

George Town Council
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Meeting Commencing 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 remotely. All documents presented, and recordings (both visual and 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

1.1 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28TH JULY 2020

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 28th July 2020 numbered 104/20 to 117/20 and 120/20 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings (attached).

VOTING

For:

Against:

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3. LATE ITEMS

Nil.

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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.

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

Questions With Notice

Up to two (2) questions per person with notice can be submitted by email to council@georgetown.tas.gov.au by Monday 5.00 pm seven (7) days prior to the Ordinary meeting. These questions, if accepted, will be published in the Agenda.

Questions Without Notice

Up to two (2) questions per person without notice can be submitted by email to council@georgetown.tas.gov.au by Monday 5.00 pm one (1) day prior to the Ordinary meeting. These questions, if accepted, will be submitted to the Chair in order of acceptance.

Questions with or without notice will be read out by the Chair at the meeting and will be answered or taken on notice. These questions will be recorded in Council's minutes and an electronic recording of the Ordinary meeting will be available on Council's website for public viewing.

4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Ms D. Rainbow, George Town

1/ In the meeting of council on Feb 25th 2020 I requested a response to my question about the council manager swearing at me?

I did not receive an answer, so I would like this read and addressed.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at:

Concluded at:

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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.”)

Mr J. Glisson, Low Head



Our Ref: 14.15

3rd August, 2020

Mr John Glisson

Dear Mr Glisson,

RE: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 28TH JULY 2020 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Thank you for your question you submitted to the 28th July, 2020 Ordinary Council meeting. Your question was read out at the meeting and a complete recording of your question and response can be found on Council's website www.georgetown.tas.gov.au

Your question was:

Q1. Mayor and Councillors,

My question to the July Ordinary Council meeting is;

Can you please explain to the ratepayers of George Town why council has failed to utilise section 76 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act and in doing so saved the Ratepayers more than \$200,000 in legal fees and charges.

Clearly in the case between the Council and the self proclaimed whistleblower, Mr. Graeme Neilsen the cost of recovery is more than triple the debt.

Council claims that Mr Neilsen owes the ratepayers approx. \$60,000 the Legal Fees and Charges are now more than \$200,000.

If this is considered in tandem with the advice received by council from its legal advisors that Mr Neilsen is impecunious to the claim of council, then Section 76 (1) (a) also should be considered.

76. Writing off bad debts

- (1) A council may write off any debts owed to the council –
 - (a) if there are no reasonable prospects of recovering the debt; or
 - (b) if the costs of recovery are likely to equal or exceed the amount to be recovered.
- (2) A council must not write off a debt unless the general manager has certified –
 - (a) that reasonable attempts have been made to recover the debt; or
 - (b) that the costs of recovery are likely to equal or exceed the amount to be recovered.

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

Response

This question has been asked previously and Council refers you to the March 2020 minutes for the response. Council will not be diverting time and resources to questions relating to this matter any further.

Yours sincerely



Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

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



14th August, 2020

Mr Phil Hawksley

Email: _____

Dear Mr Hawksley,

RE: PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 28TH JULY 2020

Thank you for your questions that you submitted to the 28th July 2020 Ordinary Council meeting where you asked the following:

1. Will Council consider a reduction of the existing 60 kmh to 40 or 50 kmh, in the Bellbuoy Beach area, in line with most other similar communities?
2. Will Council consider the installation of strategically placed speed humps on Bellbuoy Beach Road?

Data collection and analysis of traffic behavior is required to demonstrate the warrants for the change of a speed limit and/or installation of major traffic management devices, as part of an application to the Department of State Growth and the Commissioner for Transport who are the relevant authority to approve speed limit changes.

Speed limits are reviewed by:

- Safety concerns
- Crash history
- The condition of the road
- What the road is used for
- How many people use the road
- Whether it is used by vulnerable road users, such as cyclists and pedestrians
- The number of accesses and intersections
- Compliance with AustRoads and engineering standards.

Council will commence the process of traffic monitoring and data collection shortly. If you have any queries regarding the process; please contact the Manager Infrastructure & Works Mr David Richardson on (03) 6382 8800 or email council@georgetown.tas.gov.au.

Again, I thank you for your question and Council will keep you informed on the progress of application for a reduction of the speed limit and/or speed humps on Bellbuoy Beach Road.

Yours sincerely,

**Shane Power
General Manager**

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5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – JULY/AUGUST 2020

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager – Mr S. Power

REPORT DATE: 13th August, 2020

FILE NO: 14.10

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a record of workshops held in accordance with the requirements of Section 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

DATE AND PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP HELD

TUESDAY 28TH JULY, 2020

- Update on Building and Planning applications
- Update on Capital Works
- Governance Issues
- Healthy George Town Presentation
- Legal Aid Presentation

Present: Mayor Kieser, Deputy Mayor Harris, Cr Barwick, Cr Barraclough, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes

Apologies: Nil

In Attendance: General Manager, Manager Corporate Services & Finance, Manager Development Services & Environment, Manager Works & Infrastructure, Manager People, Performance & Governance, Manager Liveable & Connected Communities, Executive Support & Governance Officer

Guests: Council's Community Development Officer
Representative from Legal Aid

TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST, 2020

- Draft Ordinary Minutes of Council held 28th July, 2020
- Sport and Recreation Strategy
- George Town Complex Masterplan
- Sponsorship Applications Launceston Triathlon Club and Tour of Tasmania
- Resumption of Face to Face meetings
- IT Strategy Presentation
- Advocacy Projects
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program
- Strategic Asset Update
- Governance Issues

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8.3 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – JULY/AUGUST 2020 (CONT.)

Present: Mayor Kieser, Deputy Mayor Harris, Cr Barwick, Cr Barraclough, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson, Cr Mason, Cr Michieletto, Cr Parkes

Apologies: Nil

In Attendance: General Manager, Manager Corporate Services & Finance, Manager Development Services & Environment, Manager Works & Infrastructure, Manager People, Performance & Governance, Manager Liveable & Connected Communities, Executive Support & Governance Officer

Guest: IT Consultant

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops 28th July, 2020 and 11th August, 2020 from the General Manager.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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8.2 NRM NORTH GROUP A ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager – Mr S. Power

REPORT DATE: 13th August 2020

FILE NO: 14.35

ATTACHMENT: Nil.

SUMMARY

To consider the nomination of a Council representative to the NRM North Association 'Group A' Representation.

BACKGROUND

Natural resource management (NRM) refers to the management of natural resources such as land, water, soil, plants and animals with a particular focus on how management affects the quality of life for both present and future generations.

The regional model for natural resource management has been established all over Australia. It complements all the ongoing NRM work undertaken by federal, state and local governments, individuals, groups and businesses.

In Tasmania, the regional approach operates under the Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Act (2002). The Act established a framework that includes the Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Council, which advises the minister on NRM issues; and three regional committees, their main role being to develop and implement an NRM strategy for their region.

The Federal Government is involved through a number of national funding programs, most of which are undertaken in cooperation with the states.

NRM North works with the community to care for our natural resources - our water, land, seas and biodiversity. NRM North is one of three formally recognised natural resource management organisations in Tasmania and one of 56 across Australia. The NRM North region covers the sub-regions of Tamar, Break O'Day, Northern Midlands, Dorset, Flinders Island and Meander. Some of our key initiatives include management of our waterways through the Tamar Estuary and Esk Rivers (TEER) Program, property management planning (PMP) and environmental works with private landholders, assisting smallholders through the Small Farm Living Program and management of high priority weeds." (source: <https://www.nrmnorth.org.au/whats-nrm>).

The Annual General Meeting of NRM North is scheduled for the 23rd September 2020 and the NRM North constitution requires that prior to each Annual General Meeting, 'Group A' organisations such as Council re-nominate their representative on the Association.

The criterion for Representatives and Proxies is that the nominated member must be an elected representative or a person within a senior role in Council. 'Group A' organisations must be financial members for their representative/s to have voting rights, the cost of which is \$20.00 per financial year.

8.2 NRM NORTH ASSOCIATION ‘GROUP A’ – REPRESENTATIVE

Council’s representative to the Association is required to attend the AGM and invited to attend strategic meetings and events throughout the year. Proxy’s can now be nominated on a meeting by meeting basis.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Future Direction 4. Leadership and accountable governance:

A culture of engagement and participation; planning and regulatory responsibilities; working relationships and collaborations; change management and accountability.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

No risks are identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Annual membership fee of \$20.00.

OFFICER’S COMMENTS

At the 27th August 2019 Ordinary Council meeting, Council appointed Cr Harris as Council’s Group A representative.

Council is entitled to one representative on the Group and this representative can either be a Councillor or a senior staff member. It is suggested that Council appoints a Councillor as the representative for NRM North Association “Group A”.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Appoints Councillor.....as the George Town Council representative on the NRM North Association ‘Group A’ Representation.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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8.3 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

REPORT AUTHOR:	General Manager, Mr S. Power
REPORT DATE:	11 th August 2020
FILE NO:	13.7
ATTACHMENT:	(A) Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Guidelines (B) Ten Year Road Upgrade Program (C) East Beach Shelter Concept Plan (D) Trevor Street Extension preliminary design

SUMMARY

This report provides Council with a number of projects to consider completing in 2020/2021 utilising funding under the Commonwealth Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

BACKGROUND

On 22 May 2020 the federal government announced a new \$500 million Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI Program). The program is designed to assist communities to recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic through increased investment in local roads and community infrastructure projects.

On 27 July 2020, the General Manager executed a deed of agreement between Council and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications for a grant amount of \$333,105.

The intended outcomes of the LRCI Program are to:

- provide stimulus to protect and create local short-term employment opportunities through funded projects following the impacts of the COVID-19; and
- deliver benefits to communities, such as improved road safety, accessibility and visual amenity.

The grant guidelines (attachment 1) provide the following for consideration of eligible projects:

Eligible local road projects are projects that involve the construction or maintenance of roads managed by local governments. Local governments are encouraged to consider how works can support improved road safety outcomes. This could include projects involving any of the following associated with a road:

- traffic signs;
- traffic control equipment;
- street lighting equipment;
- a bridge or tunnel;
- a facility off the road used by heavy vehicles in connection with travel on the road (for example, a rest area or weigh station);

8.3 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (CONT.)

- facilities off the road that support the visitor economy; and
- road and sidewalk maintenance, where additional to normal capital works schedules.

Eligible community infrastructure projects are projects that involve the construction, maintenance and/or improvements to council-owned assets (including natural assets) that are generally accessible to the public. Projects that involve the construction, maintenance and/or improvements to state/territory and crown owned land/assets and Commonwealth owned land/assets, can also be eligible projects where the Council can confirm that they have the authority of the land or asset owner to undertake the project at the nominated site(s) and the sites are accessible to the public (including natural assets). These projects must deliver benefits to the community, such as improved accessibility, visual amenity, and/or safety. Examples of eligible works include:

- Closed Circuit TV (CCTV);
- bicycle and walking paths;
- painting or improvements to community facilities;
- repairing and replacing fencing;
- improved accessibility of community facilities and areas;
- landscaping improvements, such as tree planting and beautification of roundabouts;
- picnic shelters or barbeque facilities at community parks;
- playgrounds and skate parks (including all ability playgrounds);
- noise and vibration mitigation measures; and
- off-road car parks (such as those at sporting grounds or parks).

STRATEGIC PLAN

Options presented in this report collectively align with each of the four Future Directions within Council's Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030.

1. Community pride: inclusion and engagement; built environment; reputation building; communications; safety and security; responsive emergency services.

2. Prosperity for all in all aspects of life: economic development and diversification; employment growth; employability skills; population growth; education, learning and training; tourism and supporting businesses and events; healthy, active communities; natural landscapes and values; community building.

3. Progressive well-resourced communities: recreational and sporting opportunities; strategic plans for all communities; public infrastructure; social infrastructure; diverse volunteering base; community celebrations.

4. Leadership and accountable governance: a culture of engagement and participation; planning and regulatory responsibilities; working relationships and collaborations; change management and accountability.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Councils Code for Tendering and Contracts prescribes the procurement process in which Council will adhere in procuring goods and services associated with its chosen project/s under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

8.3 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (CONT.)

The grant deed of agreement sets out the requirements of Council in selecting, delivering and acquitting its chosen project/s under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

With a state-wide increase in economic activity including in the building and civil construction industries there is a risk of project delay due to contractor unavailability. It is recommended that Council go to market as soon as practical to identify and mitigate such risk.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding allocations for the LRCI Program have been calculated using a similar method to how the Roads to Recovery Program and the road component of the Financial Assistance Grants are distributed.

This formula takes into consideration road length and population and is based on recommendations of state based Local Government Grants Commissions.

Any investment in new infrastructure must consider implications on the Long-Term Financial Plan and including depreciation and maintenance of new assets. Estimated growth in rate revenue from industrial developments is considered sufficient to accommodate depreciation and maintenance of new infrastructure to the approximate value of \$330,000, including any infrastructure requiring frequent maintenance such as cleaning and waste collection.

CONSULTATION

Consultation to date has been limited to Council workshop held on the 11th August, 2020.

OPTIONS

Council has multiple options to consider for the allocation of the funding including bringing forward planned capital works and/or financing new initiatives or unfunded priority projects.

This can include (but not limited to):

- Trevor Street Extension (deferred from 20/21 this project is scoped and costed)
- East Beach All Abilities Recreation Area (concept designed and costed)
- Dalrymple Road (bring forward capital program)
- Hillwood Football club lighting
- Implementation of Interpretation Strategy concepts

Each of these projects have merit in that are aligned with Council's Community Strategic Plan and have been either requested by community or council.

It is the view of the General Manager that Council consider using the funding from the LRCI Program to invest in the development of the East Beach All Abilities Recreation Area. The General Manager has reached this view considering proposed road projects have been budgeted for in ensuing years as per Councils Ten Year Road Upgrade Program (attached) and taking into consideration pending grant applications for sporting infrastructure at Hillwood Sports Reserve.

8.3 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (CONT.)

OFFICER’S COMMENTS

East Beach All Abilities Recreation Area represents an all-inclusive community asset that activates a dormant site previously occupied by a surf lifesaving club. This project will add to the recreational and tourism offerings of the municipality.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. approves the development of the East Beach All Abilities Recreation Area through the funding from Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

8.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT PANEL – DETERMINATION REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager, Mr S. Power

REPORT DATE: 20th August, 2020

FILE NO: 14.25

ATTACHMENT/S: Local Government Code of Conduct Panel Determination Report

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to table the Local Government Code of Conduct Panel's Determination Report relating to a Code of Conduct complaint lodged by Cr Heather Barwick against Cr Greg Kieser.

BACKGROUND

A Code of Conduct complaint dated 10th January 2020 was lodged by Cr Heather Barwick against Cr Greg Kieser and provided to the General Manager of the George Town Council on 13th January 2020.

On the 14th January 2020 and in accordance with s.28Z(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), the General Manager referred the complaint to the Code of Conduct Panel (the Panel) by providing it to the Executive Officer of the Panel.

The Panel met on 24th April 2020 to consider the complaint and determined in accordance with s.28ZG (2)(a) and (b) that the complaint would be investigated by the Panel.

On the 19th August, 2020, Council received advice from the Panel that in accordance with s.28ZK (2) of the Act the Panel had made its determination in relation to the complaint lodged by Cr Heather Barwick against Cr Greg Kieser, enclosing a copy of the Determination Report.

The Determination Report outlined:

1. Summary of the Complaint;
2. Investigation;
3. Summary of Hearing;
4. Determination (complaint upheld);
5. Reasons for Determination;
6. Sanctions;
7. Reasons for Delayed Determination; and
8. Right to Review.

**8.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT PANEL – DETERMINATION REPORT
(CONT.)**

LEGISLATION & POLICY

- Section 28 Local Government Act 1993
- George Town Council Code of Conduct (adopted 21 January 2019)

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

There are no risks recognised in Council receiving and noting the report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with s.28O of the Act, any remuneration and allowances payable to members of the Code of Conduct Panel in relation to a code of conduct complaint and its investigation and determination are payable by the relevant council.

Accordingly, George Town Council will refund Cr Heather Barwick the full lodgement fee of \$81.00 and Council has yet to be invoiced from the Local Government Code of Conduct Panel.

OFFICER'S COMMENT

Under s.28ZK of the Act, if the General Manager receives a Determination Report but no addendum, the General Manager is to ensure that a copy of the Determination Report is tabled at the first meeting of the relevant Council at which it is practicable to do so and which is open to the public. No addendum was attached to the Determination Report.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the Local Government Code of Conduct Panel's Determination Report attached to this report and relating to the Code of Conduct complaint against Councillor Greg Kieser; and
- b) Notes the tabling of the Determination Report in accordance with s.28ZK(4) of the Local Government Act 1993.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

9. DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Nil.

10. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil.

11. CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE

Nil.

12. LIVEABLE & CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

12.1 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION TOUR OF TASMANIA

REPORT AUTHOR: Community Development Officer - Mrs R. O'Sign

REPORT DATE: 19th August 2020

FILE NO: 23.2

ATTACHMENTS: (A) Sponsorship Application: Tour of Tasmania
(B) GTR Events Sponsorship Application
(C) COVID-19 Planning Documentation
(D) Events Budget

SUMMARY

Council at its meeting 28 January 2020, endorsed the newly created Sponsorship Policy (attachment 2). The development of the policy was in response to a request from Council to separate Sponsorship Policy (events) from the Community Assistance Policy (infrastructure and projects).

The Sponsorship Policy provides for applications to be submitted to Council by organisations to seek sponsorship funding that will assist in the hosting of events in the George Town municipality.

An application from GTR Events seeking sponsorship for the Tour of Tasmania event has been received and is presented within for Council consideration.

The initial application was considered by Council at its meeting 28 July 2020 where Council determined to decline the sponsorship application. Council decision was in accord with the officer's recommendation to decline the application. The officer's recommendation was based on an evaluation of economic benefit where it was considered that the return on investment was not proportionate to the amount being requested. The applicant was provided this feedback and has since resubmitted an application for sponsorship with requesting 50% of the original financial contribution sought from Council.

Consequently, this report now recommends Council approval to award sponsorship to GTR Events to host Stage 1 of the 2020 Tour of Tasmania in George Town, and provides sponsorship of \$2,500, plus in kind support to the value of \$500 to assist with costs associated with hosting the event.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Future direction (2) Prosperity for all in all aspects of life:

Healthy, active communities

Future direction (3) Progressive well-resourced communities:

Community celebrations build the areas reputation

12.1 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION TOUR OF TASMANIA (CONT.)

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Council's Policy GTC 22 Sponsorship sets out the criteria in which applications are to be considered as follows;

Economic 25%

Ability of the proposed project/event to contribute to a measurable economic benefit in the George Town municipal area. The capacity to provide opportunities for local businesses to leverage the event.

Tourism 25%

Ability of the project/event to increase visitation within the municipal area, or if the activity/event is held outside the municipality, it will provide direct tourism/economic benefits to the municipal area.

Marketing 20%

The degree to which the project/event proposes to increase the profile of the George Town municipality in a positive way.

Cultural 10%

Degree to which the project/event assists in the development of an inclusive and strong community and increases participation in municipal life for all.

Inspired 10%

The degree to which the project/event has a point of difference from existing project/events. The degree to which the project activates spaces in the city, particularly during quiet periods/seasonal and unused spaces.

Competency 10%

Demonstrated experience; compliance with and capacity to; manage the project/event and sponsorship requirements. The project must demonstrate financial viability.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council's adopted 2020/2021 budget includes an allocation of \$38,680. The approval of this application can be accommodated for within the budget.

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

Council has received an amended community sponsorship application from GTR Events seeking sponsorship of \$2,500 cash and In-kind support to the value of \$500 for one stage of the 2020 Spirit of Tasmania Cycling Tour.

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12.1 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION TOUR OF TASMANIA (CONT.)

ASSESSMENT

Criteria	Weighting	Officers Score/10	Weighted Score	Comment
Economic	25%	0.00	0.00	A report from the CommBank on local economic impact for the day prior to the event, on the day of the event, and the day post the event; showed that the event had zero economic impact for local traders.
Tourism	25%	1.00	25	Apart from the competitors and their support team there is little visitor economy engagement. Feedback from tourism partners is they feel this is not an effective use of sponsorship for GTC. This event struggles to engage communities throughout Tasmania, as it appeals to minority interests.
Marketing	20%	8.00	160	They have good marketing and social media coverage. Pre, during and post event exposure
Cultural	10%	4.00	40	Embraces the cycle lifestyle
Inspired	10%	5.00	50	Has potential to inspire youth and other to participate in road riding or cycling.
Competency	10%	7.00	70	Event delivery is above satisfactory
Totals	100%	21.00	345	

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Council's Community Development Officer has assessed this sponsorship application and has determined that event entity and event activity is an 'Appropriate Association' and 'Appropriate Activity', that poses minor risk to Council reputation.

The applicant has provided risk management plans that provide mitigation measures to eliminate or sufficiently reduce such risks.

Following the announcement by the Premier of Tasmania on Tuesday 18th August 2020, of the extended border closure until the 1st December 2020, the Officer contacted the applicant to ascertain the status of the event. The following information was provided to Council by the applicant, to give clarity surrounding the potential risk of the event not proceeding due to COVID-19.

1. Should the event be cancelled completely with no chance of postponement, due to force majeure or statutory regulation during the organising period up to the event dates, then GTR Events will return the funding provided by the George Town Council in full.
2. Should the event be postponed by Cycling Australia or GTR Events due to regulations making the event unviable either financially or in delivery, then an

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alternate date will be provided by Cycling Australia and the agreement between GTR Events and George Town Council will be held over until then.

3. In the case of postponement, GTR Events are happy not to invoice George Town Council until a confirmed date for event delivery is provided by Cycling Australia.

If the application is approved by Council, the above will form part of the Funding Agreement, which will be signed by both Council and the applicant prior to funds being allocated.

Accordingly, the overall risk to Council is considered minor.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Approve the sponsorship application by GTR Events to host Stage 1 of the 2020 Tour of Tasmania in George Town, providing sponsorship of \$2,500, plus in kind support to the value of \$500 to assist with costs associated with hosting the event;
2. Request officers to negotiate alternate sponsorship arrangements with GTR Events to host Stage 1 of the 2020 Tour of Tasmania in George Town; or
3. Not to sponsor GTR Events to host Stage 1 of the 2020 Tour of Tasmania in George Town.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

A leg of the Tour of Tasmania has been held in George Town for the past four years, the first as a stage finish; the last three as a stage start, commencing in Anne Street. In 2019, a large amount of work was undertaken by Council and GTR events to engage the local schools and the broader community, however it was disappointing that a low number of students and members of the community attend the event. The low level of engagement by the community has been recognised by the event organiser. Accordingly, this year they are proposing:

- Produce a more comprehensive schools program which will provide all levels of schools and educational institutions an opportunity for webinars for questions and answers with team members and operational crews prior to the event (full details in sponsorship application);
- To invite local cyclists to utilise the Tour infrastructure and participate in a "Bunch Ride". Participants will be able to meet at the stage start and ride for approximately one hour through a locally derived circuit. Upon return to the stage start, they will be able to have breakfast and/or a Q and A session with athletes and managers. This will allow the local community access "Into" the event, rather than simply being a spectator.

This year's event pending COVID-19 restrictions, is proposed to be held in George Town on the 10th December 2020, and is Stage 1 of this year's tour. The tour will commence in George Town with the Stage concluding at Grindelwald.

The applicant has reassessed their budget, with a sponsorship request to Council of \$2,500 cash and \$500 inkind (road closures for the event).

12.1 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION TOUR OF TASMANIA (CONT.)

Based on the assessment of this applications, in particularly on the delivery of the fundamental requirements ie promotional benefits for Council, community engagement and economic benefits and the requested investment, the Officer recommends that Council approve the application.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve the sponsorship application by GTR Events to host Stage 1 of the 2020 Tour of Tasmania in George Town, providing sponsorship of \$2,500, plus in kind support to the value of \$500 to assist with costs associated with hosting the event.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.2 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION LAUNCESTON TRIATHLON CLUB

REPORT AUTHOR: Community Development Officer - Mrs R. O'Sign

REPORT DATE: 19th August, 2020

FILE NO: 23.2

ATTACHMENTS: Sponsorship Application: Launceston Triathlon Club

SUMMARY

Council at its meeting 28 January 2020, endorsed the newly created Sponsorship Policy (attachment 2). The development of the policy was in response to a request from Council to separate Sponsorship Policy (events) from the Community Assistance Policy (infrastructure and projects).

The Sponsorship Policy provides for applications to be submitted to Council by organisations to seek sponsorship funding that will assist in the hosting of events in the George Town municipality.

An application from the Launceston Triathlon Club seeking sponsorship for an event has been received and was presented to Council for consideration at its meeting 28 July 2020 where Council determined to lay the report on the table until further details were provided. The details sought were to confirm the event configuration which has been confirmed that the triathlon will comprise three events over the one day. Subsequently, the application for sponsorship is presented to Council for re-consideration.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Future direction (2) Prosperity for all in all aspects of life:

Healthy, active communities

Future direction (3) Progressive well-resourced communities:

Community celebrations build the areas reputation

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Council's Policy GTC 22 Sponsorship Policy sets out the criteria in which applications are to be considered as follows;

Economic 25%

Ability of the proposed project/event to contribute to a measurable economic benefit in the George Town municipal area. The capacity to provide opportunities for local businesses to leverage the event.

Tourism 25%

Ability of the project/event to increase visitation within the municipal area, or if the activity/event is held outside the municipality, it will provide direct tourism/economic benefits to the municipal area.

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Marketing 20%

The degree to which the project/event proposes to increase the profile of the George Town municipality in a positive way.

Cultural 10%

Degree to which the project/event assists in the development of an inclusive and strong community and increases participation in municipal life for all.

Inspired 10%

The degree to which the project/event has a point of difference from existing project/events. The degree to which the project activates spaces in the city, particularly during quiet periods/seasonal and unused spaces.

Competency 10%

Demonstrated experience; compliance with and capacity to; manage the project/event and sponsorship requirements. The project must demonstrate financial viability.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council's adopted 2020/2021 budget includes an allocation of \$38,680. The approval of this application can be accommodated for within the budget.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Council's Community Development Officer has assessed this sponsorship application and has determined that event entity and event activity is an 'Appropriate Association' and 'Appropriate Activity', that poses minor risk to Council reputation.

The applicant has provided risk management plans that provide mitigation measures to eliminate or sufficiently reduce such risks.

Accordingly, the overall risk to Council is considered minor.

Launceston Triathlon Club – George Town Triathlon

Council has received a community sponsorship application from the Launceston Triathlon Club seeking sponsorship of \$1,500 to assist with costs associated with hosting a World Qualifying Triathlon in George Town in March 2021.

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12.2 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION LAUNCESTON TRIATHLON CLUB (CONT.)

ASSESSMENT

Criteria	Weighting	Officers Score/10	Weighted Score	Comment
Economic	25%	0.00	0.00	A report from the CommBank on local economic impact for the day prior to the event, on the day of the event, and the day post the event; showed that the event had zero economic impact for local traders.
Tourism	25%	7.00	175	Given the event is world qualifying event organisers will be advertising this event nationally to attract both participation and spectators which will have the potential to engage the visitor economy.
Marketing	20%	9.00	180	Previous events have attracted multi media interest. We advise that given this is a world qualifying event there is likely to be more interest in this event nationally and internationally which offers Council the opportunity to promote and showcase George Town municipality.
Cultural	10%	5.00	50	The opportunity to embrace the outdoor culture of fitness and exercise, in both a competitive and social environment
Inspired	10%	7.00	70	Previous events have had local participation from George Town residents
Competency	10%	9.00	90	Very well run & organised event
Totals	100%	30.00	565	

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Approve the sponsorship application by Launceston Triathlon Club, and provide sponsorship of \$1,500.00 to assist with costs associated with hosting the Club's world qualifying Triathlon in George Town in March 2021;
2. Request officers to renegotiate sponsorship arrangements with the Launceston Triathlon Club, for the hosting of the Club's world qualifying Triathlon in George Town in March 2021; or
3. Not to approve the sponsorship application by Launceston Triathlon Club, to host the Club's world qualifying Triathlon in George Town in March 2021.

12.2 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION LAUNCESTON TRIATHLON CLUB (CONT.)

OFFICER’S COMMENTS

The Launceston Triathlon Club has been scheduling Triathlons in George Town for five years. Held at York Cove, these triathlons have attracted many world class triathletes, as well as local and regional competitors. The events predominantly include, junior, novice and senior participation.

The event proposed for 2021, is a world qualifying event and has the potential to attract local, national and international media exposure and visitation from intrastate, interstate and international competitors and spectators to George Town.

Previous Council sponsorship supported all triathlons held in George Town throughout the 2019/2020 season. Four one day events were scheduled, with the March 2020 World Qualifying event cancelled due to COVID-19. This has now been moved to March 2021.

Launceston Triathlon Club have advised that they will put “all their eggs in one basket” and plan for the large World Qualifying event in George Town. This has been locked into the National calendar and will attract attention worldwide, with competitors from a variety of States participating.

In addition to the formal Triathlon events scheduled, the Launceston Triathlon Club will also be conducting additional activation for young people. This activation will include novelty races, surf life activities, meet and greet sessions with elite competitors.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 restrictions, the Club is not in a position to confirm any additional events due to the potential that they may be cancelled. To plan and cancel an event costs the Club \$2,000 per cancellation, therefore whilst the Club is keen to have at least one smaller triathlon held in George Town during the 20/21 season, they are unable to commit at this point in time.

Based on the assessment criteria of this application, in particular on the delivery of the fundamental requirement of the assessment criteria, ie promotional benefits to Council, visitor economy and community engagement, and quality of event in relation to sponsorship investment the Officer recommends that Council approve this application.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approves the sponsorship application by Launceston Triathlon Club, and provides sponsorship of \$1,500.00 to assist with costs associated with hosting the Club’s world qualifying Triathlon in George Town in March 2021.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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13. MAYOR

13.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT –MAYOR

FILE NO.: 14.11

REPORT DATE: 19th August, 2020

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
July	20	Met with the Coordinator General and General Manager re Local Developments
	22	Attended Code of Conduct hearing
	22	Met with Low Head Penguin Tours business owner
	23	Attended 2020 Volunteer Recognition Award Function
	23	Attended joint media launch for the Greater Launceston Transport Vision
	27	Met the Chair of NTDC with General Manager
	27	Attended George Town Chamber of Commerce meeting
	28	Chaired Council Workshop
	28	Chaired Ordinary Council meeting
	28	Met with prospective developers and General Manager re Bell Bay Precinct
	29	Interview with Statewide Mornings Outside broadcast in George Town – Northern Tasmania ABC
	29	Attended meeting with resident and General Manager re Airport
	29	Interview with Tamar FM
	29	Attended TasWater Owner’s Representatives Group Information Session
	31	Attended meeting with prospective developers and General Manager re Bell Bay Precinct
	31	Attended Code of Conduct hearing
	31	Attended Regional Collaboration Framework - NTDC
August	3	Attended Hillwood Progress Association AGM
	10	Interview with Tasmania Talks – Northern Tasmania ABC
	10	Met with resident
	10	Attended George Town Chamber of Commerce meeting
	11	Chaired Council Workshop
	13	Attended DAP Leadership team meeting
	13	Attended photoshoot with Healthy Tasmania
	13	Met with the Hon. Ivan Dean and the General Manager
	13	Met with General Manager and Salvation Army representation
	13	Met with prospective developers and General Manager re Bell Bay Precinct
	13	Attended Mountain Bike Reference Group meeting
	14	Met with President of the George Town Chamber of Commerce re Why Leave Town
	14	Attended Regional Collaboration Framework – NTDC
19	Met with Senator Polley and General Manager re Bell Bay Precinct and economic and social recovery post Covid-19	

13.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT –MAYOR (CONT.)

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.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

14. PETITIONS

15. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

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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.'*"]

16.1 LEGAL ADVICE – CR BROOKS

Q1. Was the legal advice received on Mr Neilsen being impecunious a private and confidential matter or was it released to the public?

Response

All legal advice provided to elected members regardless of the method of conveyance or the matter in which the legal advice is subject to, is to be treated in confidence by elected members unless otherwise permitted.

16.2 REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI – CR HARRIS

Q1. What role has Council have in enforcing the removal of graffiti?

Response

Council has the following avenues in enforcing the removal of graffiti:

- Advice from Legal Aid Tasmania's Graffiti Fact Sheet, graffiti is normally dealt with by police under the Police Offences Act 1935 (Tas). This action would be on the perpetrator.
- If the graffiti is on a building and could be described as "excessive", Council can consider it under the 'Dilapidated Buildings' section of the Building Act. This action would be on the property owner.
- If the graffiti can be considered as 'litter' under the Litter Act 2007, Council can also potentially take action under this Act. This action would be on the perpetrator.

17. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

17.1 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE MEETING

REPORT AUTHOR:	Executive Support & Governance Officer – Ms L. Dickenson
REPORT DATE:	18 th August, 2020
FILE NO:	14.7
ATTACHMENT/S:	George Town Placement Committee Confirmed Minutes 1 st June, 2020 and 20 th July, 2020

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the Confirmed minutes and any recommendations from the George Town Placemaking Committee for consideration.

BACKGROUND

The George Town Placemaking Committee met on the 17th August, 2020 and accepted the minutes as true and accurate record of the meeting held on the 20th July, 2020.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Future Direction 1. Community Pride:

Being inclusive and supportive, focusing on the area's strengths of location, beautiful environment, relaxed lifestyle and potential; making and keeping our place looking good and everyone feeling safe and secure, will build community pride.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The scope of the Placemaking Committee is governed by Council Policy GTC-16 Special Committees and the Placemaking Committee Terms of Reference. Risk implications are therefore considered to be low.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993 and Council Policy GTC-16 Special Committees.

George Town Council Placemaking Committee Terms of Reference.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

17.1 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE MEETING (CONT.)

CONSULTATION

The minutes were discussed at the 17th August, 2020 Placemaking Committee meeting.

OPTIONS

That Council:

1. Accepts the minutes of the 1st June and 20th July, 2020 of the Placemaking Committee; or
2. Does not accept the minutes of the 1st June and 20th July, 2020 of the Placemaking Committee.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Nil.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Confirmed minutes of the 1st June and 20th July, 2020 as an accurate record of that meeting.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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17.2 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager – Mr S. Power
Executive Support & Governance Officer – Ms L. Dickenson

REPORT DATE: 18th August, 2020

FILE NO: 14.7

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information and to recommend to Council the appointment of a George Town Placemaking Committee member.

BACKGROUND

The George Town Placemaking Committee met on the 20th July, 2020 to discuss applications to fill the member position vacated by Victoria Jansen-Riley.

George Town Council advertised in The Examiner on the 17th June 2020 expressions of interest to join the George Town Placemaking Advisory Committee. Applications closed on Sunday 5th July 2020 for EOIs.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Future Direction 1. Community Pride:

Being inclusive and supportive, focusing on the area's strengths of location, beautiful environment, relaxed lifestyle and potential; making and keeping our place looking good and everyone feeling safe and secure, will build community pride.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The scope of the Placemaking Committee is governed by Council Policy GTC-16 Special Committees and the Placemaking Committee Terms of Reference. Risk implications are therefore considered to be low.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993 and Council Policy GTC-16 Special Committees.

George Town Council Placemaking Committee Terms of Reference.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

17.2 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT (CONT.)

CONSULTATION

The George Town Placemaking Committee met on the 20th July 2020 and discussed applications to fill the vacated member position. The Committee:

recommended Cheryl Harrington as a member of the Placemaking Advisory Committee as a replacement for the vacant position left by Vicki Jansen-Riley to be endorsed at the August Ordinary Council meeting.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Chair of the Placemaking Committee meeting provided the following advice to the Council Officer for submission to the Ordinary Council meeting.

The Placemaking committee met today, 20th July 2020 to discuss applications to fill the member position vacated by Victoria Jansen-Riley.

Six applications were received, and the committee was impressed by all applicants but unfortunately can only nominate one person to join at this time.

A rating process was used against the advertised criteria which included a focus on increasing representation from coastal and rural communities within greater George Town. This process has resulted in the recommendation to nominate Cheryl Harrington from Pipers River to the committee.

Cheryl has many years' experience in Economic Development having worked in finance for 25 years. She also owns and operates Windy Park Alpacas (Website: windyparkalpacas.com.au) which is open to the public with the venture giving her good insight into the Tasmanian Tourism industry. Cheryl is also involved in different areas of the community by selling items that have been made and produced from the farm.

While living in Adelaide Cheryl was also involved in running classes for several local craft shops teaching scrapbooking, cardmaking and journal making.

The committee members welcome Cheryl to our team and look forward to working with her. We would also like to thank all applicants that applied and we hope to engage with them over specific projects when the opportunities presents.

OPTIONS

That Council:

1. Accepts the Placemaking Committee recommendation to invite and appoint Cheryl Harrington as a member of the Committee; or
2. Does not accept the recommendation of the Placemaking Committee to invite and appoint Cheryl Harrington as a member of the Committee.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Accepts the Placemaking Committee recommendation to invite and appoint Cheryl Harrington as a member of the Committee.

17.2 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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17.3 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE MEMBER RESIGNATION

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

REPORT DATE: 17th August, 2020

FILE NO: 14.7

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information and to recommend to Council the acceptance of the resignation of Ingrid O’Sullivan from the George Town Placemaking Committee.

BACKGROUND

The George Town Placemaking Committee met on the 17th August, 2020 to discuss the resignation of Ingrid O’Sullivan from the Place Making Committee. Formal resignation had been received by Council on the 13th August 2020.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Future Direction 1. Community Pride:

Being inclusive and supportive, focusing on the area’s strengths of location, beautiful environment, relaxed lifestyle and potential; making and keeping our place looking good and everyone feeling safe and secure, will build community pride.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk is considered low.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993 and Council Policy GTC-16 Special Committees.

George Town Council Placemaking Committee Terms of Reference.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

The George Town Placemaking Committee met on the 20th July 2020 and discussed the acceptance of the resignation of Ingrid O’Sullivan. The Committee agreed to accept the resignation and recommended to Council that Ms O’Sullivan’s resignation be accepted.

17.3 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE MEMBER RESIGNATION

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Chair and members of the George Town Placemaking Committee meeting recommended the acceptance of the resignation of Ms O'Sullivan at its Committee meeting on the 20th July 2020.

The Committee had recently undertaken an Expression of Interest process for the vacancy left by Victoria Jansen-Riley. The Expression of Interest process has provided passionate and experienced applicants for the vacancy. The Committee at its last meeting resolved to contact those who had previously applied and were unsuccessful; and invite them to reapply. The Expression of interest period is to be extended to the 31st August 2020 for further applicants to apply and previous applicants to reapply.

The EOI will be advertised on Council's website and facebook page and further promoted on Progress Association facebook sites i.e. Hillwood Progress Association Inc. – Hillwood Happenings.

OPTIONS

That Council:

1. Accepts Ms Ingrid O'Sullivan's resignation as a member of the Placemaking Committee; or
2. Does not accept Ms Ingrid O'Sullivan's resignation as a member of the Placemaking Committee.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Accepts Ms Ingrid O'Sullivan's resignation as a member of the Placemaking Committee; and
2. Formally advises Ms O'Sullivan of Council's decision.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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17.4 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE

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

REPORT DATE: 18th August, 2020

FILE NO: 14.7

ATTACHMENT/S: George Town Community Safety Group Committee Confirmed Minutes 3rd March, 2020

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the Confirmed minutes and any recommendations from the George Town Community Safety Group Committee for consideration.

BACKGROUND

The George Town Community Safety Group Committee met on the 4th August, 2020 and accepted the minutes as true and accurate record of the meeting held on the 3rd March, 2020 with an amendment to Cr Barraclough's title.

The Committee at this meeting also resolved the following motions:

Moved: Mr J. Glisson
Seconded: Cr C. Barraclough

That the George Town Community Safety Group Committee be provided with a copy of the concept plan from S Group for Macquarie Street redevelopment.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr C. Barraclough
Seconded: Ms L. Bailey

That the George Town Community Safety Group Committee establish a working group to review the Community Safety Plan and provide feedback to the Committee by the 1st September 2020.

CARRIED

STRATEGIC PLAN

Future Direction 1. Community Pride:

Being inclusive and supportive, focusing on the area's strengths of location, beautiful environment, relaxed lifestyle and potential; making and keeping our place looking good and everyone feeling safe and secure, will build community pride.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk is considered low.

17.4 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING (CONT.)

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993 and Council Policy GTC-16 Special Committees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

The minutes were discussed at the 4th August, 2020 George Town Community Safety Group Committee meeting.

OPTIONS

That Council:

1. Accepts the minutes of the 3rd March, 2020 of the George Town Community Safety Group Committee; and

request for a copy of the concept plan on Macquarie Street redevelopment is granted;

or
2. Does not accept the minutes of the 3rd March, 2020 of the George Town Community Safety Group Committee; and

the request for a copy of the concept plan on Macquarie Street redevelopment is not granted.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Safety Group Committee members requested a copy of the Macquarie Street redevelopment concept plan in order to provide feedback on the design principles relating to community safety. The Committee had discussed parking accessibility for the disabled and parents' with prams; the location of accessibility parking; and the pedestrian crossing height.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Accept the minutes of the George Town Safety Group Committee meeting of 3rd March, 2020 as an accurate record of that meeting (attached); and
2. Provides a copy of the Macquarie Street redevelopment concept plan to the George Town Safety Group Committee for comment and not be distributed to the public until authorised by the General Manager or Council.

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17.4 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING (CONT.)

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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18. CLOSED MEETING

18.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

Moved: Cr
Seconded: Cr

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

Item 1 Minutes of the closed ordinary Council meeting held on the 28th July, 2020

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

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

Item 2 RFT04/19 Periodic standing contracts 01 July 2019 to 30 June 2021

As per the provisions of regulation 15(2) (d) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

VOTING

For:

Against:

18.4 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:

Seconded:

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

VOTING

For:

Against:

There being no further business, the meeting closed at

**Cr Greg Kieser
MAYOR**