

**George Town Council**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**  
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**Meeting Commenced at 1.00 pm**

**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.*

**AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The public is advised that it is **Council Policy** to record the proceedings of meetings of Council on digital media to assist in the preparation of minutes, and to clarify any queries relating to the Minutes that is raised during a subsequent meeting under the section "Confirmation of Minutes".

The recording does not replace the written minutes and a transcript of the recording will not be prepared.

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

In accordance with the requirements of Council's Audio Recording of Council Meetings Policy No. 40, members of the public are not permitted to make audio recordings of Council meetings.

*In accordance with the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, Part 4, Section 18, and as given notice by the Premier of Tasmania, Peter Gutwein, under the same act and published in the Tasmanian Government Gazette No. 21 963, 3 April 2020, this meeting is being held face to face with limitation on public attendance to maintain social distancing.*

*All questions must be in writing from the public and Council will be allowing a maximum of 10 persons into the Ordinary Council meeting. You must pre-register to attend this meeting of Council.*

*All documents presented, and recordings (audio) of this meeting are made available to the public in accordance with the above act and notice, and the standard applicable provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, and Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

**1. PRESENT**

Mayor Greg Kieser, Chairperson  
Cr Tim Harris, Deputy Mayor  
Cr Heather Barwick  
Cr Justine Brooks  
Cr Greg Dawson  
Cr Winston Mason  
Cr Peter Parkes

**1.1 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Chris Barraclough  
Manager People, Performance & Governance – Mr B Daire

**1.2 IN ATTENDANCE**

General Manager – Mr S. Power  
Manager Liveable & Connected Communities – Ms M. Bennett  
Manager Development & Environment – Mr R. Cassidy  
Manager Infrastructure & Works – Mr D. Richardson  
Executive Support and Governance Officer – Ms L. Dickenson

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**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**001/21 2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Mason  
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 numbered 198/20 to 206/20 and 209/20 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings (attached).

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Barwick, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson, Cr Mason, Cr Parkes

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 7/0 UNANIMOUS**

*Cr Barwick, on behalf of Council thanked Ms Madson for her efforts and assistance in the role of minute taking.*

**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.*

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*Due to restrictions in place during the COVID19 pandemic as enabled through the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, public question time will be conducted in the following manner.*

*George Town Council will be allowing only members of the public that have submitted an objection to a planning matter (priority attendance) and questions from the public to a maximum of 10 persons (to maintain social distancing) into the Ordinary meeting of Council.*

*All questions must be in writing to avoid the use of the microphone.*

*Council will accept all other written questions which will be asked and responded to at the meeting. These questions will be recorded in Council's minutes and will be available on the audio recording.*

*You must pre-register to attend this meeting of Council.*

**4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil.

### **4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Commenced at: 1.03 pm  
Concluded at: 1.06 pm

#### **Mrs Rainbow**

- Q1. Refer Meeting Minutes in December 2020, Page 11 – That the report does not report how many additional disability parking spaces are added or available yet there are for pram spaces which are the closest to the building. Is Council preferencing prams before those with a disability?

*Through the Chair the General Manager advised that without the plans in front of him, no specific comment can be provided on the parking spaces or provisions made available to disability parking but there is no Council policy to favour parking for parents with prams over disabled.*

*Cr Brooks through the Chair to the General Manager asked if the General Manager could confirm that information about disability parking is included in Council's policy which is under 5 Carparking Construction aimed to comply with off street parking policy is already covered but parking with a pram is not.*

*The Chair advised Mrs Rainbow that this question will be taken on notice.*

- Q2. Mrs Rainbow advised that she had not found any age limit requirements posted on the newly constructed playground equipment. Are there any going to be posted?

*The Chair advised that this question will be taken on notice.*



**4.4 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.”)*

Nil.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**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**

Nil.

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**8. OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER**

**002/21 8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – DECEMBER 2020/JANUARY 2021**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** General Manager – Mr S. Power

**REPORT DATE:** 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

**FILE NO:** 14.10

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 from the General Manager.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Dawson

Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 from the General Manager.

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Barwick, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson, Cr Mason, Cr Parkes

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 7/0 UNANIMOUS**

**9. DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT**

Nil.

**10. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**003/21 10.1 BELLBUOY BEACH ROAD SPEED REVIEW, BELLBUOY BEACH**

*The Manager Infrastructure and Works entered the meeting at 1.08 pm.*

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Manager Works & Infrastructure, Mr David Richardson

**REPORT DATE:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**FILE NO:** 13.7

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Recommend the Transport Commission to approve:
  - i. A 50km per hour Area Speed Zone on Bellbuoy Beach Road including the Tekaro Place junction, and
  - ii. An 80km per hour speed zone in Bellbuoy Beach Road from Old Aerodrome Road to the start of the proposed 50km per hour zone.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Harris  
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Recommend the Transport Commission to approve:
  - i. A 50km per hour Area Speed Zone on Bellbuoy Beach Road including the Tekaro Place junction, and
  - ii. An 80km per hour speed zone in Bellbuoy Beach Road from Old Aerodrome Road to the start of the proposed 50km per hour zone.

*Cr Andrew Michieletto entered the meeting at 1.11 pm.*

*The Chair disclosed that he is a resident of Bellbuoy Beach area at 1.18 pm.*

*Cr Barwick called a Point of Order at 1.24 pm against Cr Harris asking if Cr Harris was summoning up LG(MP)R 23(1)(c) the councillor is of the opinion that a meeting procedure is contrary to the Act or these regulations.*

*The Chair stated that Cr Harris could speak to the motion in his closing statement.*

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**003/21 10.1 BELLBUOY BEACH ROAD SPEED REVIEW, BELLBUOY BEACH (CONT.)**

**VOTING**

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

Against: Cr Barwick

**CARRIED 7/1**

*The Manager Infrastructure and Works left the meeting at 1.25 pm.*

**11. CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE**

Nil.



**12. LIVEABLE & CONNECTED COMMUNITIES**

Nil.

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**13. MAYOR**

**004/21 13.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT –MAYOR**

**FILE NO.:** 14.11

**REPORT DATE:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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<b>Mayor Cr Greg Kieser</b>		
<b>December</b>	10	Attended South George Town Primary School Presentation Assembly
	10	Attended Healthy George Town Working Group Meeting via Zoom
	11	Attended Northern Tasmania Regional Collaboration Framework
	11	Attended George Town Sub Branch RSL meeting
	11	Attended George Town's Christmas Parade
	14	Met with developer, Mr E Stewart
	14	Attended Launceston Business Fibre Zone (NBN) - Roundtable with Minister for Communications Paul Fletcher MP
	14	Attended Star of the Sea Catholic College Grade 10 Graduation Dinner
	15	Attended Prime Minister's breakfast
	15	Chaired Council Workshop and Council Meeting
	16	Attended all staff meeting
	16	Tamar FM Interview
	17	Attended Breakfast with Premier, Minister Barnett and Hydrogen proponents
	17	Met with residents
	17	Attended Star of the Sea Catholic College Junior K-9 Presentations for Mayor's Award
	17	Attended media event: Mountain Bike Trail project commences and Regent Square Playground Stage Two official opening with Federal Bass Member, Bridget Archer
	18	Attended George Town Council's Christmas event
	21	Met with Coordinator of George Town Trade Training Centre
	21	Met with representatives of Ampol regarding potential hydrogen development plans in Bell Bay
	<b>January</b>	22
12		Chaired Council Workshop
12		Met with developers regarding potential solar investment
13		Attended FILT Launchpad Business Planning Session with Van Diemen Project CEO
	15	Met with Woodside CEO and delegation

*Note: the Mayor has maintained regular contact with the General Manager and key staff to keep abreast of and respond to the COVID-19 crisis.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**004/21     13.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT – MAYOR (CONT.)**

**DECISION**

Moved:            Cr Parkes  
Seconded:        Cr Dawson

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

*The Chair, advised that it was an unfortunate event where at the Australia Day flag raising ceremony the Aboriginal flag was regrettably raised upside down which was rectified.*

*Cr Parkes thanked the Navy Cadets and Council staff on a wonderful Australia Day event.*

**VOTING**

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

Against:        Nil.

**CARRIED 8/0 UNANIMOUS**

**14. PETITIONS**

Nil.

**15. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Nil.

**16. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE**

*[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.

**17. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**005/21 17.1 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**REPORT DATE:** 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020

**FILE NO:** 14.7

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accept the confirmed minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 as an accurate record of that meeting.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Brooks  
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council accept the Confirmed minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 as an accurate record of that meeting.

*The Chair thanked the Placemaking Committee for the painting of the toilet block and remarked how good it looks.*

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 8/0 UNANIMOUS**

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**18. CLOSED MEETING**

**006/21 18.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Parkes  
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council move into closed meeting at 1.35 pm to discuss the following items:

<b>Agenda Item 18.2 Minutes of the closed ordinary Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020</b>
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As per the provisions of regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

**REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL**

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 8/0 UNANIMOUS**



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**008/21 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: Cr Mason  
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting at 1.40 pm and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Meeting and the information remains Confidential.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 8/0 UNANIMOUS**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.40 pm.

**Cr Greg Kieser  
MAYOR**