

George Town Council
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Meeting Commenced at 5.30pm

Acknowledgement of Country

The George Town Council pays its respect to the traditional and original owners of the land in which we meet, their elders past, present and emerging and we pay respect to those that have passed before us and acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal people who are the custodians of this land.

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1. PRESENT

Mayor Greg Kieser, Chairperson
Cr Tim Harris, Deputy Mayor
Cr Chris Barraclough
Cr Heather Barwick
Cr Justine Brooks
Cr Greg Dawson
Cr Andrew Michieletto
Cr Peter Parkes

1.1 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Winston Mason

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager – Mr S. Power
Manager Infrastructure & Works – Mr D. Richardson
Manager Corporate Services & Finance – Ms C. Hyde
Manager Development & Environment – Mr R. Cassidy
Manager People, Performance & Governance – Mr B. Daire
Manager Liveable & Connected Communities – Ms M. Bennett
Executive Support and Governance Officer – Ms L. Dickenson

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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

018/20 2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17TH DECEMBER 2019

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 17th December 2019 numbered 221/19 to 230/19 and 233/19 as circulated to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Barraclough, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson, Cr Harris,
Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes

Against: Cr Barwick

CARRIED 7/1

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019/20 2.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28TH JANUARY 2020

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 28th January 2020 numbered 001/20 to 011/20 and 017/20 as circulated to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Barraclough, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson, Cr Harris,
Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes

Against: Cr Barwick

CARRIED 7/1

3. LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 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.

4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Mr John Glisson

At the council meeting held 24th September 2019 I asked the question below:

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Council meeting – 24th September 2019 Unconfirmed Minutes**

Q2. Mr Glisson stated that in the law list it states that Council and Mr Neilsen case has been completed. Mr Glisson asked can Council advise how much this has cost ratepayers?

The Mayor advised, that proceedings are still underway in reaching a final determination. The Mayor would be happy to take this question when it has concluded but to answer your question as this is confidential information Council does not discuss matters concerning legal advice with members of the public.

I now ask the following:

My Question is:

What is the total amount paid to Legal Practices by the George Town Council commencing 1st February 2014 to 31 December 2019 relating to the defence of a Section 64 in RMPAT (4 April 2014) and subsequent related matters in the Federal Court when the matter before a Judge was dismissed 30 January 2018?

In asking my question I bring your attention to the Ombudsman's Final decision on this matter, which you are aware of and accepted as correct.

Considering that the amount, that you will hopefully declare in response to my first question, is likely to far exceed the recovery of an alleged debt I ask:

Response:

The total amount paid to Tasmanian Legal Practices by the George Town Council commencing 1 February 2014 to 31 December 2019 in relation to the preparation for, defending of and subsequent related matters of a Section 64 hearing in RMPAT dated 4 April 2014 is \$154,753.56.

4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE (CONT.)

Mr John Glisson

Question 2

Is Council continuing to spend ratepayer's money on this matter even when it is so blatantly fiscally irresponsible to do so?

By way of explanation I do not wish to enquire as to what action, if any, Council is undertaking or details of any engagement Council may have with any professional entity including legal advice.

I simply want to know is Council continuing to spend ratepayer's funds on this matter. Council may have spent funds or indemnified expenses with a Financial Consultant.

This explanation of my question negates any objection to answer the inquiry due to the matter possibly relating to ongoing or legal matters. To re-iterate I am only seeking confirmation of Council's commitment to spend.

Response:

Council continues to pursue debt recovery processes as advised by its solicitors to recover a significant proportion of costs invested to date in the matter referred to in your first question.

Cr Barwick

Q. Is Council still pursuing through the solicitors the costs and will this show a higher cost through solicitor fees?

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that Council has incurred costs to date due to this legal matter and will be pursuing the cost recovery through another legal avenue which may result in additional costs being incurred.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at: 5.37 pm
Concluded at: 6.58 pm

Mrs Wootton

- Q1. If Councillors didn't know about the demise of the bandstand rotunda (and presumably the existing diagonal paths that are in perfectly good order), until the Draft Plan was presented to them at the Workshop on 17 December, who gave the brief to the landscape designer to remove these features of Regent Square and why was it deemed fit to exclude them?

The Mayor advised that there was a general brief that was provided to the designer and it did not ask to remove or include specific items. There was a generalised brief in terms of the outcome that Council sought to achieve through the redesign of Regent Square. Those results were presented at a workshop and Council concurrently saw the design for the first time. And you are correct, that Council does not make decisions at workshops, but held consultative debate about the merits of the design.

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that no decision has been made to-date on the rotunda on its inclusion or exclusion, and it is subject to a report to Council today.

Mrs Wootton then asked who gave the brief to omit the rotunda?

The General Manager advised that there was no brief to omit or include the rotunda. The designer was provided with the community consultation and the designer has then interpreted the consultation into the plan which is before Council today.

Mrs Wootton then stated that the Designer said that it was a decision of Council?

The General Manager went on to say that this is incorrect.

- Q2. How many of the 28 submissions received on the Regent Square Reference Group's Draft Landscape Plan during the 28 day consultation period last August or of the 53 verbal responses collected after the closing date for submissions, suggested that these features be removed from the Square?

The Mayor advised that the community consultation process was requesting feedback from a broad range of community members and they were factored in the design. Again, no determination has been made and this is a process where Council obtained balanced views of the community of whether they are in favour of the overall design.

- Q3. Mrs Wootton then asked how many of the submissions recommended the removal of the rotunda and the paths and can we get the written responses to be made public or do I have to apply for through Freedom of Information to view them.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that this question will be taken on notice but requested clarification of her question. The General Manager asked was it the responses to the master plan that was advertised as Regent Square Reference Group recommended plan or the plan put before Council today.

Mrs Wootton replied yes this plan.

The General Manager advised that the question will be taken on notice.

Mrs Rainbow

Q1. Mrs Rainbow asked if a copy could be provided of the submissions received on the Master Plan with identification redacted?

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that that this can be provided and this question is taken on notice.

Q2. On the 11th February 2020 whilst at a meeting held by Council, Mrs Rainbow took offence to part of a conversation with the General Manager. Mrs Rainbow asked of Councillors and the Mayor do you believe that this language and this conduct is respectful of your Council.

The Mayor took this question on notice, and advised that as part of the Mayor's role is the performance of the General Manager.

Mrs Neilsen

Q1. Mrs Neilsen asked can you please advise the rule, procedure or guiding principle of this Council that when entering into a funding deed as an unsecured creditor whether the guarantee is a personal guarantee of Councillors or a guarantee made on behalf of ratepayers?

The Mayor stated that the response will be re-examined and took the question on notice.

Mrs Neilsen then queried why the rules of public question time had been changed and also questioned the role of the Governance Officer.

The Mayor advised that Council requests multi-level advice from Council Officers. Mr Daire provides advice on the procedures and records the proceedings of Council meetings and in addition as People, Performance and Governance.

Mr Neilsen

Q1. Mr Neilsen stated that for the many years of attending and submitting questions to Council, why has the protocol changed and why no notice of the change was given. It is inconvenient to write it all out.

The Mayor stated that this is of his direction and a statement that contains two or three words does not provide enough information on what the question may be. The Mayor did receive Mr Neilsen's question in full after this request and thanked him for the question.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

- Q2. Mayor I acknowledge that you are the indisputable head of the representative side of this council will the responsibility, backed by your published record of corporate experience, to ensure proper governance.

The question to which I am alluding has never been addressed by someone in authority with the courage and integrity to answer.

It is reasonable to expect that under your leadership this Council adheres to the principles of its own Strategic Plan.

For your information I advise:

Subsequent to the Director of Local Government Review of the George Town Council and the resignation of the then General Manager Mr Stephen Brown in August 2013 the Acting General Manager Mr Dino Di Paoli submitted to a RMPAT hearings April 2014 an 'approved parking plan' produced by him dated 22 December 2011 purporting to satisfy conditions of the Memorial Hall extension permit.

This was despite there being no formal record of approval on Council file or minutes or knowledge by Councillors. The Council Planner informed the Deputy Mayor (Bridget Archer) and Paul Turner (DPP Civil) that the plan was a "fake". This plan was knowingly withheld from an RTI request in November 2013 by Mr Barker in consultation with Mr Di Paoli.

Question

Could you please inform this community what action was taken by the Council of the day to address what had been reported to those in authority of apparent corrupt and possibly illegal acts including whether the Planner was ever asked to respond to the allegation of forged documents or the inadequate RTI response and further was there a formal investigative process?

The famed philosopher Aldous Huxley said "Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored."

The Mayor thanked Mr Neilsen for the question and advised that this is familiar territory. The Mayor advised Mr Neilsen that this is about the sixth or seventh time this question has been asked across three Mayors and the answer is the same. It is Council's policy that your question is not accepted where matters concerning ongoing legal matters are not discussed pertaining to an ongoing legal proceedings at either in open Council meeting or with members of the public.

Mr Austin

- Q1. 12 months ago we had a certain amount of staff on Council's register, can you tell me how many more staff we have employed?

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised he cannot recall the exact EFT 12 months ago but currently Council has an establishment of less than 40 EFT (equivalent full time).

Mr Austin then asked the Council have not employed any more fulltime staff on Committee's etc.?

The General Manager advised that we have employed more staff but no additional staff than the equivalent to 40 EFT. There may be more than 40 employees but no more than 40 EFT.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Mr Austin went on to state that the previous General Manager pruned the staff down to save Council considerable amount of money and now it seems that the current General Manager are employing more people which will cost Council more money. Is this correct?

The Mayor advised that the previous General Manager did a significant cost cutting of employees. It has been the endeavour of this Council to maintain a sub 40 EFT allocation but there may be more people that are employed on flexible arrangements ie part-time. The most important is the overall financial performance of the Council as stated in the annual statement and last year was the strongest reported performance of this Council in recent recorded history. All the information is published on a quarterly basis and that Council are on track to meeting this performance but possibly to exceed this performance as well. Council has a projected surplus for the next 10 years. Also of note is the Auditor-General's report who reviewed Council's performance and gave Council a high level of commendation.

Mrs J. Bodsworth

Q1. Mrs Bodsworth advised that her question is regarding the creek that flows near the junction of Anne Street and Low Head Road. Mrs Bodsworth advised that she has been a resident for 12 years and the creek was previously running clear water. In the last couple of years it is blocked with bullrushes on the Low Head Road and the water is now blackish, stagnant, smelly and a health hazard. It is a disfigurement going up to the tourist sites. Mrs Bodsworth has previously requested dredging of the creek as there is considerable amount of debris and is putting this forward to the Council asking for the creek to be cleared up.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Bodsworth and will respond to her in writing after Council investigations have been undertaken. However, Council will need to scope out the works and advise if there is a current budget otherwise it will be listed in the next financial year for consideration.

Mrs D. Rainbow

Q3. Mrs Rainbow thanked Council for the Stormwater Plan and stated her concern with flooding along the York Cove rivulet. Mrs Rainbow advised that she has been campaigning for years but the flooding has been more frequent and deeper in the last 10 years and has reached over 3 metres. Mrs Rainbow requested that Council consider placing a sign "Subject to Flooding" in this area. Also she stated there is a pile of dirt and if that is washed down it will dam it up.

Mayor thanked Mrs Rainbow for her question and advised that the Stormwater Plan has a high degree of science that has been applied to this pressing problem which Council will face with the potential rising of water levels. Council brought in a consultant who does geospatial and 3D mapping using drone technology who have produced a detailed plan on stormwater flows. The Mayor stated that Mrs Rainbow's observation are reasonable and will be compared with the consultant's notes and if they correlate it will be considered.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Mrs L. Wootton

- Q4. Will the Mayor please make an effort to acquaint yourself with the long history of George Town before you decide to make changes to any of our special places, and check your facts before you make another public commentary on the history or the town and particularly Regent Square?

The back pages of the Sept, Oct, November 2019 and February 2020 would be a great starting point.

The Mayor stated on the radio, that every perspective is welcome and valid. Also that he could not rival the Historical Society's knowledge nor does he intend to. Council has persons with that expertise in the community and will draw on their knowledge to assist in marketing. The proposed plan of Regent Square is rich in history and contains inlaid plans that depict Macquarie's original design, in the pavements and it has numerous etched glass panels of which we will be drawing on our local historical society to get the narrative and the depiction accurate and numerous other designs i.e. the female factory points to a moderate view that Mrs Wootton has been depicting. The Mayor stated that he sees great value in the history.

Mr J. Orr

- Q1. The Lulworth Community Association has the use of a George Town Council Class 10: a non-habitable building that consists of an enclosed shed and an open awning (BBQ area) that is located on the site of the original hall next to the local playground.

The non-habitable building has had additional work that includes the lining of walls within the shed and the installation of lights. The lining of walls, for example, was undertaken by the Council as a security measure after the shed was broken into several times with Council equipment stolen. Lights were installed for safety.

The LCA has over several years kept numerous councillors and other council staff members informed of the intended usage of the building. As the design, layout and usage of the building is very similar to that of the shed at Beechford, I am seeking clarification of this matter.

The Mayor thanked the volunteers of the Lulworth Community Association for their work and Council will undertake investigation of the usage of the site and advice the outcome.

Mr N. Scott

- Q1. Mr Scott stated that he has been a resident for 16 years and doesn't believe that the swimming pool is heated. Why isn't it heated?

The Mayor advised that the pool is heated during summer and not in winter months. Council looks at the major projects that Council cannot afford and add them to a Priority Projects list for advocacy to the State and Federal governments. Recently Council accepted a motion to develop a proposal for a covered aquatic and gym centre. It is not a guarantee that it will happen, it allows Council to have a costed and well-thought out proposal which can be taken to State and Federal politicians.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

It does not mean Council can afford it. A recent article states that the Launceston Aquatic Centre spent \$1.8M a year on heating costs.

Q2. Do you, the Mayor, live in the community?

The Mayor advised that he does live in the community and it is a requirement that you live and/or own a property in the municipality (sic. to be a councillor).

Ms C. Atwell

Q1. Ms Atwell advised her question is based on the new plan displayed the afternoon of last Tuesday and that the new plan has two stages. The Mayor and Council officers advised they are going to fill the park with thousands of people. How do you pay for an event on a park that is not fenced? How do you charge people to come into a public park to enjoy an event and make revenue from that?

The Mayor stated that it is Council's strategy to create economic stimulation through events and activities and the specifics are yet to be determined. It is our intention to host public concerts, events etc.

Q2. Ms Atwell then stated that music for the people is precisely why a band stand is an asset to the community. Band stands were designed to keep people out of pubs etc. and get them into parks and not designed for people to sit and look at a stage and be quiet. It is a passive recreational thing that you bring silver bands to the community and you entertain people in the park. Has council ever bought a silver band into the community to provide free music in the park from the bandstand?

The Mayor thanked Ms Atwell for the question and the question was taken on notice.

Ms Atwell then answered Council that there was one behind the Memorial Hall that she could recall, and she suggested that for the past 15 years the band stand has been underutilised and it is Council who normally drives free music in the park. The Launceston City Council, every January, holds music in the City Park from the band stand that they love dearly and I can tell you how easily it is to do, it is pick up a phone and pay \$200 and you have got an event.

The Mayor thanked Ms Atwell for the question and it is the role of the Mayor to unite the community with a singular vision. Council would like to bring those types of events into the community and do more of them to celebrate the arts broadly in any capacity Council can. The band stand/rotunda is underutilised. The Mayor reminder that no decision has been made and the proposal is before Council today. The motion does give some latitude on still how to further relocate those elements to forge the best compromise for the community. Today, in the workshop before the Council meeting was representation from the now disbanded Regent Square Reference Group who were engaged on consultation.

Mr O'Doherty

Q1. Mr O'Doherty said that he is a part of the now disbanded Regent Square Reference Group who have not been officially informed that the group is disbanded. Based on a meeting, a few months ago, Mr O'Doherty reminded the General Manager about the reference group staying on the side line whilst the plan is going ahead. Even though the Reference Group do not hold meetings, would like to have some consultation with the process and this included presenting a workshop which has occurred. Why is the group disbanded when we have not officially been told?

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that if the motion presented to Council today is moved, consultation will be limited to focal groups. There are design elements around heritage for example which will be limited to the Historical Society or other people in special interests groups or subject matter experts to help inform those elements, as will be the cultural area or the gathering area proposed in the plan, Council intends to engage aboriginal representation from the local community. We appreciate and thank the Regent Square Reference Group of all its work done to date but it is certainly our intent from an officer's point of view having heard from your representation today, if it is endorsed as is recommended, that Council will move into design elements with specific interest or expertise groups.

Mrs Neilsen

Q2. When will the decision be made on the rotunda?

The Mayor advised that today even if 13.3 is voting on in favour of, there are two clauses that give the Council capacity to relocate those elements. Council will continue to talk with the various stakeholders and it has always been our transparent policy to consult with the broad section of our community. Council take all the feedback on board.

Q3. Mrs Neilsen then asked what was the result of the consultation that closed 5pm on Saturday?

The Mayor advised that there was overwhelming feedback that the rotunda be retained and its preference is to keep it in its current location and we will abide by it. Our goal as a community, our goal as a Council is to deliver an outcome for the community. In any case of forced compromise, that you listen to the community and take their feedback on board and at some stage we will deliver a result from this.

Q4. Mrs Neilsen then asked can we take it that the rotunda will stay at Location A?

The Mayor advised that this is one scenario we can take back to our planners to redesign and rescope. There is a technical reason why the existing plan cannot be retained in that spot. Technically Council needs to cover in terms of risk. That is how community consultation works, we listen and we deliver an outcome that everyone is happy with. That is the goal. It is a democracy.

The Mayor has advised that no decision has been made and as much I have expressed my views, Council will still need to decide.

Mr Neilsen

(The Mayor asked Mr Neilsen for his question but he had left the meeting).

Mr Austin

Q2. Before our meeting this afternoon a Councillor informed one of our senior members, that if a certain member of our group was in attendance then there would have been no meeting. Was this a Council decision or was that a Councillor acting upon his own?

The Mayor advised that he cannot comment, that Council had every intention of meeting with the Regent Square Reference Group.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Mr Austin then asked that the Councillor was acting on his own?

The Mayor responded that if there was something Mr Austin would like to raise and bring to his attention, please submit it in writing and again it is part of the Mayor role that individual Councillors abide by the rules and policies.

Ms C. Coogan

Q1. Ms Coogan advised that the presentation in the park was extremely unprofessional and persons rocked up to a tent that was 3 x 3 with posters on the wall and then asked to move out to let other people in. Ms Coogan then asked when Council make a decision, could a meeting in the hall similar to the announcement of the bile track be held? Ms Coogan stated that she was 95% in agreement with the plan. Ms Coogan asked again when the decision is made can Council hold a public meeting so more public can attend and have their say?

The Mayor advised that Council will consider this scenario but Council may commence work on some of the individual elements of the plan before the overall layout is completed but in good faith. Council will communicate the finalised plan before it is undertaken.

Mr G. O'Doherty

Q2. Mr O'Doherty stated that over a period of years and not just the reference group, there has been a lot of community consultation and a lot of people involved. Mr O'Doherty stated that there is a danger that this feedback on the plan will not be taken on board. At the last hurdle certain people will use it for their own publicity purposes. Perhaps to use the media to steal other people's thunder to promote themselves. Mr O'Doherty asked that Council consider this and share all the accolades around.

The Mayor thanked Mr O'Doherty for his question and stated that there is an established track record of calling out the community groups and individuals that have contributed and Council will continue to do so. Certainly praise has been given by the Mayor and General Manager to the Regent Square Reference Group but the Mayor stated that it is his role to promote the community, to drive the success, build PR and will continue to thank and appreciate the community groups and not to be alarmed if you see the Mayor in the media.

Mrs C. Atwell

Q3. Mrs Atwell stated that she does not know the Council procedures and policies, and asked when the plan is refined by Council does it go on a board for community consultation like if I was extending my house?

The Mayor advised that it is Council's intent to be open and transparent and requesting feedback, but as of today the consultation process formally ceases.

Mrs Atwell then interjected saying that basically Council presented a plan drawn up by a designer one afternoon and that if the uproar from the community about the rotunda did not occur that plan would have proceeded?

The Mayor advised that Council presented the Master Plan overall design and the feedback was overwhelmingly in support but Council heard a loud voice in the community that they wanted to keep the rotunda where it is. The second round of consultation which was published and available for two weeks.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Mrs Atwell asked if the plan was only advertised on facebook and the website?

The Mayor said I believe so.

Mrs Atwell then said she was down town amongst the people with placards and spoke to many people. I can tell you now that if you continue to put council matters only on facebook or the website you are completely wiping out a percentage of the demographics. Ms Atwell advised that many people advised her that they are not on facebook and this is something to be considered by Council. Ms Atwell stated lets get back to putting maps back up, using letter drops and newspapers and include everyone in our decision making.

The Mayor stated, if that is what you perceive, then Council should investigate other avenues to advertise those consultation.

Through the Mayor, the General Manager stated that the consultation on this master plan has occurred over many years. We had a master plan that was developed by the Regent Square Reference Group that was put out for broad consultation. Council could not take into account a lot of our community through traditional channels so we hijacked a number of events which was similar to what you did on the weekend. Council provided a number of opportunities for people to talk to and provide submissions. Council was presented with a themed up submissions and discussed at a workshop. The designer interpreted these submissions and presented a plan to certain groups. One was our local representatives of the aboriginal community which received positive feedback, and one was the regent square reference group who had some concerns. Council also went out to public submission with the intent for comments on certain elements and to be incorporated into the plan. This would be the end of the consultation process.

Mrs Atwell said that she was referring to was how that Tuesday was advertised?

The General Manager continued saying that it was clear at that particular time, that there was a component that specifically met with community dissent. And that has led to an extended period of time in which Council called for submissions which were received i.e. rotunda. which has now been presented to Council at a workshop and the Regent Square Reference Group at a meeting. So what we have here today is a plan, and it has incorporated comments that have been received. The intention of the report today, is to meet a milestone to get the funding through to allow Council Officers to meet the deadlines whilst allowing the consideration of the location of the rotunda to continue.

Mrs Atwell then asked if Council could leave the rotunda where it is as it is the most cost effective?

The Mayor stated that it is the intention to do that but there may be unforeseen circumstances.

Mrs T. Hogan

Q1. Mrs Hogan advised that she is an absentee landlord but has lived in George Town for 30 years. She is passionate about the rotunda leaving it where it is. She stated that she told the General Manager she didn't see the sign in the park, doesn't buy the Examiner and due to personal reasons does not visit the Council's website. She asked why Council's newsletter is not included in the rate notices. If information was contained with the rate notices, she would be able to provide feedback. The newsletters are letterboxed dropped and my tenants receive the newsletter but she does not. She believed her interests have been dismissed.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Mrs Hogan asked if the local radio station be used and that Council sends out rate notices to include the newsletter as it will not cost any extra.

Mrs Hogan then went on to say that she had been through a Development Application process unsuccessfully. She had to place an advert in The Examiner and a sign was placed on the property and persons had 30 days to submit an objection. So if I am going to build a garage and jump through hoops, then why was the submission time for the plan only 10 days and was rushed. This is a much bigger project and why was it not given 30 days?

The Mayor thanked her for the questions. It is Council's goal to reach a broad cross section of the community and Tamar FM was used. The Mayor advised that after every Council meeting at 9.00 am on a Wednesday the Mayor and General Manager accept questions from the public. The Mayor took on board Mrs Hogan's suggestion of the newsletter to be continued within the rates notice.

The DA process is governed by State Legislation and the Regent Square process is not governed by the State legislation but Council has adhered to every guideline.

Through the Chair, The General Manager advised that community engagement is difficult and is hard to reach every stakeholder. In increasing our consultation process, Council has endorsed a Community Consultation Framework which sets out a range of how Council can consult with the community. The consultation has been extensive including going to schools, reaching out to different community groups and events. In terms of timeframes Council had a 30 day consultation period in August. Council entered into another consultation process that was not planned, for 10 days on the rotunda. As the Mayor has stated, the feedback received was an overwhelming wish for the Rotunda to stay where it is and the report today states that the consultation process was underway whilst the report was being written. Therefore, you will not see the figures in the report today.

The Mayor advised that the second consultation was compacted due to meeting the deadlines of the funding agreement.

Mrs Hogan then asked why was Survey Monkey not used by Council?

The Mayor responded that Council uses accredited survey software. Thank you for your feedback.

Cr Dawson

Q1. Can you explain what the Development Application process is and why the DA requirements do not need to apply?

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that a Development Application does not need to be submitted so therefore different consultation methods were used and the statutory requirements are not required for this process. The consultation process has gone far beyond what a DA process would require however.

Mr N. Scott

Q3. Mr Scott advised that he had sent a letter to Council and expected that it would be at the meeting today on the 8 units that are being gifted to CatholicCare.

The Mayor, advised that there is a technicality as some wording in the original process that needs to be corrected.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that there is a resolution of Council to gift the land at Woolcock to CatholicCare for the purpose of affordable housing for the development of 8 units. There is currently a DA open at this point of time which is being considered by planners and will be put before Council in due course. The process that the Mayor refers to was to correct. There was an anomaly process in that Council advertised its intent to sell rather than intent to gift. The General Manager advised that he was unsure of the DA closing date but this question will be taken on notice.

Mr G. O'Doherty

Q3. Mr O'Doherty advised that his question relates to the lack of trust in institutions as seen in the media and it happens behind closed doors. Last Tuesday the reference group had a consultation of the new plan and saw that there was no rotunda on the plan. No discussions with management had been held on removing the rotunda and Mr O'Doherty requested that this does not occur again. There was ongoing concern on the rotunda and a Council officer heard the cries of the people. The Manager made derogative comments on a local website on the rotunda trying to influence people. Mr O'Doherty thought that this was not very trustworthy and that the institute was undermining the community's concern. Mr O'Doherty asked could you please make sure that this does not happen in the future as it is not a good policy of Council to do this type of thing? Could some amends be made for the Manager to go to this website and for the person to withdraw their comments and apologise?

The Mayor advised Mr O'Doherty and it is a democracy and anyone is entitled to free speech. Unless there is a contravention of the hate and discrimination policy of this nation then people are entitled to say what they like. The Mayor went on to say that Council has a policy around social media and that a person must clearly indicate what is their personal view point as opposed to the view point held by Council. In this instance, this is what has been done. It is not a position of Council.

Mr O'Doherty continued to ask his question.

The Mayor reiterated his response saying it is not a position of Council. The Mayor advised that there will be no individual jeopardising of Council officers during public question time.

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that any policy of Council that the General Manager is responsible for, will be upheld and dealt with in accordance with policy.

Cr Barwick

Q. *Is there an internal policy of Code of Conduct for employees?*

The Mayor stated that he had already answered this question.

4.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Barwick

Q. Advice was to be sought to a Question from Cr. Parkes about my using the title J.P after my name. I would like to have an update on the response sought.

Reason

This issue was questioned in a public meeting of the Council and I would like to be notified of the response so that it is made public at the February meeting.

Cr. Heather Barwick
Justice of the Peace.

The General Manager advised that a response will be provided in writing to Cr Barwick.

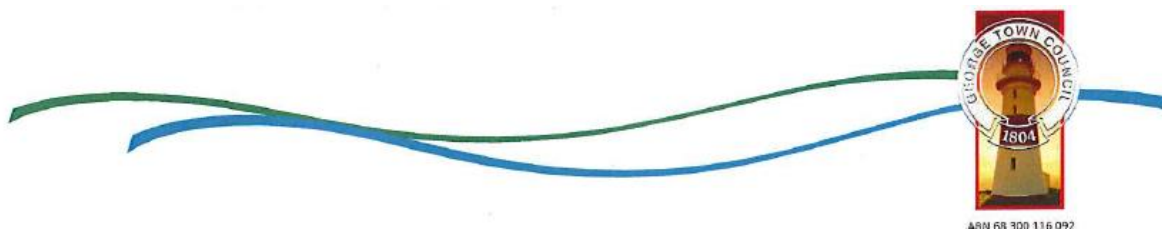
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4.5 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(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.”)

Mrs Neilsen

- Q1. Can you please advise the policy of this Council that when entering into a funding deed as an unsecured creditor whether the guarantee is a personal guarantee of Councillors or a guarantee made on behalf of ratepayers?



17th February, 2020

Mrs Sue Neilson

Dear Mrs Neilsen,

Re: Public Question Time – 28th January, 2020

Thank you for your attendance at the 28th January, 2020 Ordinary meeting of Council where you asked the following question:

- Q1. Can you please advise the policy of this council that when entering into a funding deed as an unsecured creditor whether the guarantee is a personal guarantee of Councillors or a guarantee made on behalf of ratepayers?

Response:

Council does not have a policy that deals with entering into funding deeds as an unsecured creditor.

Again, thank you for attending Council's ordinary meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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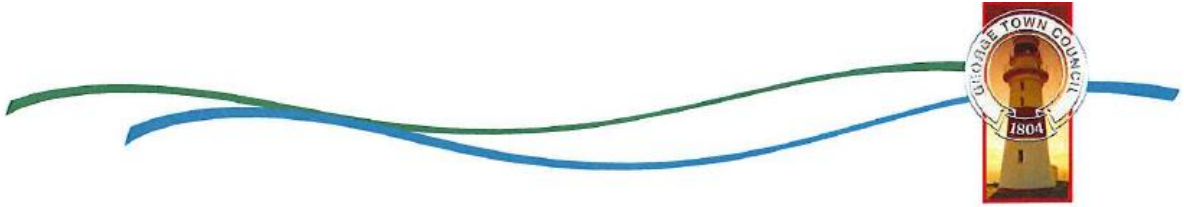
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General Manager

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**4.5 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
(CONT.)**

Ms Rainbow

Q1. What was and who bore the cost of this World Café day?



ABN 68 300 116 092

17th February, 2020

Ms D. Rainbow

Dear Ms Rainbow,

Re: Public Question Time – 28th January, 2020

Thank you for your attendance at the 28th January, 2020 Ordinary meeting of Council where you asked the following question:

Q1. What was and who bore the cost of this World Café Day?

Response

Council bore the cost of the World Café day held on the 11th December 2019. The cost to date for this event is \$4,288.

Again, thank you for attending Council's ordinary meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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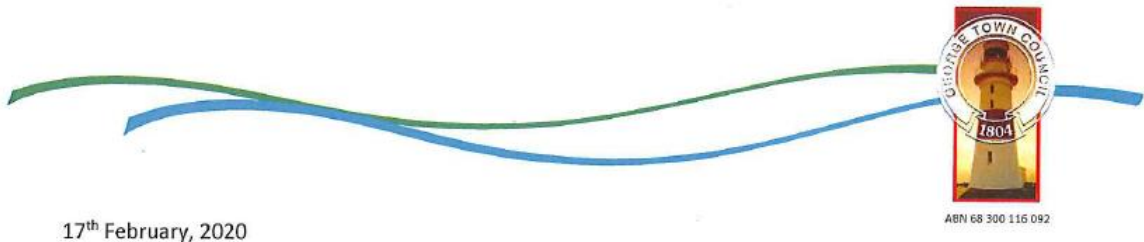
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General Manager**

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**4.5 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
(CONT.)**

Ms Wootton

- Q1. What the total amount paid to the GHD consultant and architect for the preparation of their Regent Square Landscape Plan and its amended versions; for their several visits to George Town and their meetings with the Council appointed Regent Square Reference Group; and any further consultation with staff?
- Q2. How much more has it cost on top of that, for the Regent Square Landscape Plan from the advertising for members of the reference group in March 2016 up until the presentation of the appointed Reference Group recommended plan to the community and to the consultation that followed late last year?



17th February, 2020

Mrs L. Wootton

Dear Mrs Wootton,

Re: Public Question Time – 28th January, 2020

Thank you for your attendance at the 28th January, 2020 Ordinary meeting of Council where you asked the following question:

- Q1. What was the total amount paid to the GHD consultant and architect for the preparation of their Regent Square Landscape Plan and its amended versions; for their several visits to George Town and Their meetings with the Council appointed Regent Square Reference Group; and any further consultation with staff?

In response to Question 1 I am advised that the cost is \$22,482.00.

- Q2. How much more has it cost on top of that, for the Regent Square Landscape Plan from the advertising for members of the reference group in March 2016 up until the presentation of the appointed Reference Group recommended plan to the community and to the consultation that followed late last year?

The additional cost referred to in Question 2 I am advised is \$24,250.00.

Again, thank you for attending Council's ordinary meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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**Shane Power
General Manager**

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Brooks declared an interest in 11.1 – Laurel House.

6. 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.

7. PLANNING AUTHORITY

020/20 7.1 DA 2020/04 – FOOD SERVICES – RESTAURANT WITHIN EXISTING BUILDING AT 20 MACQUARIE STREET, GEORGE TOWN

REPORT AUTHOR: Statutory Town Planner – Mr J. Stewart
Manager – Development and Environment – Mr R. Cassidy

REPORT DATE: 17th February, 2020

FILE NO: DA 2020/4

14. RECOMMENDATION

That the application to open a Restaurant within an existing building, for land at 20 Macquarie Street, George Town (CT 114397/1) be **APPROVED** subject to the following conditions:

1. ENDORSED PLANS

The use and/or development must be carried out as shown on the endorsed plans and described in the endorsed documents to the satisfaction of the Council. Any other proposed development and/or use will require a separate application to and assessment by the Council.

2. HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION

Construction works must only be carried out between the hours of 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 5pm Saturday and no works on Sunday or Public Holidays.

3. EXTERIOR AND SECURITY LIGHTING

Exterior and security lighting must be designed, baffled and located so that no direct light is emitted outside the property boundaries.

4. NO STORAGE OUTSIDE BUILDING

All goods and packaging materials must be stored inside buildings. No external storage is permitted, including storage within the designated footway at the rear of the site.

5. BUSINESS HOURS

The operation of the restaurant must be confined to 6:00am and 10:00pm, Monday to Sunday.

6. SIGNAGE CONTENT

Content of the existing signs may be updated or changed without separate approval of Council, subject to:

- a) the structure, location and size of the signage not changing;
- b) the content of the signage relating to the site; and
- c) compliance with the requirements of the planning scheme.

7. NUMBER OF SEATS

Seating for patrons using the site must not exceed 50 seats.

020/20 7.1 DA 2020/04 – FOOD SERVICES – RESTAURANT WITHIN EXISTING BUILDING AT 20 MACQUARIE STREET, GEORGE TOWN (CONT.)

Permit Notes

- A. This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA 2020/4. You should contact Council with any other use or development, as they may require the separate approval of Council. Councils planning staff can be contacted on 6382 8800.
- B. This permit takes effect after:
 - i. the 14 day appeal period expires; or
 - ii. any appeal to the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal is abandoned or determined; or
 - iii. any agreement that is required by this permit pursuant to Part V of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* is executed; or
 - iv. any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
- C. This permit is valid for two (2) years only from the date of approval and will thereafter lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. An extension may be granted if a request is received prior to the expiration date.
- D. This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted. At least the following additional approvals may be required before construction commences:
 - (a) Occupancy permit (if any changes go outside the existing occupancy permit)
 - (b) Plumbing permit (if any plumbing work is done that requires a plumbing permit)
 - (c) Food Licence

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Harris

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020/20 7.1 DA 2020/04 – FOOD SERVICES – RESTAURANT WITHIN EXISTING BUILDING AT 20 MACQUARIE STREET, GEORGE TOWN (CONT.)

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**020/20 7.1 DA 2020/04 – FOOD SERVICES – RESTAURANT WITHIN EXISTING
BUILDING AT 20 MACQUARIE STREET, GEORGE TOWN (CONT.)**

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 8/0

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

9. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

021/20 9.1 STORMWATER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Works and Infrastructure – Mr D. Richardson

REPORT DATE: 17 February 2020

FILE NO: 71.3

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) adopt the *George Town Stormwater System Management Plan Part A: Catchment Modelling Report*,
- b) receive the *George Town Stormwater System Management Plan Part B: Flood Mitigation Options for High Risk Residential Areas*; and
- c) consider flood mitigation measures as part of future budget processes taking into consideration financial constraints and associated levels of risk.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris

Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council

- a) adopt the *George Town Stormwater System Management Plan Part A: Catchment Modelling Report*,
- b) receive the *George Town Stormwater System Management Plan Part B: Flood Mitigation Options for High Risk Residential Areas*; and
- c) consider flood mitigation measures as part of future budget processes taking into consideration financial constraints and associated levels of risk.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 8/0

10. CORPORATE AND FINANCE

Nil.

11. COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

022/20 11.1 LAUREL HOUSE APPLICATION FOR FEE REMISSION

Cr Brooks left the meeting at 7.09 pm.

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager – Mr S. Power

REPORT DATE: 31 January 2020

FILE NO: 55.22

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Authorises the General Manager to negotiate fee remissions with Laurel House for the use of Council owned facilities to values above the amounts available under the Community Assistance Policy, taking into consideration service demand and local community benefit for the 2020 calendar year;
2. Requests Laurel House to apply for fee remissions beyond 2020.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Dawson

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1. Authorises the General Manager to negotiate fee remissions with Laurel House for the use of Council owned facilities to values above the amounts available under the Community Assistance Policy, taking into consideration service demand and local community benefit for the 2020 calendar year;
2. Requests Laurel House to apply for fee remissions beyond 2020.

VOTING

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Barraclough, Cr Barwick, Cr Dawson,
Cr Harris, Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0

Cr Brooks returned to the meeting at 7.12 pm

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12. MAYOR

023/20 12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT –MAYOR

FILE NO.: 14.11

REPORT DATE: 17th February, 2020

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
January	26	Hosted the Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony
	28	Met with delegation from China re Bell Bay with the General Manager
	28	Chaired Council Workshop
	28	Chaired Ordinary Council meeting
	29	Attended staff meeting
	29	Radio interview at Tamar FM
	29	Met with resident re Lighthouse proposal
February	5	Radio interview with ABC
	6	Attended Brand Tasmania workshop
	6	Attended George Town Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting
	7	Attended Bushfire Fundraising Morning Tea
	7	Attended South32 Round table meeting
	8	Attended Dog'z Day Out
	9	Presented to Hillwood residents/Progress Association roadshow with the General Manager
	10	Attended Healthy George Town meeting
	10	Met with representatives from Bass and Flinders with the General Manager
	10	Attended a tour of Neighbourhood House
	11	Chaired Council Workshop
	11	Attended public consultation of Regent Square Master Plan
	12	Met with Acting General Manager of Workforce Development & Training Branch (Skills Tasmania) with the General Manager
	13	Met with resident re Housing issue
	13	Met with representatives from Paddington Property Group with the General Manager
	13	Met with CEO and Chairman of TNT with the General Manager
14	Met with delegation from Japan and representatives from the Office of the Coordinator General and the General Manager	
Deputy Mayor Cr Tim Harris		
February	11	Attended the Tamar NRM Get Together re 2019 Tasmanian Landcare Awards

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

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023/20 12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT –MAYOR

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

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

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 8/0

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13. GENERAL MANAGER

024/20 13.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager – Mr S. Power

REPORT DATE: 20th January, 2020

FILE NO: 14.10

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops – 28th January and 11th February 2020 from the General Manager.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris

Seconded: Cr Michieletto

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops – 28th January and 11th February 2020 from the General Manager.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 8/0

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025/20 13.2 GREATER LAUNCESTON TRANSPORT VISION AND WORK PLAN

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager, Mr S. Power

REPORT DATE: 3 February 2020

FILE NO: 11.6

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. endorses the exhibition of the *Greater Launceston Transport Vision* and the *Greater Launceston Transport Vision Work Plan* for community consultation and seek community feedback over a period of four weeks.
2. endorses the use of an independent host site for the *Greater Launceston Transport Vision* and the *Greater Launceston Transport Vision Work Plan* community consultation process to provide a single contact point for the Greater Launceston community.
3. notes that copies of the *Greater Launceston Transport Vision* and the *Greater Launceston Transport Vision Work Plan* is available to Councillors on request to the General Manager under s 28D of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
4. endorses the release of the *Greater Launceston Transport Vision* and the *Greater Launceston Transport Vision Work Plan* to the public as part of a regional local government and State launch event planned for February or March 2020.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Dawson

Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council:

1. endorses the exhibition of the *Greater Launceston Transport Vision* and the *Greater Launceston Transport Vision Work Plan* for community consultation and seek community feedback over a period of four weeks.
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025/20 13.2 GREATER LAUNCESTON TRANSPORT VISION AND WORK PLAN

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 8/0

026/20 13.3 ADOPTION OF REGENT SQUARE MASTER PLAN

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager – Mr S. Power

REPORT DATE: 14th February 2020

FILE NO: 53.8

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Regent Square Master Plan Issue C, dated 13 February 2020 as presented in attachment 1; accepting
 - I. the future location of the rotunda may be subject to further discussion and result in a change to the plan; and
 - II. elements and positions of features within the plan may be subject to change following detailed design.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes

Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

1. Endorse the Regent Square Master Plan Issue C, dated 13 February 2020 as presented in attachment 1; accepting
 - I. the future location of the rotunda may be subject to further discussion and result in a change to the plan; and
 - II. elements and positions of features within the plan may be subject to change following detailed design.

That Cr Barwick requested Standing Orders be suspended. The Chair did not accept the request.

FORESHADOW MOTION

Moved: Cr Brooks

That Council:

1. Endorse the Regent Square Master Plan Issue C, dated 13 February 2020 as presented in attachment 1;
 - I. the rotunda is retained in its current location identified as option A; and
 - II. other elements and positions of features within the plan may be subject to change following detailed design.

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026/20 13.3 ADOPTION OF REGENT SQUARE MASTER PLAN (CONT.)

MOTION

Moved: Cr Parkes
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

1. Endorse the Regent Square Master Plan Issue C, dated 13 February 2020 as presented in attachment 1; accepting
 - I. the future location of the rotunda may be subject to further discussion and result in a change to the plan; and
 - II. elements and positions of features within the plan may be subject to change following detailed design.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Michieletto

That the motion be put.

For: Cr Barwick Cr Harris, Cr Michieletto, Cr Kieser

Against: Cr Brooks, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson, Cr Parkes

MOTION LOST 4/4

MOTION

Moved: Cr Parkes
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

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 - I. the future location of the rotunda may be subject to further discussion and result in a change to the plan; and
 - II. elements and positions of features within the plan may be subject to change following detailed design.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Dawson
Seconded: Cr Barwick

That Council:

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026/20 13.3 ADOPTION OF REGENT SQUARE MASTER PLAN (CONT.)

- I. The future location of the rotunda may not be subject to further discussion and stays in its current location; and
- II. elements and positions of features within the plan may be subject to change following detailed design.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8.09 pm to clarify Meeting Procedures.

The Chair resumed the meeting at 8.18 pm.

The Chair cautioned the gallery LG (MP) R 41 (1) at 8.24 pm.

VOTING

For: Cr Barwick, Cr Dawson, Cr Michieletto

Against: Cr Brook, Cr Harris, Cr Kieser, Cr Barraclough, Cr Parkes

MOTION LOST 3/5

MOTION

Moved: Cr Parkes

Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

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 - II. elements and positions of features within the plan may be subject to change following detailed design.

Point of order called 8.27 pm Cr Barwick against the Chair re LG (MP) R 23 (1) (c)

The Chair did not accept the point of order raised by Cr Barwick.

VOTING

For: Cr Harris, Cr Parkes, Cr Kieser, Cr Michieletto

Against: Cr Barraclough, Cr Barwick, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson

MOTION LOST 4/4

FORESHADOWED MOTION

Moved: Cr Brooks

Seconded: Cr Michieletto

That Council:

1. Endorse the Regent Square Master Plan Issue C, dated 13 February 2020 as presented in attachment 1;

026/20 13.3 ADOPTION OF REGENT SQUARE MASTER PLAN (CONT.)

- I. the rotunda is retained in its current location identified as option A; and
- II. other elements and positions of features within the plan may be subject to change following detailed design.

The Chair cautioned the gallery LG (MP) R 41 (1) at 8.35 pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the motion be put.

VOTING

For: Cr Barraclough, Cr Barwick, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson,
Cr Harris, Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes

Against: Cr Kieser (*abstained*)

CARRIED 7/1

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

Moved: Cr Brooks
Seconded: Cr Michieletto

That Council:

1. Endorse the Regent Square Master Plan Issue C, dated 13 February 2020 as presented in attachment 1;

- I. the rotunda is retained in its current location identified as option A; and
- II. other elements and positions of features within the plan may be subject to change following detailed design.

VOTING

For: Cr Barraclough, Cr Barwick, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson,
Cr Harris, Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes

Against: Cr Kieser

CARRIED 7/1

14. PETITIONS

Through the Chair the General Manager advised that a petition had been received and presented to the General Manager under Local Government Act 1995 Part 6, Division 1, 57 relating to the retainment of the rotunda in Regent Square and will be made available at the next Ordinary Council meeting on the 24th March, 2020.

15. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

16. 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."]*

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17. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

027/20 17.1 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE MEETING

REPORT AUTHOR: Executive Support & Governance Officer – Ms L. Dickenson

REPORT DATE: 21st January, 2020

FILE NO: 14.7

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the minutes of the 20th January 2020 as an accurate record of that meeting.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Brooks

Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council accept the minutes of the 20th January 2020 as an accurate record of that meeting.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 8/0

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028/20 17.2 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

REPORT AUTHOR: Executive Support and Governance Officer – Ms L. Dickenson

REPORT DATE: 17th February, 2020

FILE NO: 22.24

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the minutes of the 3rd December, 2019 as an accurate record of that meeting (attached).

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That Council accepts the minutes of the 3rd December, 2019 as an accurate record of that meeting (attached).

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 8/0

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Cr Barwick left the meeting at 8.50 pm.

18. CLOSED MEETING

029/20 18.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That Council move into closed meeting at 8.50 pm to discuss the following item:

Item 1 Minutes of the closed ordinary Council meeting held on the 17th December, 2019 and Minutes of the closed ordinary Council meeting held on the 28th January, 2020

As per the provisions of regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

VOTING

For: Cr Barraclough, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson, Cr Kieser
Cr Harris, Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0

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031/20 18.3 OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 regulation 15(8) while in a closed meeting the Council is to consider whether any discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to that closed meeting are to be kept confidential or released to the public, taking into account privacy and confidentiality issues.

DECISION

Moved: Barraclough
Seconded: Harris

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting at 8.52 pm and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Meeting and the information remains Confidential.

VOTING

For: Cr Barraclough, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson, Cr Kieser
Cr Harris, Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Cr Greg Kieser
MAYOR