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Meeting Commencing at 1.00pm

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1. PRESENT

Mayor Bridget Archer, Chairperson
Cr Tim Harris, Deputy Mayor
Cr Heather Barwick
Cr John Glisson
Cr Tim Parish
Cr Peter Parkes

1.1 APOLOGIES

Cr Chris Ashley
Cr Doug Burt
Cr Greg Dawson

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager
Team Leader Corporate & Finance
Team Leader Works & Infrastructure
Contract Statutory Planner
Governance Support Officer

The Chairperson advised that items 12.2 through to 12.6 inclusive would be withdrawn from the Agenda and referred back to the June 2018 Council meeting.

The General Manager advised it was intended to put the budget forward in May as requested by some Councillors, however a last minute review of the Local Government Act has revealed that a Council cannot put up a budget more than 30 days before the start of the new financial year. The General Manager further advised that she had contacted the Director of Local Government who confirmed that that is the case but was unable to provide a reason why and he suggested that the General Manager write to him and raise this as an issue to be looked at in terms of potentially amending the Act.

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Cr Barwick stated that Brighton Council and West Tamar Council had adopted their budget and asked why George Town Council could not.

The Chairperson advised that this may be non-compliant with the Act. The Chairperson stated that the requirement of the Act was picked up when, due to receiving a further apology from a Councillor, checking whether absolute majority of council was required in respect to the adoption of the budget, the requirements of the Act were noticed being that the budget cannot be set in advance of 30 days prior to the commencement of the new financial year and having checked this with the Director of Local Government the advice was that it should be withdrawn at this time.

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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

063/18 2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18TH APRIL 2018

Cr Glisson referred to page 8 of the April minutes where he had asked a question regarding the timeframe in which objectors are to be notified and stated that the response provided by the General Manager at that time was that the objectors had been advised but it may have been outside the seven days however the General Manager would need to confirm this.

Cr Glisson advised that it was his understanding that this had been confirmed and it was outside the seven days and that he had asked at that meeting what steps were going to be taken to ensure that this does not happen in the future.

The Chairperson advised Cr Glisson that these comments were not relevant to the confirmation of the minutes and would be dealt with after the minutes had been confirmed.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Parkes

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 18th April 2018 numbered 051/18 to 058/18 and 059/18 as previously circulated to Elected Members be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 6/0

In response to Cr Glisson's comments above the General Manager advised that she had proactively notified the Director of Local Government that Council had not complied with the requirements of the Act. The General Manager advised that the legal advice that had been obtained had also been forwarded to the Director which indicated that it was a minor noncompliance in that the people notified still had the fourteen days for which to lodge any further objections and that Council was to allow that fourteen days to run its time.

The General Manager further advised that the Director has written back to her advising that there would be no further follow up on this; Council was able to continue on. The General Manager stated that there will occasionally be human error but we will to the best of our ability correct that when we are made aware of it. In response to Cr Glisson's question as to what steps will be taken to ensure this does not happen in the future, the General Manager advised that one issue was the writing of twenty-one days. The Director has advised that rather than write twenty-one days to actually use a date. The Director has also provided some suggestions to improve the process in the future.

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064/18 2.2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2ND MAY 2018

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Harris

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 2nd May 2018 numbered 060/18 and 062/18 as previously circulated to Elected Members be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 6/0

Cr Barwick requested the Chairperson allow her to address the meeting on a family matter.

Councillor Barwick provided an update on the health of her husband Mr Brian Barwick and advised that due to poor health Brian who had in the past attended all Council events with Cr Barwick would not be present at any future Council events or functions.

On behalf of the Council, the Chairperson conveyed regards and best wishes to Brian and advised Cr Barwick that if at any time she required assistance to please let Council know.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME PROCEDURE

[Refer to Minute No. 243/16. The period set aside for public question time will be at least 15 minutes. Questions given on notice will be addressed first. Once questions on notice have been addressed, persons who have registered their interest to ask a question will be called to do so in the order in which they have registered. Persons attending Council meetings will have the opportunity to register their interest to ask a question without notice prior to the commencement of the meeting. Council staff will be on hand to assist with this process.

Participants cannot ask more than 2 questions in a row with a maximum of 2 minutes per question. If a person has more than (2) questions, they will be placed at the 'end of the queue' and may, if time permits, ask their further questions once all other persons have had an opportunity to ask questions. Persons who have not registered their interest to ask a question will be given an opportunity to do so following all those who have registered. All questions must be directed to the Chairperson.

For further information on Council's Public Question Time Rules and Procedure, please refer to George Town Council Public Question Time Policy No. 18.

Questions asked and answers provided may be summarised in the minutes of the meeting.

3.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at: 1.11pm

Concluded at: 1:38pm

Mr Austin, George Town

Q1. Mr Austin referred to and read from an anonymous letter circulated to some residents in recent months which raised concerns regarding the Mayor and the calculation of the Mayor's child care subsidy.

Mr Austin stated that he had met with the General Manager after receiving the letter and had heard nothing more from the General Manager since that meeting.

The Chairperson referred the question to the General Manager. Through the Chair the General Manager responded that it was her recollection of their meeting that Mr Austin had met with her to voice his disgust at the letter and that there was no requirement for her to follow up on the letter. The General Manager further commented that Mr Austin had wanted to let her know that he felt the letter was disgusting and that he had nothing to do with it.

Mr Austin stated that it was his understanding from that meeting that the General Manager was going to investigate the matter and advise Mr Austin of the outcome of the investigation.

The General Manager advised that it was her understanding that she did not indicate that she would follow the matter up with Mr Austin however what she did say was that the appropriate authorities would be looking into it. The General Manager advised that the appropriate authorities have looked into it and they have dismissed it.

The Chairperson advised that she was happy to provide some further information. The Chairperson stated that she was aware of the letter which she thought was a particularly scurrilous and fairly gutless thing to do; sending an anonymous complaint. The Chairperson advised that the letter was forwarded to both the Council and the Integrity Commission as an anonymous complaint. The Chairperson advised that it was investigated however she was unable to comment at the time it was circulated in the community for political purposes a week out from the election and following on from a threat in an email that she had received being that if she did not accede to the demands of a particular person during that week that they would take action; several days later that correspondence started to appear in the community. The Chairperson stated that she believed that that person followed through on their threat to attempt to undermine her at that time. Further the Chairperson stated that she was unable to comment as the matter was being investigated and if Mr Austin was familiar with the processes undertaken by the Integrity Commission, they require confidentiality around their investigations which she was happy to comply with. The Chairperson further added that she was actively engaged in an election campaign at the time as well as continuing to carry out her duties as Mayor and had to spend an entire day responding to the ridiculous assertions in that letter and went on to state that the author of the letter showed a clear misunderstanding of the way that child care subsidies are calculated by the relevant agencies. The Chairperson stated that she had to spend the entire day preparing a statutory declaration for the Commission and further responding to their enquiries as required all of which she was happy to do however is was unnecessarily stressful and unnecessarily unfair.

3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

The Chairperson further stated that no other Councillor here is ever going to have to face those type of questions as none of them have dependent children. The Chairperson advised that the Act is very clear in relation to this type of matter; she has responded to it and that investigation has been concluded; the report was presented to the Board of the Integrity Commission and it was dismissed. The Chairperson stated that she was happy for that report to be made public if that is required.

Mr Austin stated he was not having a go at the Mayor as he was disgusted in the letter himself and his organisation would not have anything to do with such a letter. Mr Austin stated he would be very pleased if the person responsible for the letter was “brought to book”.

Mr O’Doherty, George Town

Mr O’Doherty stated that he had met also with Mr Austin and the General Manager in relation to the letter referred to by Mr Austin as he had also received a letter.

The Chairperson thanked Mr O’Doherty for his comments made at the time to the General Manager which had been relayed back to her.

Mr O’Doherty stated that basically what the Chairperson was saying was that there was no truth to any of that.

The Chairperson responded no.

Mr O’Doherty stated that that was what he gathered and as he and Mr Austin had pointed out at the time, if there was no truth to it, it was disgusting and stated that to him it seemed that it was somebody that maybe had some inside information.

The Chairperson responded that if anyone had any understanding of how that system actually worked you would realise that they don’t as they were wrong.

Mr O’Doherty stated that he felt that Mr Austin was not wrong in bringing the matter up and commented that there were still questions around and this may clear it up. Mr O’Doherty commented that putting out such a letter was cowardly.

The Chairperson stated that this type of thing really does not do anything to encourage younger people, particularly women, to stand for Council; it is a direct barrier.

Q1. Mr O’Doherty referred to the outcome of the voting at the special Council meeting held on the 2nd May and thanked the Councillors who backed the faith in the community and did not go any further with the amalgamation. Mr O’Doherty referred to the Chairperson’s request in the minutes for her comments to be made public. Mr O’Doherty stated that the Chairperson had had an opportunity earlier in the meeting to support Cr Harris’ motion and the Chairperson could also have amended that but did not and asked the Chairperson if she was going to honour the motion and why the Chairperson did not support Cr Harris’ motion to undertake community consultation instead of her request to record her comments.

3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

The Chairperson responded advising Mr O'Doherty that whilst it was unorthodox, she would explain her vote. The Chairperson stated that the reason she asked for that statement to be included in the minutes was because the motion that was carried in the end included that the voting pattern be publicly released. The Chairperson advised that she felt that would inevitably lead to an assumption perhaps that she voted against that motion because she was in favour of amalgamation. The Chairperson stated that she wanted it to be clear on the minutes that she voted against that motion because she was in favour of consulting with the community not necessarily because she was in favour of amalgamation or pursuing amalgamation but simply because she believed Council should have consulted with the community.

The Chairperson further advised that the resolution is as it is and it has been made public. Council has advised the West Tamar Council and the State Government and has thanked them for their participation in the process to now.

Mr O'Doherty again questioned the Chairperson as to why she did not take the opportunity at the start of the meeting with Cr Harris's motion.

The Chairperson advised that whilst she could have seconded the motion, it would have been unusual for the Chair of the meeting to do so and it would have been appropriate for her to move out of the Chair to do that. The Chairperson advised that she was happy to see where the meeting went as was normally the case; when chairing the meeting Council takes the motions as they come.

Mr O'Doherty referred to a previous motion moved by Cr Barwick (at a previous meeting) which the Chairperson had seconded.

The Chairperson responded advising that she did not need to justify the way she votes nor did the Councillors who moved or seconded motions then voted to the contrary; Councillors did not need to justify the way they voted they do that during the course of the debate. Once the position is resolved, that is the position of the Council. The Chairperson further advised that she was satisfied with the resolved position of Council and believed that the rest of the Council was satisfied with the resolved position of the Council and there was nothing further to say.

Mr O'Doherty asked the Chairperson if she was going to accept the Council vote or was she going to continue to pursue amalgamation.

Again, the Chairperson advised Mr O'Doherty that the Council's position is resolved. West Tamar Council has made it clear that the matter is resolved and as she had discussed at a recent George Town Chamber of Commerce meeting if the community has an appetite to discuss amalgamations, so be it.

Mr O'Doherty suggested that the Chairperson was going to continue to pursue it.

The Chairperson advised Mr O'Doherty that he was attempting to put words in her mouth.

Mr O'Doherty again asked the Chairperson if that was the end of the amalgamation matter with her or was she going to keep pursuing it.

The Chairperson responded advising Mr O'Doherty that in relation to the resolved position of Council and in relation to this matter that was the position that she had been reflecting.

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3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Mr O'Doherty asked the Chairperson if she went out into the community and told a number of people when she was standing for Council when asked if she supported the amalgamation of George Town municipality with Launceston or any other municipality for local government purposes, had she had said "no she didn't". Mr O'Doherty stated that the Chairperson seemed inconsistent.

The Chairperson advised Mr O'Doherty that she was not sure what he was implying and that she had not said that she was in favour of amalgamation.

Mr O'Doherty stated that everything that the Chairperson was doing would point to the fact that she seemed desperate to get it; that was how he read it as did lots of other people.

The Chairperson responded to Mr O'Doherty stating that he could read it how he liked and that she had said to the Councillors here and was quite happy to say more widely that she did not back away from the decisions she took 12 months ago. The Chairperson stated that she did not apologise for approaching the West Tamar Council and having the conversation that she did because this Council would currently be in administration if she hadn't had those conversations. Again the Chairperson stated that she did not apologise and did not back away from it and was happy to support the resolved position of Council. The Chairperson further stated that there was a significant amount of water under the bridge in the last 12 months and she was not going to apologise to Mr O'Doherty.

Q2. In regard to the review of the George Town Council Mr O'Doherty stated that he had noticed that Council was on a projectory heading into the black financially and the Council was looking very viable and extended his thanks to the General Manager, the Team Leader Corporate Services and anyone else involved in that exercise. Mr O'Doherty asked, in regard to the ongoing figures that are going to bring Council back into the black does the General Manager think that what is on paper is achievable and are we on track to achieve these things.

The Chairperson responded that the General Manager would probably not have proposed it if she did not believe that to be the case.

Mr O'Doherty asked if the General Manager saw any impediments that might come up or is Council on track to achieve these matters.

Through the Chairperson, the General Manager advised that this had been a team effort which involved the Councillors and Council management who put together and put forward this budget. Council has been quite conservative and we are hoping to achieve a potentially better surplus than has actually been predicted. The General Manager advised that she has made sure in discussions with the Team Leader Corporate & Finance that Council is not overreaching in any shape or form. The General Manager stated that we plan to deliver this Council back into a surplus at the end of the next financial year.

Mr O'Doherty thanked the General Manager for her comments and stated that he hoped this could be achieved and if so that it would be great effort.

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3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Through the Chairperson Cr Glisson stated that he had a comment in response to something that had been said being “had we not looked at amalgamation with West Tamar Council then we would have been in administration.” Cr Glisson stated that the change in circumstances had nothing to do with the amalgamation document with West Tamar Council, it’s been a change of management style and structure and a change of leadership and that has been the critical factor, not the review of a possible amalgamation with West Tamar Council, so to say we would be in administration was stretching it.

The Chairperson responded to Cr Glisson stating to be fair, Council was going back beyond the time of the change in leadership and it is not taking anything away from that because as pointed out by Mr O’Doherty, this was absolutely true.

The Chairperson stated that she thought that the burning platform was there before that happened; that was one aspect that Councillors have proactively done which is to install a new General Manager and the organisation review as well. The Chairperson also stated that if you go back to beyond that to the time in question when she had made the approach to the West Tamar and the circumstances under which she did that, it was a very different story there. The Chairperson stated that there was a very genuine risk to the Council at that time.

Cr Glisson made comment in respect to the management of Council at that time.

In response to Cr Glisson’s comments, the Chairperson stated partly and partly because Council did not have any certainty going forward around getting some either. The Chairperson advised that she felt it important to note, which Councillors already knew, but she was not sure it was more widely known that the approach to the West Tamar Council in the first instance was an approach to share a General Manager and the conversation grew from there. The Chairperson also stated that it was important to note that the Council then resolved to take that process to a pre-feasibility study. Nonetheless it was a resolved position of Council. That Chairperson stated that yes the Council has turned things around however felt it was fair to also say that undergoing this process has given Council some clear air to do that. It has given Council some time and some space to regroup and do those things. The Chairperson stated that she is one hundred percent certain that had Council not initiated the conversation it did, albeit what the outcome is, Council is in a vastly different situation in part because of that than what it was twelve months ago and that had to be a positive thing.

3.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil.

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4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. 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 of 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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

- (1) A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- (2) A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless –
 - (a) the general manager certifies, in writing –
 - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
 - (ii) that the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
 - (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

6. PLANNING AUTHORITY

The Council will act as a planning authority under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* in respect of any items included in this section of the agenda.

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

25. Acting as a planning authority

- (1) *If a council or council committee intends to act at a meeting as a planning authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, the chairperson is to advise the meeting accordingly.*
- (2) *The general manager is to ensure that the reasons for a decision by a council or council committee acting as a planning authority are recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*

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SPORTS AND RECREATION AS A DISCRETIONARY USE FOR A GYM AND
FITNESS CENTRE AT 82-84 VICTORIA STREET, GEORGE TOWN**

REPORT AUTHOR: Statutory Town Planner

FILE NO: GTC – A1/2018

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

- a) That in accordance with Section 34 (1) of the *Land use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the Planning Authority consider the merits of this report and resolve to initiate the amendment;
- b) That in accordance with section 35(2), the Planning Authority certify the draft amendment by instrument in writing affixed with the common seal of the planning authority.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parish
Seconded: Cr Glisson

- a) That in accordance with Section 34 (1) of the *Land use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the Planning Authority consider the merits of this report and resolve to initiate the amendment;
- b) That in accordance with section 35(2), the Planning Authority certify the draft amendment by instrument in writing affixed with the common seal of the planning authority.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 6/0

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7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

8. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil.

9. CORPORATE AND FINANCE

Nil.

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil.

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11. MAYOR

066/18 11.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT – MAYOR

FILE NO.: 14.11

REPORT DATE: 10 May 2018

The Chairperson noted a change to her matters of involvement being that she did not attend the NTDC Members meeting on the 9th May.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information report from the Mayor on Matters of Involvement be received and the information noted.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes
Seconded: Cr Barwick

That the information report from the Mayor on Matters of Involvement be received and the information noted.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 6/0

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12. GENERAL MANAGER

067/18 12.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – MAY 2018

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

FILE NO: 14.10

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report from the General Manager and notes the information.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council receives the report from the General Manager and notes the information.

VOTING

For: Cr Archer, Cr Harris, Cr Parkes, Cr Glisson, Cr Parish, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 6/0

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068/18 12.7 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – VOTING PROCEDURES

AUTHOR: General Manager

FILE NO.: 15.8

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the Mayor as voting delegate at the 2018 National General Assembly in accordance with Council's strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council endorses the Mayor as voting delegate at the 2018 National General Assembly in accordance with Council's strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 6/0

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**069/18 12.8 ENDORSEMENT OF THE TAMAR ESTUARY MANAGEMENT
TASKFORCE'S TAMAR ESTUARY RIVER HEALTH ACTION PLAN**

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

FILE NO: 15.15

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council formally endorses the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce's Tamar Estuary River Health Action Plan.

DECISION

A **PROCEDURAL** Motion was:

Moved: Cr Parkes

Seconded: Cr Harris

That the Action Plan be deferred to the next available Council workshop.

VOTING

For: Cr Archer, Cr Harris, Cr Parkes, Cr Glisson, Cr Parish, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 6/0

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

Moved: Cr Parkes

Seconded: Cr Harris

That the Action Plan be deferred to the next available Council workshop.

VOTING

For: Cr Archer, Cr Harris, Cr Parkes, Cr Glisson, Cr Parish, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 6/0

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**070/18 12.9 PROPOSED SUBMISSION OF MOTION - LGAT GENERAL MEETING
AGENDA – 25TH JULY 2018 – REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING PROCESSES WITH INTENT TO
STANDARDISE**

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

FILE NO: 15.15

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports and submits the following motion to LGAT for inclusion on the Agenda of the LGAT General Meeting to be held on the 25th July 2018 or to next available LGAT General Meeting:

- a) That Councils and the Local Government Association Tasmania work with the Local Government Division of Premier and Cabinet to review the various accounting methodologies being used by Councils with a view to developing standardised reporting; and
- b) Address some of the complexities such as volume/length of reporting driven by disclosures required in the Local Government Act and International Accounting standards which are not necessarily relevant to Council operation and reporting.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes

Seconded: Cr Parish

That Council supports and submits the following motion to LGAT for inclusion on the Agenda of the LGAT General Meeting to be held on the 25th July 2018 or to next available LGAT General Meeting:

- a) That Councils and the Local Government Association Tasmania work with the Local Government Division of Premier and Cabinet to review the various accounting methodologies being used by Councils with a view to developing standardised reporting; and
- b) Address some of the complexities such as volume/length of reporting driven by disclosures required in the Local Government Act and International Accounting standards which are not necessarily relevant to Council operation and reporting.

VOTING

For: Cr Archer, Cr Harris, Cr Parkes, Cr Glisson, Cr Parish, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 6/0

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13. PETITIONS

Nil.

14. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

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15. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

[Refer to Minute No. 362/15 which states "At any Ordinary Meeting of Council when a 'without notice' question from a councillor is accepted, and when this question is taken on notice',

- a) *The General Manager is to record in the minutes of that meeting the 'question', and that the question was 'taken on notice'.*
- b) *Provide the answer to the question 'taken on notice, at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council, in writing.']*

Nil.

Cr Parish offered congratulations the General Manager in respect to the recent National Planning Institute Award for the Hillwood Structure Plan.

The Chairperson acknowledged the achievement, congratulated the General Manager and thanked her for her contribution to the Plan most of which was done in her own time.

Cr Glisson (16th May 2018)

- Q1. Cr Glisson requested an update on where Council is at with Regent Square be provided at the next available Council workshop.
- Q2. Cr Glisson requested an update on what Council hopes to achieve in relation to the issue of homelessness within the municipality at the next Council meeting.
- Q3. Cr Glisson requested an update on the Mount George Mountain Bike Trail and the roles of the Reference Group with a view to establishing a Section 24 Committee at the next available Council workshop.

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16. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

071/18 16.1 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

FILE NO: 22.24

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parish
Seconded: Cr Barwick

That the confirmed minutes of the George Town Community Safety Committee meetings held on the 6th March 2018 and 10th April 2018 as attached to this report be received.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 6/0

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17. CLOSED MEETING

072/18 17.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council move into closed meeting at 2.39pm to discuss the following items:

Item No. 1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 18th April 2018

As per provisions of regulation 15(2)(g) and regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

Item No. 2 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Council's Special meeting held on the 2nd May 2018

As per provisions of regulation 15(2)(a)&(g) and regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures)

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

VOTING

For: Cr Archer, Cr Harris, Cr Parkes, Cr Glisson, Cr Parish, Cr Barwick All
Against:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

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075/18 17.4 OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

The following items were discussed in closed meeting:

073/18 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 18th April 2018

As per provisions of regulation 15(2)(g) and regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

074/18 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Council's Special meeting held on the 2nd May 2018

As per provisions of regulation 15(2)(a)&(g) and regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures)

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council moves out of the Closed Meeting at 2.40pm and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Meeting and the information remains Confidential.

VOTING

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

CARRIED 6/0

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.40pm.

**Cr Bridget Archer
MAYOR**