chilcott:

In Northeast Park, we passed a few meetings ago that there will be a jumps park constructed for bikes, is that currently going ahead or has that been placed on hold?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

There is an allocation in the budget for the project and as you were notified, Council were successful in receiving an additional \$50,000 in grant funding towards the project. So yes it will be constructed in this financial year and with the extra funding the design can be elaborated on what was originally drafted.

Councillor Dale Jessup:

I had a meeting with the General Manager up at Derby several months ago about the possibility opening up the Derby sports oval for camping and linking it through the trail at the suspension bridge. I haven't had a lot of progress on that, wondering if we would be able to put it on the agenda for the September workshop for discussion?

Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

The only issue with that the mining lease encompasses all the land on the other side of the suspension bridge, so we would not only have to get a deal with leasee of the mining lease, but we would also then have to access land of which our depot sits to get from there up to the main road. The top end of the road where it comes out on the Tasman Highway is part of a grazing lease. The ground is currently leased to the Derby Community Development Association for archery.

Item 127/22

Municipal Logo Policy Review

Reporting Officer: Director – Corporate Services, John Marik

Ref: DOC/22/9094 | Reviewed Policy: DOC/22/8411 | Guidelines: DOC/18/4734

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to review Policy No.1 – Municipal Logo including renaming the Policy to Municipal Brand.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the attached revised and renamed Policy No.1 – Municipal Brand.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Nichols | SECONDED: Cr Stein

That Council adopt the attached revised and renamed Policy No.1 – Municipal Brand.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 128/22

Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Draft Dorset Local Provisions Schedule – Section 35F Report

Reporting Officer: Town Planner, Thomas Wagenknecht

Ref: DOC/22/9120 | Report & Representations: DOC/22/9191 & DOC/22/9198

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council, as Planning Authority, to consider the representations to the Draft Dorset Local Provisions Schedule and provide its opinions and recommendations to the Tasmanian Planning Commission pursuant to section 35F of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

Recommendation

That Council, in its role as Planning Authority, endorses the attached document *Dorset Draft Local Provisions Schedule – Section 35F Report – Review of Representations*, as its report pursuant to section 35F of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and submit it to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Nichols

That Council, in its role as Planning Authority, endorses the attached document *Dorset Draft Local Provisions Schedule – Section 35F Report – Review of Representations*, as its report pursuant to section 35F of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and submit it to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | 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: 6:36 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Adjourned: 6:36 pm

Reason: For tea break with members of the public

Meeting Resumed: 6:46 pm

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM

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 130/22 Small Electricity Connections Tender Delegation

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 respective report relates to:

- Contracts and tenders for the supply of goods and services

Time Meeting Closed: 7:01pm

Minutes Confirmed: 19 September 2022

Minute No: 132/22

**Mayor**