

George Town Council
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Meeting Commenced at 6.00pm

AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings of the Council shall be digitally recorded as provided for by Regulation 33 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 except for the proceedings of meetings or parts of meetings closed to the public in accordance with Regulation 15(2).

The Chairperson advised that no recording would be made of the meeting.

1.0 PRESENT

Mayor Bridget Archer, Chair
Deputy Mayor Tim Harris
Cr Chris Ashley
Cr Heather Barwick
Cr Greg Dawson
Cr John Glisson
Cr Tim Parish
Cr Peter Parkes

1.1 APOLOGIES

Cr Doug Burt

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager
Governance Support Officer (to 6:02pm)

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2.0 GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION

I certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendations provided to Council with this Agenda:

- the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- where any advice is given directly to Council by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.



Justine Brooks-Bedelph
GENERAL MANAGER

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3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4.0 CLOSED MEETING

060/18 4.1 INTO CLOSED SESSION

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Barwick

That Council move into closed session at 6:02pm to discuss the following items:

Item No. 1 Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study LG(MP)R15(2)(a)(g)

VOTING

For: Cr Archer, Cr Harris, Cr Ashley, Cr Parkes, Cr Dawson, Cr Parish, Cr Barwick
Against: Cr Glisson

CARRIED 7/1

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062/18 4.3 OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council moves out of Closed Session and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Session and that the decision and voting relating to Item 4.2 Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study be made publicly available.

VOTING

For: Cr Archer, Cr Harris, Cr Ashley, Cr Parkes, Cr Dawson, Cr Glisson, Cr Parish,
Cr Barwick
Against:

CARRIED 8/0

061/18 4.2 TAMAR VALLEY COUNCIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded

That Council:

1. *Receive the KPMG Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study.*
2. *Agree to a period of public consultation.*
3. *That George Town Council only continue to consider a merger if West Tamar Council also proceed to a period of public consultation.*
4. *Determine that the KPMG Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study be made public.*

MOTION LAPSED DUE TO NO SECONDER

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061/18 4.2 TAMAR VALLEY COUNCIL FEASIBILITY STUDY (CONT.)

A **FORESHADOWED** motion was:

Moved: Cr Parish

Seconded:

That Council:

1. Receive the KPMG Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study.
2. Agree to a period of public consultation and calls for an elector poll.
3. That George Town Council only continue to consider a merger if West Tamar Council also proceed to a period of public consultation.
4. Determine that the KPMG Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study be endorsed and made public.

Moved: Cr Parish

Seconded:

That Council:

1. Receive the KPMG Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study.
2. Agree to a period of public consultation and calls for an elector poll.
3. That George Town Council only continue to consider a merger if West Tamar Council also proceed to a period of public consultation.
4. Determine that the KPMG Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study be endorsed and made public.

A point of order was called by Cr Barwick at 6.15pm against Cr Parish LG(MP) 2015 23(1)(a) being a councillor speaking raises an issue that is irrelevant to the motion being discussed.

A point of order was called by Cr Barwick at 6.20pm against Cr Parish LG(MP) 2015 23(1)(a) being a councillor speaking raises an issue that is irrelevant to the motion being discussed.

MOTION LAPSED DUE TO NO SECONDER

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061/18 4.2 TAMAR VALLEY COUNCIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Moved: Cr Glisson
Seconded: Cr Barwick

That Council:

1. Receive the KPMG Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study.
2. Determine that the KPMG Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study be made public.

An **AMENDMENT** was:

Moved: Cr Dawson
Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council:

1. Receive the KPMG Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study.
2. Determine that the KPMG Tamar Valley Council Feasibility Study be made public.
3. Release resolutions and voting on all matters of Council Special Meeting 2nd May 2018 to the public.
4. George Town Council thanks both the Minister and Director of Local Government and the West Tamar Council for their investment in the pre-merger process during the last twelve months.

Following discussion on Cr Dawson's amendment, Cr Glisson agreed with the support of Cr Barwick as seconder, to incorporate points 3 and 4 of Cr Dawson's amendment into the previous motion moved by Cr Glisson.

Cr Dawson subsequently withdrew his amendment with the support of the seconder, Cr Parkes.

AMENDMENT WAS WITHDRAWN

Cr Barwick requested that standing orders be suspended at 6.30pm.

The Chairperson agreed to Cr Barwick's request and suspended standing orders at 6.30pm.

Standing orders resumed at 6.45pm.

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061/18 4.2 TAMAR VALLEY COUNCIL FEASIBILITY STUDY (CONT.)

Moved: Cr Glisson

Seconded: Cr Barwick

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VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Ashley, Cr Parkes, Cr Dawson, Cr Glisson, Cr Parish, Cr Barwick

Against: Cr Archer

CARRIED 7/1

Cr Archer requested that the minutes reflect that she voted against the decision because she believed the public ought to be consulted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.49pm.

**Cr Bridget Archer
MAYOR**