



GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Confirmed Minutes of
the Annual General Meeting of Council
held on Thursday 7th December 2017
in the Council Chambers, George Town
Commencing at 6.00pm

Justine Brooks-Bedelph
GENERAL MANAGER

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1. Attendance

Cr Bridget Archer, Mayor (Chairperson)
Cr Tim Harris (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Chris Ashley
Cr Heather Barwick
Cr Doug Burt
Cr Greg Dawson
Cr John Glisson
Cr Tim Parish
Cr Peter Parkes

D Rainbow, J Austin, G Austin, W Harrap, G Neilsen, S Neilsen, G O'Doherty, H. Siebert

2. Apologies

Nil.

3. Staff in Attendance

General Manager
Acting Team Leader Corporate & Finance
Executive Officer (Governance)

4. Meeting Procedures

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Council serves much the same purpose as an Annual General Meeting of the public sector, where the Board of Directors (Elected Members) gives an account of their stewardship over the affairs of the municipality for the financial year in review.

Annual meetings also provide an opportunity for residents (the shareholders) to question Council's performance for the year in review.

The Annual General Meeting is in essence a Council Meeting and will therefore be generally conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined below and the usual Council procedures for the conduct of its meetings.

- Attendees are asked to complete the Attendance Register.
- Only submissions, questions or motions relating to the Annual Report will be accepted.

4. Meeting Procedures (Cont.)

- A person shall only speak on a matter or a motion once, with the mover of a motion having a brief right of reply not exceeding a period of 2 minutes.
- A motion must be seconded and passed by a majority of votes taken by a show of hands.
- Only electors in the George Town municipal area are entitled to vote at an AGM.
- A motion passed at the AGM will be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.
- Minutes of the AGM will be kept by the General Manager to accurately record the content of the meeting, attendances and apologies, any matter discussed, any motions moved and any questions asked and the answers provided by (whom).
- Questions which cannot be answered will be taken on notice and responded to in writing.
- The Chairperson's ruling is to be final.

The primary purpose of Council's Annual General Meeting is to give members of the municipality the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about Council's annual report. The Annual General Meeting also provides an opportunity for members of the municipality to put motions regarding the annual report which, if carried, will be considered by Council at its next ordinary meeting.

With that in mind, and in the interests of the meeting proceeding in an efficient and productive manner, I ask that all present please do their best to relate all discussions, questions and motions to the contents of the annual report.

The Annual General Meeting is focussed on the Council's annual report and the usual Council procedures apply for the conduct of meetings.

Accordingly, if anyone wishes to raise a matter which does not concern the annual report in the interests of time and the need to focus on the annual report, I may request that their matter be referred to council in writing for a response.

5. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the George Town Council held on the 8th December 2016 were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on the 21st December 2016, Minute No. 324/16.

6. Mayor's Message – 2016/2017 Annual Report

As I consider the year in review, I am prompted to look back at my thoughts in last year's annual report. I began 2016/17 with "optimism and enthusiasm" for the opportunities that lay ahead.

It is disappointing then that 2016/17 failed to realise that potential during the year and rather we saw a somewhat uncertain and tumultuous year.

Towards the end of the year we saw the resignation of General Manager John Martin and his departure highlighted that persistent governance and workplace culture challenges were continuing to disrupt the planned delivery of efficient services to the community, and with it the realisation that without proactive measures the Council was potentially facing a future crisis.

Raoul Harper was appointed into the role of Acting General Manager following Mr Martin's departure and quickly acted to identify areas of the organisation requiring attention, in particular the need for a whole of organisation review and restructure with a view to creating financial efficiency, improved accountability and enhanced service delivery.

The uncertainty of that time with regard to ongoing arrangements for a General Manager prompted an approach to the West Tamar Council, initially to ascertain the possibility of sharing a General Manager - that initial approach grew into a wider conversation around the feasibility of a merger between the two Councils to create a single Tamar Valley Council.

Both Councils subsequently resolved to undertake a prefeasibility study to examine the merger idea. It is anticipated that the report will be completed in the 2017/18 year utilising up to date information following completion of George Town's organisational review.

It is my expectation that upon receipt of the report, our community will be invited to share their views on its findings.

Overall, whilst not achieving all that we set out to do during the year, the challenges have been an opportunity for learning and growth and I believe have hardened our resolve to achieve more in the forward year.

I take the opportunity to thank staff and fellow Councillors for their efforts in what has been a difficult year. I extend my best wishes to John Martin for his future endeavours. My particular thanks must go to Raoul Harper for assisting at incredibly short notice and providing frank and fearless advice in his time here.

6. Mayor's Message (Cont.)

The future of a vibrant, proud and prosperous George Town municipality remains alive. With consistency, positive communication, long term strategic planning and critical decision making by elected members and working cooperatively with staff and our community I am certain 2017/18 will deliver those outcomes not yet realised from the past year and much more.

Bridget Archer
Mayor

7. General Manager's Message

My message for the 2016/2017 Annual Report is interesting in that I was not the General Manager during that time, with that position being held by Mr John Martin until May 2017.

I was however the Manager of Development Services and while working with Mr Martin I observed him drive a new level of focus on economic development throughout the municipal area, planting the seeds for exciting new projects which often take time, vast amounts of energy and perseverance to come to fruition.

Having a background in Town Planning I understand only too well the importance of strategic planning as an organisational management tool that is used to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, ensure that employees and other stakeholders are working toward common goals, establish agreement around intended outcomes/results, and assess and adjust the organisation's direction in response to a changing environment.

Effective strategic planning outlines not only where an organisation is going, and the actions needed to make progress, but also how it will know if it is successful.

The majority of strategic projects Mr Martin listed as being goals for Council to develop, produce or work collaboratively with community and business partners in the 2016/2017 financial year were either achieved or are now at a stage that I will be able to finalise during 2017/2018.

These projects included:

- Strategic Priorities Projects Document 2016
- Bell Bay Industrial Development Precinct Plan
- Hillwood Structure Plan
- George Town Coastal Management Plan (With Community, Tamar NRM and Parks)
- George Town Sports Complex Development Master Plan
- Review of George Town's Existing Sports and Recreation Buildings 2016
- Waste Transfer Station Project
- Council Owned Land Review
- York Cove Concept Development Plan
- Windmill Point Recreation Area
- Regent Square Playground
- Regent Square Landscape Master Plan
- Long Term Financial Plan Review
- Asset Management Plans
- Northern Councils Resource Sharing capabilities review

Some highlights for me personally were the completion and endorsement of the Hillwood Structure Plan which identifies the importance of agricultural uses within the settlement but also provides for appropriate expansion of residential and commercial uses that support the needs of a growing community while ensuring a development pattern that is respectful of the scenic, natural and landscape values.

7. General Manager's Message (Cont.)

Working with Tamar NRM, Parks and Wildlife and the dedicated community members who form the George Town Coastal Management Group on the revision of the George Town Coastal Management Plan was another project that I found extremely satisfying to be involved in. The GTCMP sets out a process to address natural resource management issues in the coastal and riverine areas such as erosion, invasive species, degradation of native vegetation and man-made coastal landforms. It is also an excellent example of what can be achieved when likeminded groups work together toward the common good.

A couple of ground based projects that were completed from within my portfolio include:

- Council's first Off-Leash Dog Park was developed and is located at the George Town Sports Complex in Marguerite Street. The Bark Park, as it is affectionately known by staff and locals, has been a welcomed and well used addition to Council's community facilities. Council has a number of exciting activities planned for the park over the coming year which include the installation of more play equipment, offering obedience classes, dog grooming lessons and social inclusion focussed community events.
- Upgrades to Council's Dog pound: Dogs who previously found themselves 'guests' of the Council did not have an area where they could be let out for exercise and fresh air but can now have a run while the pound is cleaned. Our Ranger is also much happier now that he has an all-weather covered area to work under when it is raining.

Council's Community Development Department was kept busy with a variety of cultural events and festivals held during the 2016/2017 including:

- National Science Week Expo
- Seniors Variety Concert
- Annual Christmas Parade and Carols
- Jazz in the Park and Family Outdoor Cinema
- Volunteer of the Year Award

These and other events are reported within the Annual Report. Council's events program continues to grow offering a variety of activities for all to enjoy.

Council's Infrastructure and Engineering Department undertook a broad range of capital works activities many of which are also reported in the Annual Report and include:

- Road resealing
- Gravel road re-sheeting
- Replacement of kerb and footpaths within George town
- Upgrade to York Cove footpath
- Key stormwater projects
- Refurbishment of pontoons and boat ramps
- Road safety initiatives
- Upgrade of public facilities and open spaces

Congratulations must also go to Council's staff who were involved in the reinvigoration of Council's website. We now have a modern, accessible and user friendly site which is regularly updated to keep our community informed.

While I have mentioned some of our achievements I also recognise there are many not mentioned, all of which have made a valuable contribution to our organisation and communities.

7. General Manager's Message (Cont.)

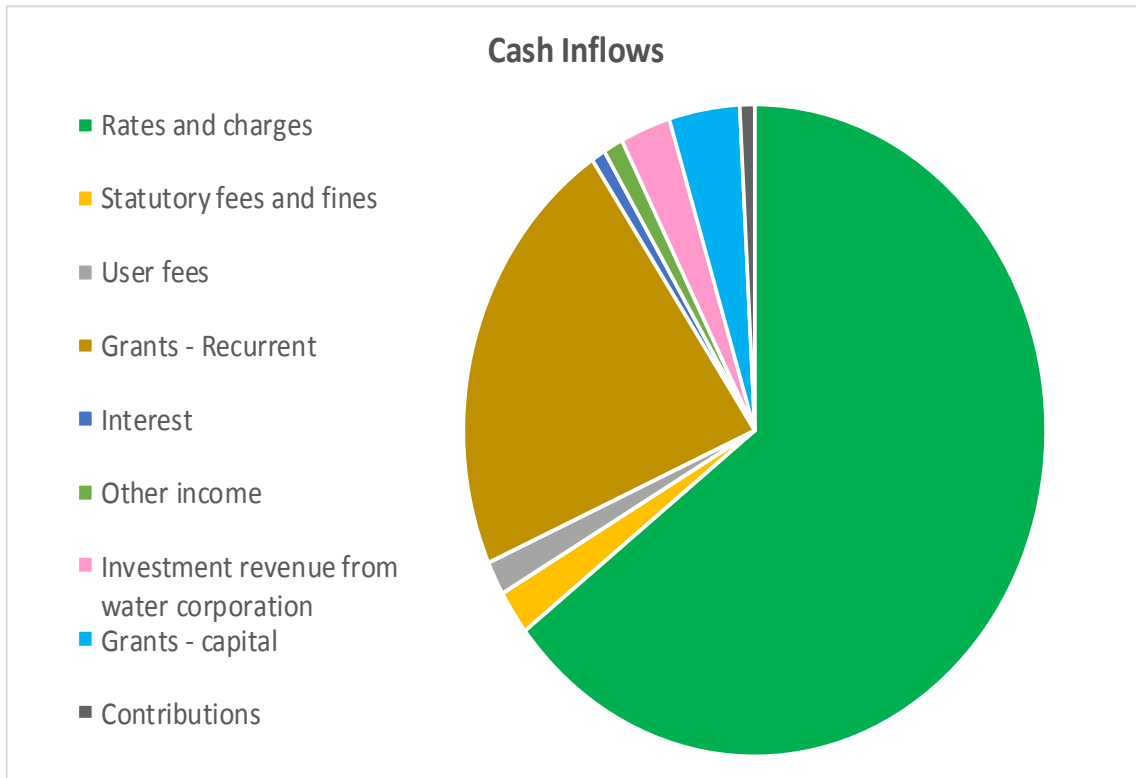
The Community Spirit which is so evident throughout the George Town municipal area really is something to be proud of and this must also be recognised. The community becomes unified not only to celebrate success but to also battle adversity. It has been my observation that the residents of this municipality are the first to offer a helping hand when one of their own is in need.

Looking forward, there are a number of challenges ahead but also many exciting opportunities for Council. Having set an unprecedented budget in June that predicted a 1.2 million underlying deficit, elected members and council management identified that it was necessary for the organisation to make some difficult and decisive decisions about what is needed to ensure the economic stability of the Council.

In closing, I thank Elected Members and Council staff for their dedication, efforts, patience and enthusiasm in recent months and I look forward to reporting on all the positive outcomes and achievements in the 2017/2018 Annual Report.

Justine Brooks-Bedelph
General Manager

8. Financial Report – Acting Team Leader Corporate and Finance

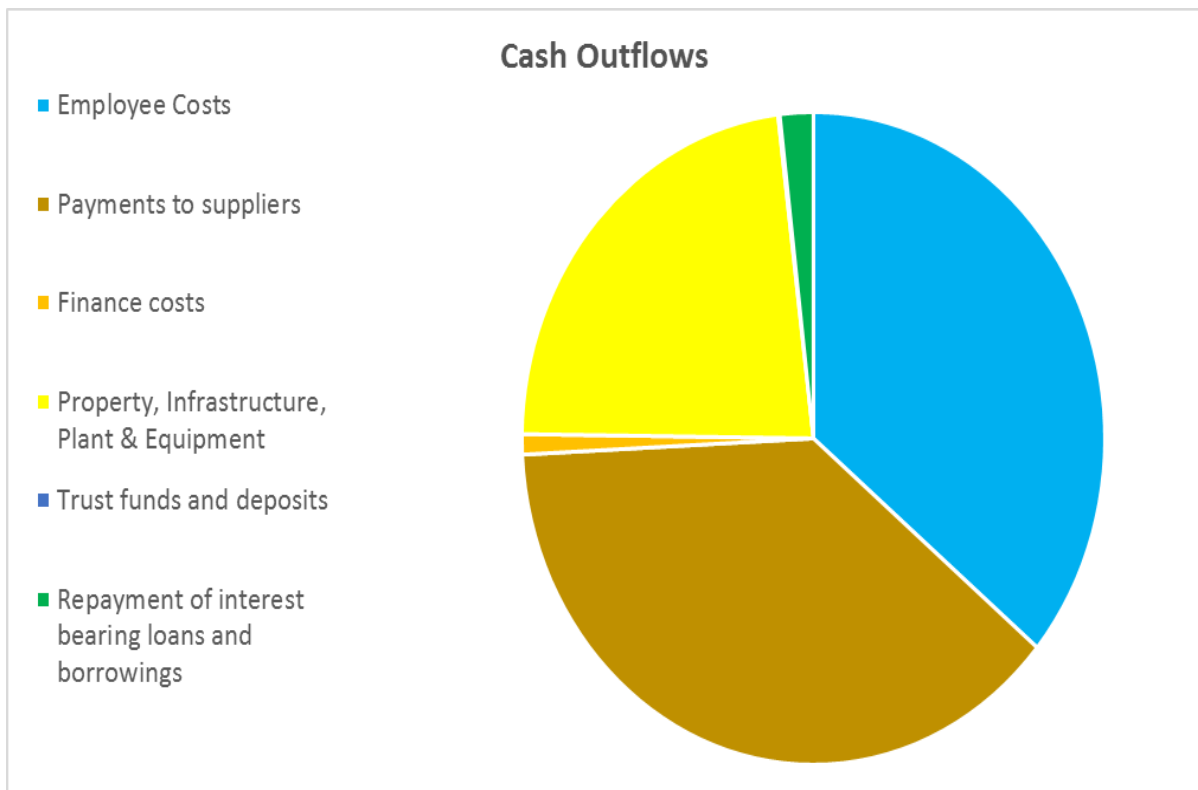


Cash Inflows

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Rates and charges	\$	7,817,806	64.47%
Statutory fees and fines	\$	267,002	2.20%
User fees	\$	204,016	1.68%
Grants - Recurrent	\$	2,695,848	22.23%
Interest	\$	94,005	0.78%
Other income	\$	133,444	1.10%
Investment revenue from water corporation	\$	339,000	2.80%
Grants - capital	\$	475,829	3.92%
Contributions	\$	99,772	0.82%
	\$	12,126,722	100.00%

8. Financial Report – Acting Team Leader Corporate and Finance (Cont.)



Cash Outflows

Employee Costs	\$	4,211,522	36.08%
Payments to suppliers	\$	4,451,738	38.13%
Finance costs	\$	116,745	1.00%
Property, Infrastructure, Plant & Equipment	\$	2,666,995	22.85%
Trust funds and deposits	\$	12,434	0.11%
Repayment of interest bearing loans and borrowings	\$	214,825	1.84%
	\$	11,674,259	100.00%

9. 2016/2017 Annual Report

The 2016/2017 Annual Report as presented was adopted by Council at its meeting held on the 15th November 2017 (Minute No. 301/17).

10. Submissions to the 2016/2017 Annual Report

Nil.

11. Questions to the 2016/2017 Annual Report

Mr Neilsen, George Town

- Q1. Mr Neilsen referred to the Councillor Profiles within the Annual Report and stated that he got mixed messages from the report from the Councillors as some Councillors went into great detail and others had very scant details of their stewardship over the affairs of the municipality. Mr Neilsen referred to and read from Cr Parkes' commentary in respect to the proposed merger talks and asked if Cr Parkes' comments was the general feeling of all elected members or was there a problem with the communication between those who are meeting with West Tamar Council and our elected members?

The Chairperson responded that in relation to the Annual Report being a report of the stewardship of the Councillors over that time she concurred with that assessment in that it is an overview of the collective stewardship of Council in that reporting period; that is its intended function and that is what is before the meeting today. Decision making is a collective function and that is the performance that is recorded in the report. In relation to the Councillor profiles that occur within the Annual Report itself it is a matter for individual elected members what they wish to provide in that section. The Chairperson advised that there has not been a filter applied in terms of what people should reflect. Some people have taken it as a biography, a snapshot of who the Councillor is, others have chosen to expand beyond that as a forum as their individual views. The Chairperson further advised that she did not think that the individual Councillor reports can be taken as an overview of the collective stewardship of Council.

In relation to Mr Neilsen's other point regarding Cr Parkes' comments, the Chairperson advised Mr Neilsen that he was free to speak to Cr Parkes about that at another more appropriate time in relation to the merger discussions with the West Tamar. As mentioned before they are in a pre-feasibility stage, which is a resolved position of Council, to enter into the pre-feasibility study. The Chairperson stated that as she has previously said and reiterated she did not agree with Cr Parkes' assessment that it is a state run process in any way. That is his view which he is entitled to however she did not share his view in that regard.

Mr Neilsen suggested that the Chairperson did not fully understand his query which was is there a problem between the people that are leading these talks and it filtering down to our elected members?

The Chairperson advised that there had been a number of discussions with elected members around this issue.

- Q2. Mr Neilsen advised that his question related to his dealings with Raoul Harper and the parking plan for the memorial hall. Mr Neilsen asked if at any time Mr Harper had provided advice or discussed the matter of the plan with the Mayor.

11. Questions to the 2016/2017 Annual Report (Cont.)

The Chairperson responded that as the matter is currently before the court, she would therefore not be providing any further commentary on the matter.

Mrs Rainbow, George Town

Q1. Mrs Rainbow asked if consideration could be given by Council to providing an itemised number to those who raise queries with Council. This number could then be quoted as a reference in any dealings on the matter.

Mrs Rainbow also referred to the health report on page 44 of the Annual Report "Nuisances and Public Risks" and stated that there were no actual laws in place. Mrs Rainbow advised that would like to see Council lead by example and introduce bylaws in relation to smoking in public places, smoke emissions and asbestos.

The Chairperson responded advising that in relation to the making of bylaws this was not a simple proposition and as part of the process that Council has to follow to enact a bylaw, one of the issues that is looked at is what other legislation may overlay or impact on that. The Chairperson advised that there are other ways that Council can advocate in relation to some of those issues that Mrs Rainbow had mentioned. Council's Environmental Health Officer is heavily involved in relation to items such as smoking, enforcing existing regulations, asbestos and water quality. Smoking is one example where Council through the Community Safety Group has been proactive in response to a community led issue and has followed that process through to enact the no smoking at school crossings. That particular example took two years to progress. The Chairperson acknowledged Mrs Rainbow's point and stated that Council was open to hearing about and trying to work through any issues.

Q2. Mrs Rainbow referred to Council's Strategic Plan on page 46 which states "promote the George Town municipality as affordable and accessible for home buyers" and stated that there was a need for all of those existing houses to be built because of industry. Mrs Rainbow stated that it has also been a disadvantage as some of the prime land has single individuals living on big blocks and with such a shortage of retirement homes consideration could be given to pushing down an area, putting villages in and giving those current home owners living on the land, a residence within the village.

Mrs Rainbow also asked if Council could give more consideration to supporting the current food facilities as ratepayers and who contribute to the community rather than allowing food vans into the area who are not contributing to the cost of services.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Rainbow for her comments.

Mr O'Doherty, George Town

Q1. Mr O'Doherty referred to the question he had asked at the last AGM which he had also asked in September 2016 in relation to Franklin Street and stated that a year later he was still waiting for a response. Mr O'Doherty stated that the General Manager at the time acknowledged that there was a problem and there had been some further investigation undertaken by a highly qualified expert and when the report was received it would be made available to everybody.

The Chairperson advised that she understood and concurred with Mr O'Doherty and advised that as yet elected members have still not yet seen a report.

11. Questions to the 2016/2017 Annual Report (Cont.)

Mr O'Doherty advised that he was told by Raoul Harper that he would at least be provided with the financial details in relation to repairs to date on Franklin Street. Mr O'Doherty requested that the matter be pushed by elected members.

The Chairperson advised that the General Manager was happy to provide more commentary on the matter.

Mr O'Doherty asked if he could have the financials of what it has cost since the start of the construction of Franklin Street up till now if that were possible.

Through the Chair, the General Manager responded that she would meet with Council's Acting Team Leader Corporate and Finance next week and they would pull together the financials and provide a copy for Mr O'Doherty. The General Manager also advised that since the last Council meeting she had asked for a report which she has recently followed up and was told it was only a week or so away. The General Manager stated that she was hoping to have answers for Mr O'Doherty on both accounts before the next Council meeting.

Q2. Mr O'Doherty referred to the Mayor's message in the Annual Report and the reference to Raoul Harper being appointed into the role of Acting General Manager, particularly in relation to Mr Harper identifying the need for a whole of organisation review and restructure with a view to creating financial efficiency, improved accountability and enhanced service delivery. Mr O'Doherty also referred to his motion from last AGM requesting that Councillors desist from denigrating or attacking members of the community who quite genuinely come to the Council meetings to put forward their points of view. Mr O'Doherty acknowledged that that seems to have changed over the months. Mr O'Doherty stated that because of that change could the Council acknowledge that members of the public gallery were putting these ideas forward for the past two or three years and weren't being listened to.

The Chairperson responded that it was not reasonable to say the members of the public gallery were not being listened to; they are being listened to and Council does value their input and everybody else's that come to these meetings and expresses their views.

Mr Neilsen, George Town

Q3. Mr Neilsen referred to a question he had asked and which was taken on notice a couple of years ago in respect to a promised report on Clean Marine. Mr Neilsen stated that he was advised that a report would be made public after the Councillors had received it. Mr Neilsen asked if Councillors had received the report.

The Chairperson responded no, the Councillors have not received the report.

Mr Neilsen asked if there was a timeframe in respect to Clean Marine.

The Chairperson advised that whilst there is no report, there may be some further information that may be provided which the General Manager will follow up on.

Mr Neilsen also referred to his question taken on notice in respect to a carpark pertaining to a condition of planning for the hall extension and stated that he was still waiting for the answers.

The Chairperson advised Mr Neilsen that when the legal proceedings have finished the General Manager has indicated that she was more than happy to have a full and frank discussion on these matters.

11. Questions to the 2016/2017 Annual Report (Cont.)

Mr Neilsen stated that his question related to meeting expenses as outlined on page 15 of the Annual Report and meeting attendance and was directed at Cr Burt. Mr Neilsen stated that the report indicates that Cr Burt had not deducted anything from his allowance during his absence.

The Chairperson accepted Mr Neilsen's commentary and directed him to take the matter up with Cr Burt.

Mr Neilsen referred to page 37 of the Annual Report cost savings generated and stated that most of the savings relate to the cutting back of building maintenance, ground maintenance, plant operation and road and infrastructure maintenance. Mr Neilsen advised that for Council to grow there is a need to generate more income and he would like to meet with the General Manager to discuss some possibilities in this regard.

The Chairperson advised Mr Neilsen that Council is certainly open to exploring the possibilities of increasing income opportunities; additional to that it is also important to note that she did not feel it reasonable to say that the Council has an income generation issue, the Council has had an expenditure issue. Some measures have been taken as identified already to address that and there is further work to be done in that regard. If Council can generate more income that is great however the Chairperson felt that Council would still need to look at cutting the cloth out the other side. The Chairperson also advised that that does not mean Council is not doing that work; you can look at the way you can do that work and if you can find savings like is indicated here, without reducing the level of service that is also important.

Mr Neilsen referred to page 39 in respect to the annual remuneration of senior staff and stated that the amount had doubled and yet there was not one extra person and there was an ongoing continual rise in expenses.

The Chairperson responded advising that this time next year the chart will be moving in the right direction.

Mr O'Doherty, George Town

Q3. Mr O'Doherty referred to page 39 of the Annual Report, the allowances and expenses statement and stated that he hoped that he would see a different picture by the next Annual Report. Mr O'Doherty asked if it was right that the legislation has changed recently which will enable Council to quote the names and salaries of individuals in the report.

Through the Chairperson, the General Manager advised that the Act had recently changed and it now requires Council to name the senior staff members against the salary.

Mr O'Doherty asked now that Annual Report has gone to print and now that the legislation has changed would there be any reason why the staff members could not be named.

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that the Act does not require Council to retrospectively apply any changes to the Act so there is no requirement for Council to provide any names. Individual names will be provided in next year's Annual Report.

Cr Barwick, George Town Council

Q1. Cr Barwick asked for confirmation that now the new legislation is in place that the information in respect to the annual remuneration of senior staff as reported in the current Annual Report will not be altered to show the names of the staff.

11. Questions to the 2016/2017 Annual Report (Cont.)

The General Manager responded that Cr Barwick was correct, the report in the 2016/2017 Annual Report would not change.

Cr Glisson, George Town Council

Q1. Cr Glisson referred to the salaries listed on page 39 of the Annual Report and asked whether they include termination payments and other accrued benefits.

Through the Chair, the Acting Team Leader Corporate and Finance referred to the financial report which provides a break up of what those costs are and these include salary, vehicles, other benefits, superannuation, termination benefits and any pro rata leave.

Mr O'Doherty, George Town

Responding further to Mr O'Doherty's question, the Chairperson advised that as the General Manager has pointed out, it is important to note that they will also include any redundancy payments as well. Whilst it will be broken down in more detailed financial figures in this table it will look inflated from that point of view although the explanation will provide clarification.

The Chairperson further advised that the difficulty from the elected members' point of view in relation to wages and salary, with exception of the General Manager, is that this is outside of Council's control with the exception of the setting of the budget. The Chairperson stated that it was important to recognise that we are talking about staff redundancies as well and this is not without difficulty.

Q4. Mr O'Doherty referred to page 87, notes to the financial report under professional services and stated that there was an approximate increase in professional services for 2017 of \$87,000. Mr O'Doherty advised that he was concerned that this could include legal fees and asked if an itemised breakdown of these fees could be provided?

The Chairperson responded that whilst she was not sure to what level, there would be some breakdown which could be made available. Professional services contains a range of matters beyond legal and Council would have to be cautious of breaking it down to an individualised item level from the point of view that there would be commercial in confidence considerations from the range of people providing professional services to Council.

Through the Chairperson, the Acting Team Leader Corporate and Finance Services advised that broadly the information could be broken down as to what it encompasses rather than types of services. Services outside of legal fees would include any accounting services, audit fees and consultancy fees. As previously advised it would be a generalised breakdown.

Through the Chairperson the General Manager advised that a breakdown could be provided however the legal cases will not be broken down further other than a heading, legal expenses paid. This information is commercial in confidence and is provided to Councillors in closed session. Council is unable to provide a breakdown of where that money is spent but information can be provided as to how much Council spends on legals, consultants and accounting as a broad heading.

Mr Austin, George Town

Q1. Mr Austin referred to General Manager contracts and asked if all the General Manager contracts have been viewed by every Councillor before they were signed and have they had copies of the contract?

11. Questions to the 2016/2017 Annual Report (Cont.)

The Chairperson responded yes.

Mr Neilsen, George Town

Q4. Mr Neilsen asked if there were any changes made to a contract for a General Manager that raised concerns from the Mayor and elected members.

The Chairperson responded possibly but could not expand on this matter.

Again Mr Neilsen asked if there were any concerns about changes made to the General Manager's contract either by the Mayor or Councillors individually or Councillors as a voting bloc.

The Chairperson stated that it was reasonable to say that she had had some discussions with a number of Councillors who expressed some concerns. The Chairperson advised that she believed that those concerns had been addressed however could not elaborate further on the matter.

Mr Neilsen asked if the changes resulted in a significant increase to our General Manager of the day.

The Chairperson responded no.

Mr Neilsen referred to the recent report on the Glenorchy Council and stated that one of the key matters identified within the report was the over use of legals. Mr Neilsen referred to the General Manager's response to an earlier question and asked if the Councillors have been informed of the very likelihood that they will not recoup one cent of the money that they claim that Mr Neilsen owes.

The Chairperson responded that she had no comment.

Mr Neilsen again referred to the Glenorchy Council and their use of credit cards.

The Chairperson commented that this Council has never had a policy where elected members have had access to credit cards. Council has one corporate credit card to pay for travel and accommodation with a reduced limit from \$10,000 to \$3,000.

Cr Parkes, George Town

Q1. Cr Parkes referred to page 108, questioning the information in respect to his councillor allowances.

The Acting Team Leader Corporate and Finance took the question on notice.

12. Motions on the 2016/2017 Annual Report

Motion 1

Moved: Mrs Rainbow
Seconded: Mrs Neilsen

That this council in the interest of fair mindedness and transparency adopt a policy that all candidates that intend to stand for Council disclose groups or any agencies they are members of or work for.

MOTION LOST

Motion 2

Moved: Mr Neilsen
Seconded: Mrs Rainbow

That Council change its policy of keeping of audio recordings of Council meetings to that of keeping the recordings in perpetuity to benefit any future social history.

CARRIED

Motion 3

Moved: Mr Neilsen
Seconded: Mr O'Doherty

In light of the Mayor's final paragraph in her Mayor's message, Annual Report 2016/2017 *"The future of a vibrant, proud and prosperous George Town municipality remains alive. With consistency, positive communication, long term strategic planning and critical decision making by elected members and working cooperatively with staff and our community I am certain 2017/18 will deliver those outcomes not yet realised from the past year and much more."* that each agenda during the 2018 calendar year contain a brief report consistent with the proposed positive communication to keep the community fully informed re the strategies that Council are undertaking to reverse the negative trends of the recent past.

MOTION WITHDRAWN WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SECONDER

13. Meeting Closure

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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Cr Bridget Archer
Mayor