

George Town Council
COUNCIL MEETING – 16 JULY 2019
CONFIRMED MINUTES

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Meeting Commenced at 1.00 pm

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1. PRESENT

Cr Tim Harris, Acting Mayor, Chairperson
Cr Justine Brooks
Cr Chris Barraclough
Cr Greg Dawson
Cr Andrew Michieletto
Cr Winston Mason
Cr Greg Kieser
Cr Heather Barwick JP

1.1 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager
Team Leader Works and Infrastructure
Team Leader Corporate and Finance
Governance Support Officer
Front Office Coordinator

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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

122/19 2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 25 JUNE 2019

DECISION

Moved: Cr Michieletto
Seconded: Cr Kieser

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 25 June 2019 numbered 101/19 to 121/19 as circulated to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 25 June 2019 numbered 101/19 to 121/19 as circulated to Councillors with amendments be received as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For: Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson, Cr Michieletto,
Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against: Cr Harris

CARRIED 7/1

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 25 June 2019 numbered 101/19 to 121/19 as circulated to Councillors with amendments be received as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For: Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson, Cr Michieletto,
Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against: Cr Harris

CARRIED 7/1

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: 1.06 pm

Concluded at: 1.40 pm

Mrs L. Wootton, George Town

Q1. Mrs Wootton submitted her question to Council, which read: I successfully applied to be part of the Reference Group when it was advertised in March and confirmed early May 2016. (We've had 5? GMs since that time.)

Our first meeting was not held until 6 Dec 2016, after a plan had been commissioned from GHD.

After another meeting chaired by Mayor Archer with the consultants and council officers on 6 Feb 2017, our group got together on Regent Square to explore ideas and reach some consensus – and save costs for Council staff time.

A document outlining our priorities, and recommendations for treatment of different areas and comments on the latest version of the GHD Plan was presented to Council and consultants in February 2017.

There have been some minor changes to the group consensus following later discussions and site visits – e.g. agreeing to leave the exercise stations where they are because they were finally being used.

However, the recommendations in that first document are basically what is reflected in the plan that we presented last week and included in the agenda.

During the process, input has been sought by Council from other sections of the community, which has not been shared with the Reference Group.

Just when the plan seemed to be 'getting there', we were presented with a radically different plan at the end 2017, which included features that did not fit council's planning regulations.

No version of the GHD Plan since then has included our recommendations, which have been informed by numerous site visits, meetings, watching and recording how the Square is being used by the community over the last 3 ½ years.

Mrs Wootton's question to councillors was to really plea to approve the draft plan that the Reference Group has supplied (and no extra cost to the Council and community) for public exhibition to seek community feedback, and after that is received, to allow the Reference Group to be involved in Council Workshop discussions to consider the results before a final plan is drawn up.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Wootton for her question and advised that the draft Regent Square Master Plan will be going to a vote later in the meeting and he cannot pre-empt Council's decision.

3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Mrs D. Rainbow, George Town

- Q2. Mrs Debbie Rainbow requested that Council give due consideration and the support to a group of people who have spent three years bringing the plan of Regent Square to fruition. The George Town Regent Square Reference Group have spent time and consideration into the final outcome and believe it reflects a good outcome for the George Town community as they consider Regent Square as a vital part of their lives.

The Chairperson advised Mrs Rainbow that Council will be considering this at a later stage in the meeting and will take her comments into consideration.

Mr J. Glisson, George Town

- Q3. Mr Glisson advised that his question related to Agenda item 9.1 Audit Panel report. He noted that the report refers to internal audit activities not progressing to the level required for the past year. The report also stated at the April Audit Panel meeting it was pleasing that management commit to increasing the internal audit function for the coming year by providing a budget as well as partial outsourcing of the internal audit. Mr Glisson also spoke about the training of staff to undertake internal audits and the usage of other Councils resources.

Mr Glisson asked what steps have been taken to improve the internal audit function and for outsourcing of part of that audit role? He further asked what is happening in terms of the external resource being utilised?

Through the Chair, Team Leader Corporate and Finance advised that Council has budgeted in the 2019/2020 financial year for the provision of internal audits to be undertaken and intend to outsource to an external auditor. Council has received three (3) expressions of interests from external audit firms for a three year term. Council will appoint one external auditor to undertake internal audit function over the next twelve (12) months. It is Council's intention to concentrate on three areas within this initial period with a rolling program over the three year in the internal audit area.

Mr Glisson then stated that it was the intention that staff were to be trained to undertake the internal audits. If staff did not have the relevant skills to undertake the necessary internal audits, Council was to use other Councils to undertake these audits.

Through the Chair, Team Leader Corporate and Finance advised that it was the intention that staff were to be trained to undertake some internal audits. The high risk areas will be outsourced and through discussions with Councils, it was found that this is a resourcing issue both with George Town Council and other Councils. For the internal audit to be at the required standard Council requires, Council has decided to go to an external auditor for the majority of the internal audits.

Mr J. Austin, George Town

- Q4. Mr Austin advised that he had received a yellow slip of paper in his letterbox titled "Fake" document estimated to have cost ratepayers over \$500,000". Mr Austin commenced reading from the paper.

The Chairperson called a Point of Order of Mr Austin and asked if there was a name at the end of the document.

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3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Mr Austin advised that there was and wished to continue with his document. Mr Austin asked if this document was false or the allegations in this document are false or are they true?

The Chairperson advised Mr Austin that where the question relates to legal advice sought or obtained by Council your question was not accepted. Matters concerning ongoing legal matters are not discussed at either in open Council meeting or with members of the public.

Council does not discuss matters concerning legal advice with members of the public and this includes discussion of whether and how such information is provided to Councillors.

Mr Austin then asked does this document then tell lies.

The Chairperson advised Mr Austin that Council has provided an answer.

Mr Austin requested an answer to his question.

The Chairperson advised where a question relates to personal allegations or potentially unsubstantiated or unfounded remarks against Council staff or elected members or members of the public your question is not accepted. If you wish to take the matter further, then you may do so in writing to the General Manager or the Mayor.

Mr G. O'Doherty, George Town

Q5. Mr O'Doherty advised that his question related to Agenda item 12.4 and he endorsed the comments of Mrs Wootton and Mrs Rainbow on the Draft Regent Square Master Plan.

He encouraged Council to respect the plan that the Reference Group worked on over the past three years and that Council endorse the plan today to go forward for community consultation and the Reference Group to be involved in the workshop discussions prior to the final plan being drawn up.

The Chairperson thanked Mr O'Doherty for his question.

Mr G. O'Doherty, George Town

Q6. Mr O'Doherty question related to Agenda Item 12.5 CatholicCare Affordable Housing Project in George Town. Mr O'Doherty stated that he is in favour of social housing for homeless persons. Council had previously resolved to sell vacant/surplus blocks of land to cover the debt of Council and to keep the rates down for George Town. Mr O'Doherty asked if the land is suitable for housing, that it is a State and Federal government issue to be looking after housing for the homeless not necessary a rate payers or a Council issue. If there is value to the land, Mr O'Doherty suggested that the State government buy the land and the Council to consider that this may be an ongoing precedent for other land in the future. Mr O'Doherty asked that Council consider the ramifications of this and that he supports housing for the homeless and that there are other agencies i.e. state and federal government that can help prior to Council helping today.

The Chair advised Mr O'Doherty that this matter is before Council and cannot pre-empt a decision. The Chair went on to advise that Council supports social housing and there is a need for more. The state government will not be releasing any land that they own unless it is for private sale on this subdivision. It is a good use of land that will be utilised and this is a personal opinion of the Chairperson. This is a first step with the association of Catholiccare.

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The Chairperson reiterated that this is a matter before the Council and appreciated the Mr O'Doherty's concern.

Mr O'Doherty then asked is the State government does not plan to release the land?

The Chairperson advised that the State government is going to release the land for private sale. There has been an agreement with CatholicCare that they will build 1/3 private ownership, 1/3 social housing and 1/3 affordable housing. This is dominated by a government decision that it is for rentable housing to be available to be rented for 30 years.

Mr O'Doherty thanked the Chairperson for the answer and then asked if Council could lobby the government?

The Chairperson advised that CatholicCare have provided a presentation to Council.

Mr J. Glisson, George Town

Q7. Mr Glisson noted that on the Community Safety Committee meeting report on the agenda that the Committee recommends a copy of the draft Healthy George Town Tasmania group terms of reference to be provided to the Safety Committee. Mr Glisson also stated that contained in the Officer's Report that Council does not provide a copy of the draft Terms of Reference until it is adopted. Mr Glisson asked when is Council going to adopt the Terms of Reference; when will it be returned to the Council agenda?

Through the Chairperson, the General Manager advised that Council will not be adopting the Terms of Reference of the Healthy George Town Tasmania group as it is not a Special Committee of Council.

Mr J. Austin, George Town

Q7. Mr Austin if Council could improve the street lighting in George Town in particular Cimitiere Street?

The Chairperson advised that discussions have been held with the Team Leader Infrastructure and Works regarding street lighting along Macquarie Street. TasNetworks will need to be contacted.

Mr Austin then advised that at the northern end of Esplanade North that there are no street lights.

Through the Chairperson, the Team Leader Infrastructure and Works advised that a number of those streetlights not working have been notified to TasNetworks. It has been relayed to Council that there will be a delay due to a backlog. The Team Leader advised that they have been reported to TasNetworks and that he noted Mr Austin's comments and Council will undertake an audit on the lighting in George Town's urban areas.

Mr B. Gunst, George Town

Q8. Mr Gunston stated that there are two maps in relation to the draft Regent Square Master Plan. That Council when making there recommendations today, to please refer to the blue map. This is the acceptable plan that has been put forward by the Regent Square Group.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Gunst for his comments.

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Mrs G. Austin, George Town

Q9. Mrs Austin asked is it is illegal to park campervans outside the front of a property on Esplanade North for months and to live in it with dogs?

The Chairperson advised that if the vehicle is legally registered and parked legally, Council is unable to action. However, the Chairperson advised Mrs Austin that Council will investigate this matter.

3.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil.

3.5 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(Refer to Minute No. 425/00, which states in part, “that a copy of all written replies to questions from the Public Gallery be included in the following Council Agenda.”)

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.



Shane Power
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

Nil.

7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

8. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil.

9. CORPORATE AND FINANCE

123/19 9.1 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT PANEL FOR 2018/2019

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader Corporate & Finance

FILE NO: 29.11

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Annual Report of the Audit Panel for 2018/2019 and the Audit Panel Annual Work Plan for 2019/2020.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Kieser

That Council receives and notes the Annual Report of the Audit Panel for 2018/2019 and the Audit Panel Annual Work Plan for 2019/2020.

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 8/0

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124/19 9.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

REPORT AUTHORS: Team Leader – Corporate and Finance
Team Leader – Infrastructure and Works

FILE NO: 32.20

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the revised Asset Management Policy, Asset Management Plans and Asset Management Strategy proposed with this item and forming attachments to it.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Keiser
Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council adopts the revised Asset Management Policy, Asset Management Plans and Asset Management Strategy proposed with this item and forming attachments to it.

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson, Cr Michieletto,
Cr Mason, Cr Kieser

Against: Cr Barwick, Cr Brooks

CARRIED 6/2

10. COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

125/19 10.1 DRAFT SCHOOL IMMUNISATION POLICY NO. 41 – VERSION 02

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader – Community and Development Services

FILE NO: 46.2

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the revised School Immunisation Policy No. 41 – Version 02 as attached to this report effective 16 July 2019.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Dawson

Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council adopts the revised School Immunisation Policy No. 41 – Version 02 as attached to this report effective 16 July 2019.

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 8/0

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11. ACTING MAYOR

126/19 11.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT – ACTING MAYOR

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

FILE NO.: 14.11

Acting Mayor Cr Tim Harris		
July	3 – 5	Attended LGAT State Conference
	16	Attended Council Workshop
		Attended Ordinary Council meeting

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Mason

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

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 8/0

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12. GENERAL MANAGER

127/19 12.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – JUNE 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting General Manager

FILE NO: 14.10

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshop – 25 June 2019 from the General Manager.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshop – 25 June 2019 from the General Manager.

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 8/0

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**128/19 12.2 ATTENDANCE AT THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – ACTING MAYOR**

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting Mayor Cr Tim Harris & General Manager

FILE NO: 15.8

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the report; and
2. Support the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at future Australian Local Government Association National General Assemblies.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council note the report.

Cr Barwick called a Point of Order against Cr Kieser at 1.59 pm [LG(MP)R 23.(1)(b) a councillor speaking is being interrupted or distracted.]

Cr Barwick called a Point of Order against Cr Mason at 2.10 pm [LG(MP)R 23.(1)(b) a councillor speaking is being interrupted or distracted.]

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against: Cr Kieser, Cr Dawson

CARRIED 6/2

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129/19 12.3 DRAFT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK

REPORT AUTHOR: Marketing & Engagement Business Partner

FILE NO: 22.26

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve placing the draft Community Consultation Framework on public exhibition seeking community feedback; and
2. Receive a report informing Council of the outcomes of community consultation to consider for inclusion in a final Community Consultation Framework.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Dawson

That this document lay on the table and be referred to the next available workshop.

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 8/0

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130/19 12.4 DRAFT REGENT SQUARE MASTER PLAN

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

FILE NO: 53.8

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve placing the draft Regent Square Master Plan Version J on public exhibition seeking community feedback; and
2. Receive a report informing Council of the outcomes of community consultation to consider for inclusion in a final Regent Square Master Plan.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council place the Regent Square Reference Group Draft Master Plan Version 1 dated 9/7/2019 as presented, on public exhibition seeking community feedback for a period of 28 days.

Cr Kieser thanked the Regent Square Reference Group for their contribution.

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 8/0

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131/19 12.5 CATHOLICCARE – AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN GEORGE TOWN

REPORT AUTHOR: Rex Cassidy

FILE NO: 11.9 (PID: 2526022, and PID: 7888524)

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Rescinds the Council Decision 024/18 (12.3 Potential council Land sales (cont.)), which stated
*“That Council:
Retain Lot 501 Woolcock (PID 7888524) until it becomes known how the surrounding land owned by DHHS is to be developed.”*
2. Gifts vacant land owned by Council in Woolcock Court known as LA038, Lot 501, PID: 7888524, to CatholicCare for the purpose of constructing affordable living units in accordance with the requirements of the “Regional supply of Housing Stage 2” requirements from the Department of Communities Tasmania; subject to:
 - a. CatholicCare covering all costs associated with the development/s, including all road works, underground infrastructure and services, permits, approvals and conveyance costs;
 - b. CatholicCare providing suitable means of ensuring the completed properties are not exempted from rates under current or future exemptions available to charitable organizations;
 - c. CatholicCare provides amended façade designs to the satisfaction of Council Officers to provide for street appeal in the unit developments so as they present an appealing, socially inclusive and healthy living environment for their residents and surrounding community;
 - d. CatholicCare confirming that priority be given to existing residents within the George Town municipality for social and affordable housing accommodation associated with the proposed dwellings;
 - e. CatholicCare commitment to complete the development/s within two years of the agreement; and
 - f. CatholicCare establishing an office for the purposes of support services within George Town township.
3. Commences a process to return Vacant land in Franklin Street, George Town (122 Franklin Street, LA062, PID: 2526022) to Department of Communities Tasmania (in accordance with s177 & 178 of the Local Government Act of 1993), for the purpose of it being gifted to CatholicCare under their round two EOI (if successful), subject to:
 - a. CatholicCare covering all costs associated with the development/s, including all road works, underground infrastructure and services, permits, approvals and conveyance costs;
 - b. CatholicCare providing suitable means of ensuring the completed properties are not exempted from rates under current or future exemptions available to charitable organizations;
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- d. CatholicCare confirming that priority be given to existing residents within the George Town municipality for social and affordable housing accommodation associated with the proposed dwellings;
 - e. CatholicCare commitment to complete the development/s within two years of the agreement; and
 - f. CatholicCare establishing an office for the purposes of support services within George Town township.
4. Authorises the General Manager to engage legal services to ensure obligations for transfer of land as per recommendations 2 and 3, satisfy the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barraclough
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Rescinds the Council Decision 024/18 (12.3 Potential council Land sales (cont.)), which stated
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 - e. CatholicCare commitment to complete the development/s within two years of the agreement; and
 - f. CatholicCare establishing an office for the purposes of support services within George Town township.
4. Authorises the General Manager to engage legal services to ensure obligations for transfer of land as per recommendations 2 and 3, satisfy the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.
5. That the draft contract for transfer of land titles as listed in points 2 and 3 above be brought back to Council workshop for discussion.

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson
Cr Mason, Cr Barwick

Against: Cr Kieser, Cr Michieletto

CARRIED 6/2

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CONFIRMED MINUTES**

132/19 12.6 REPORT AGAINST THE 2018/2019 ANNUAL PLAN

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

FILE NO: 15.29

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the final report against the actions of the 2018/2019 Annual Plan.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Brooks

That this document lays on the table and is referred to a workshop.

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Kieser
Cr Mason, Cr Barwick, Cr Michieletto

Against: Cr Dawson

CARRIED 7/1

13. PETITIONS

Nil.

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14. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

133/19 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Rescind previous motion (184/18) relating to the dates and times of Council meetings.
2. Holds meetings commencing 1.00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month except the month of December effective from August 2019.
3. Inform community of changes through appropriate media channels.

Cr Barwick requested that the Motion be Put.

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 8/0

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.

16. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

134/19 16.1 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

FILE NO: 22.24

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive the minutes of the George Town Safety Group Committee meeting of 2nd June 2019.
2. A quarterly audit be undertaken on the sharps container disposals and the outcome be reported to Safety Committee.
3. Council does not provide a copy of the draft terms of reference of the Healthy George Town Working Group until such times as they have been adopted by Council.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council:

1. Receive the minutes of the George Town Safety Group Committee meeting of 2nd June 2019.
2. A quarterly audit be undertaken on the sharps container disposals and the outcome be reported to Safety Committee.
3. Council provides a copy of the Healthy George Town Working Group draft terms of reference to the George Town Community Safety Group Committee.

VOTING:

For: Cr Harris, Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson
Cr Michieletto, Cr Mason, Cr Kieser, Cr Barwick

Against:

CARRIED 8/0

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.58 pm

Cr Tim Harris
ACTING MAYOR