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Meeting Commencing at 1.00pm

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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.

1. PRESENT

1.1 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16 APRIL 2019

DECISION

Moved:
Seconded:

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 16 April 2019 numbered 060/19 to 072/19 and 076/19 as circulated to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For:

Against:

2.2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 14 MAY 2019

DECISION

Moved:
Seconded:

That the Minutes of Council's Special meeting held on the 14 May 2019 numbered 077/19 to 079/19 and 081/19 as circulated to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For:

Against:

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME PROCEDURE

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

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

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

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

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3.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at:

Concluded at:

3.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil.

3.5 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION

I certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendations provided to Council with this Agenda:

- the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- where any advice is given directly to Council by a person who does not have the required qualifications of experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.



Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

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

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6. PLANNING AUTHORITY

Nil.

7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

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8. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil.

9. CORPORATE AND FINANCE

9.1 DRAFT RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE POLICY

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader – Corporate and Finance

REPORT DATE: 2 May 2019

FILE NO: 14.13

ATTACHMENT/S: Draft Related Parties Disclosure Policy

SUMMARY

To submit the draft Related Parties Disclosure Policy (the Policy) to Council for review, consideration and adoption.

BACKGROUND

Related parties reporting was implemented in 2017 in line with AASB 124 Related Parties Disclosure. A Related Party Disclosure Policy is also required in line with AASB 124.

The Tasmanian Audit Office noted the absence of a Related Party Disclosure Policy as part of the 2017/2018 year end audit process.

The draft Policy was presented to Audit Panel on 30 April 2019. At that meeting, the Audit Panel recommended the Policy for endorsement by Council, with recommended amendments. These amendments have been included and the draft Policy is attached for Council's consideration.

STATUTORY, LEGISLATIVE OR POLICY REQUIREMENTS

- Local Government Act 1993
- Audit Act 2008
- AASB 124 – Related Party Disclosures.
- Risk Management Policy No: 33

CONSULTATION

This policy was discussed at the Audit Panel Meeting held on 30 April 2019.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Key Objective

4. Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

9.1 DRAFT RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE POLICY (CONT.)

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

This Policy aligns itself with objectives for risk management as set out in the Risk Management Policy No. 33, namely:

Set performance standards and regular review and improve practices and procedures.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications are associated with the adoption of the Related Party Disclosure Policy.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Related parties reporting was implemented in 2017 in line with AASB 124 Related Parties Disclosure. Since then Key Management Personnel have been requested to provide a related party declaration on an annual basis.

Related party transactions of a material nature are reported in Council's financial statements.

The draft Related Party Disclosure Policy is developed in line with the requirements of AASB 124.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Related Party Disclosure Policy effective 21 May 2019.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

9.2 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

AUTHOR: Team Leader – Corporate and Finance
REPORT DATE: 2 May 2019
FILE NO: 32.10
ATTACHMENT/S: Revised Financial Management Strategy

SUMMARY

This report provides background to Council regarding the proposed recommendations to the Financial Management Strategy.

BACKGROUND

The Financial Management Strategy was first adopted in August 2014, (minute ref: 244/14) and an amended strategy adopted in July 2017 (minute ref: 196/17) and in March 2018 (minute ref: 035/18).

The Financial Management Strategy was subsequently presented to the Audit Panel for review at the April 2019 meeting. The Audit Panel made the following recommendation to Council at that meeting:

Definitions be provided with respect to Aims and Targets within the document.

That the Financial Management Strategy be recommended for adoption subject to the suggested amendments being made.

LEGISLATIVE / STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The Local Government Act 1993
The Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014 Statutory Rules 2014

CONSULTATION

This Policy was discussed at the Audit Panel Meeting held on 30 April 2019.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Key Objective

4. Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

9.2 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing the financial management strategy the following overall financial principles have been applied thereby minimising any risk to Council:

- Prudent management of financial risk in relation to debt, assets and liabilities.
- Provision of reasonable stability in relation to the rate burden.
- Consideration of the financial impacts of Councils decisions on future generations.
- Full, accurate and timely disclosure of financial information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The proposed minor amendments to 10.3 in the Financial Management Strategy is to reduce the target for the Asset Sustainability Ratio to 85% from 100% (to be averaged over 5 years).

With the significant grant funding commitments for new capital works projects and as a number of the proposed capital works projects on bridges and roads will be upgrade/renewal rather than just renewal of existing, it is considered the Asset sustainability target of 100% was unlikely to be achieved over the next 5 years and has been reduced to 85% in line with expectations.

Industry benchmark is currently at 100% and Council will report against this benchmark in its Annual Financial Report. Targets set in the Financial Management Strategy are to guide the budget process and long term financial plan, and the associated operating and capital works programs.

While the optimum target would be to achieve the industry benchmark, a slightly lower target allows for renewals, especially in the roads and bridges networks to include some upgrades such as widening.

Definitions with respect to "aim" and "target" have also been included in the strategy, as recommended by Audit Panel.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The amended Financial Management Strategy is adopted by Council effective 21 May 2019.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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9.3 REVISED FRAUD PREVENTION AND CONTROL POLICY NO. 42

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader – Corporate and Finance

REPORT DATE: 2 May 2019

FILE NO: 14.13

ATTACHMENT/S: (1) Revised Fraud Prevention and Control Policy No. 42 Version 2
(2) Fraud Control Plan

SUMMARY

To submit the revised Fraud Prevention and Control Policy (the Policy) to Council for review, consideration and adoption.

BACKGROUND

The Fraud Prevention and Control Policy was adopted by Council in March 2014 and the Fraud Control Plan (Plan) was approved by the then Acting General Manager in March 2014.

Both the Policy and the Plan have been reviewed and the revised versions presented to Audit Panel on 30 April 2019. At that meeting, the Audit Panel recommended the revised Policy and Plan for endorsement by Council. The Plan has been approved by the General Manager effective 2 May 2019.

STATUTORY, LEGISLATIVE OR POLICY REQUIREMENTS

The following legislation, policies and documents as well as relevant legislation that covers criminal activities govern Councils approach and the outcomes of any fraudulent activities, expectations, responsibilities, planning and resourcing, prevention, detection and investigation and responses of and to such activities.

- Local Government Act 1993
- AS8001-2008 Fraud and Corruption Control
- The Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002 (Tas)
- AS/NZS ISO 31000 Risk Management
- Code of Conduct Policy
- Risk Management Policy No: 33
- Councillor Allowances Policy No: 5
- Right to Information Policy No: 28
- Gifts and Donations Policy No: 45

CONSULTATION

This Policy and Plan was discussed at the Audit Panel Meeting held on 30 April 2019.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Key Objective

4. Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

9.3 REVISED FRAUD PREVENTION AND CONTROL POLICY NO. 42 (CONT.)

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The potential risk of fraud is considered within Councils risk management framework and is detailed in the fraud control plan. A total of 16 potential fraud risk types have been identified with each having associated management strategies which are designed to mitigate the risk and impact of fraud.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications that result from the adoption of this Policy or the activities that may be conducted in accordance with it. Fraud management responsibilities are part of all employee's responsibilities and fraud resourcing and management is part of the management team's responsibilities. The costs associated with the management, implementation and resourcing of this Policy are therefore part of the current budgeted operating costs.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Fraud Prevention and Control Policy applies to Council workers, Councillors and others interacting with Council as defined in the policy. The revised Policy has been discussed and reviewed by Audit Panel members.

No significant changes have been made the Policy or the Plan. All changes are tracked in the attached revised versions.

While the recently revised Fraud Control Plan is considered operational and approved by the General Manager, the Plan has been included for Council's information and in support of the Fraud Prevention and Control Policy.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the revised Fraud Prevention and Control Policy No 2 Version 2 effective 21 May 2019.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil.

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11. DEPUTY MAYOR

11.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT – DEPUTY MAYOR

FILE NO.: 14.11

REPORT DATE: 15 May 2019

Mayor Bridget Archer		
May	7	Attended MAST public forum re: Recreational Boating Fund
	8	Attended TasWater General Meeting
		Attended NTDC General Meeting
	13	Attended Premier and Cabinet function
	14	Attended Special Council Meeting
		Attended Additional Council Workshop
		Attended Premier and Cabinet Meeting with Councillors, General Manager and Team Leaders
	21	Attended Council Workshop
Attended Ordinary Council Meeting		

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12. GENERAL MANAGER

12.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – APRIL 2019 AND MAY 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 15 May 2019

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 16 APRIL 2019

- Presentation – Dementia Friendly Communities
- Update on the Local Government Act review – LGAT
- George Town Airport
- Update on Capital Works
- Draft Social Media Policy for Councillors
- Confidential Legal Expenditure Report – December 2018 to March 2019
- Governance Matters

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

Apologies: Mayor Bridget Archer

In Attendance: General Manager, Team Leader Corporate & Finance, Team Leader Community & Development Services, Team Leader Works & Infrastructure, Governance Support Officer

Guests: Representative – Dementia Advisor
Chief Executive Officer, LGAT
Representatives – Development Group

TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019

- Draft 2019/2020 Budget
- Draft 2019/2020 Annual Plan

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

Apologies: Mayor Bridget Archer (Leave of Absence)

In Attendance: General Manager, Team Leader Corporate & Finance, Team Leader Community & Development Services, Team Leader Works & Infrastructure, Governance Support Officer

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12.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – APRIL AND MAY 2019

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops – 16 April and 14 May 2019 from the General Manager.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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**12.2 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL – PLACEMAKING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 7 May 2019

FILE NO: 14.7

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

SUMMARY

To recommend the appointment of membership of the George Town Council Placemaking Advisory Committee (the Committee).

BACKGROUND

At the ordinary Council meeting held on the 19 March 2019 it was resolved (Res: 051/19):

That Council:

1. *Receive and adopts the draft Terms of Reference inclusive of the selection criteria for the George Town Placemaking Advisory Committee; and*
2. *Invites through a public expression of interest process, submissions from interested members from across the municipality with an aim to establish a membership for the George Town Placemaking Advisory Committee; and*
3. *Upon closure of the public submission period the Council formally endorses the membership of the George Town Placemaking Advisory Committee at the next available Council meeting.*

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

- Local Government Act 1993, s.24.
- George Town Council Policy No. 07 – Establishment of Special Committees

CONSULTATION

The appointment of Committee members was discussed by Elected Members at the workshop held on the 21 May 2019. Public consultation has been via a call for Expressions of Interest for membership to the Committee.

Further information in respect to the function of the Committee will be made publicly available via the publication of minutes of meetings of the Committee and other appropriate community consultation based on the recommendations of the Committee to the Council and subject to Council decision.

**12.2 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL – PLACEMAKING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONT.)**

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Key Objective

4. Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The process of calling for and appointing members to the George Town Council Placemaking Advisory Committee has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Council's Policy No. 7 "Special Committees" and will be subject to Council decision thereby minimising any risk to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Whilst future recognised costs will be associated with the provision of administrative support to the Committee, no further costs are identified Council's appointment of members to the Committee.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

In accordance with point 3 of Council resolution 051/19, an advertisement was placed in the Examiner newspaper on Saturday 23 March 2019 and on Council's website calling for Expressions of Interest to form part of the Committee.

The advertisement invited interest from community members across the municipality with knowledge and/or experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Architecture
- Civil Engineering
- Strategic Planning
- Tourism
- Economic Development

A number of enquiries were responded to with eight submissions received, copies of which have been previously circulated to Elected Members.

Most of the submissions meet the selection criteria as outlined in the advertisement and the Terms of Reference (TOR) and reflect a collective wealth of knowledge, experience, qualifications, skills, interests and passion for the community and the area.

Whilst it is difficult to distinguish between what one applicant has to offer over the other, the officer's recommendation is based on those individuals who have exhibited through their submission, a desire to give back to the community and contribute to the enhancement of the area in addition to their experience and/or qualifications.

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12.2 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL – PLACEMAKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONT.)

In accordance with the TOR, the Committee will comprise:

- One (1) Council, who appointed by the Council will act in the capacity of Chair; and
- Six (6) community members

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) Appoints the following members to the George Town Council Placemaking Advisory Committee:
- Rebecca Stuttard
 - Lynette White
 - Jo Hart
 - Ingrid O'Sullivan
 - Phill Hinds
 - Ann Williams-Fitzgerald
- (b) Acknowledges and thanks the unsuccessful applicants for their interest in membership to the George Town Council Placemaking Advisory Committee.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.3 2019 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – VOTING PROCEDURES

AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 9 May 2019

FILE NO.: 15.8

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

SUMMARY

To submit information to Council on the voting procedures in respect to motions to be listed for debate at the 2019 ALGA National General Assembly (NGA) and to request that Council endorses the Mayor as voting delegate on behalf of George Town Council.

BACKGROUND

The theme for this year's NGA is "Future Focussed".

The 2019 NGA to be held over the 16 - 19 June 2019 and as the theme suggests, the focus will be on the future of local government and local communities. It will consider what Councils can do today to get ready for the challenges, opportunities and changes that lie ahead.

Motions which addressed the issues identified in the discussion paper (previously circulated to Elected Members) opened from November 2018 and closed 29 March 2019. The discussion papers raised the following key questions:

- What can local governments do differently now, and in the future, to deliver more for less.
 - Are there new business models and new partnerships, new technologies and the willingness to reduce, phase out or change existing practices, opportunities for more sophisticated service planning and more efficient procurement?
- How can local governments collaborate, be entrepreneurial and embrace disruption and innovation?
- How can the Commonwealth Government help local governments prepare for the future and why should they care?
 - What are the opportunities for leveraging regional, state and national partnerships?

ALGA sees the NGA as an important opportunity to progress Local Government issues in the Federal agenda.

CONSULTATION

ALGA has consulted with Councils across the nation in respect to calling for the submission of motions for debate at its 2019 National General Assembly. Publication of motions to be listed for debate will be made publicly available via ALGA's website closer to the event.

12.3 2019 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – VOTING PROCEDURES
(CONT.)

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community

Key Objective

Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

Key Priority

Be actively involved and seek to influence decisions made at regional and State Government levels.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Subject to Council decision, the Mayor would be authorised to vote on behalf of Council in accordance with Council's existing strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions thereby minimising any risk to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Whilst the Mayor and General Manager will attend the 2019 ALGA National General Assembly no financial implications are identified in appointing the Mayor as voting delegate on behalf of George Town Council.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Whilst Council has not submitted a motion for the 2019 ALGA NGA, it is entitled to appoint one voting delegate to vote on motions on its behalf during the debating sessions.

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
2. Be consistent with the theme of the NGA;
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
4. Be submitted by a Council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association;
5. Propose a clear action and outcome; and
6. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests, of local government.

**12.3 2019 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – VOTING PROCEDURES
(CONT.)**

All motions submitted are reviewed by the ALGA Board NGA Sub-Committee as well as by state and territory local government associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. Generally the Papers are not made available until at least two weeks before the Assembly.

Based on the preceding it is recommended that the Mayor be endorsed as voting delegate at the 2019 National General Assembly.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the Mayor as voting delegate at the 2019 Australian Local Government Association’s National General Assembly in accordance with Council’s strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.4 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN COUNCIL

AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 9 May 2019

FILE NO.: 15.8

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

SUMMARY

This report is intended to formalise by Council resolution, Council's representation on the Launceston Tamar Valley Communities for Children Council (*CfC Council*).

BACKGROUND

Anglicare Tasmania is responsible for delivering the Launceston Tamar Valley Communities for Children Program as funded by the Australian Department of Social Services.

This Program aims to deliver positive and sustainable early intervention for vulnerable children and families with children in the 0-12 age group by promoting collaboration and innovation within community service delivery, and through capacity building activities with community partners.

The Launceston Tamar Valley footprint covers Waverley, Ravenswood, St Leonards, Invermay, Mowbray, Beaconsfield, Mayfield, Newnham, Rocherlea, Lilydale and George Town. The CfC team engages with local 'community committees' in these areas to identify their priority needs and inform service delivery.

The program is committed to a regional agenda of 'Every Child Succeeds', working alongside the Tasmanian Government's Child and Youth Wellbeing Framework to ensure all children are loved and safe, have material basics, are healthy, participating, learning and growing up with a positive sense of culture and identity.

The role of the *CfC Council* is to provide strategic advice to Anglicare Tasmania. The primary purpose is to:

- Assist Anglicare Tasmania in developing, monitoring and reviewing a CfC Community Strategic Plan and Annual Activity Work Plan.
- Appoint a Funding Panel to assess applications for funding and make recommendations to the Council on proposed activities and initiatives.
- Draw upon and contribute to the evidence of good practice in early childhood and community development.
- Represent Launceston Tamar Valley communities in the development and evaluation of the program.
- Support collaboration across all levels of government, within the community sector as well as working with the whole of community for the betterment of children and families.
- Promote and advocate for the Program within the community.
- Inform the project regarding relevant issues facing young children and their families and identify gaps in service.
- Undertake the work of the Council within a strengths-based community development framework.

12.4 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN COUNCIL (CONT.)

CONSULTATION

Whilst no prior formal consultation has occurred with Councillors on the representation of George Town Council on the *CfC Council*, Cr Brooks has indicated her interested in an appointment as George Town Council’s representative to the *CfC Council*.

Mayor Archer has in the past attended the meetings of the *CfC Council* however has indicated her support of Cr Brooks’ nomination as George Town Council’s representative on the *CfC Council*.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 02

Support an active, vibrant and culturally diverse community life that enjoys liveable and amenity rich neighbourhoods.

Key objective

Actively engage and consult with the community, notably young people and those from different cultural and economic backgrounds.

Key priority

Liaise with young people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and people from varying socio-economic backgrounds on issues and opportunities that concern the community.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Appointment of a Council representation to the *CfC Council* would be by Council resolution.

Council’s representative to the *CfC Council* would also be required to consider any voting direction within their capacity as member of the *CfC Council* in accordance with George Town Council’s strategic direction, policy and Council resolutions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses would be reimbursed to the Council representative, subject to claim, in accordance with the George Town Council Councillors Allowances Policy.

OFFICER’S COMMENTS

Membership to the *CfC Council* consists of:

Representatives from the following	Role	Voting Right
Communities for Children Coordinator/Anglicare Tasmania (1)	Chair	No
Communities for Children – Anglicare project officers (3)	Secretariat	No

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12.4 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN COUNCIL (CONT.)

(Cont.)

Representatives from the following	Role	Voting Right
Australian Government (DSS) (1)	Funding Body	No
Representative from each community committee (6)		Yes
Child and Family Centres (3)		Yes
Local Government - Launceston (1) - West Tamar (1) - George Town (1)		Yes
Tasmanian Government (1)		Yes
Australian Government (1)		Yes
Aboriginal community (1)		Yes
Child health and Wellbeing sector (1)		Yes
Community sector (1)		Yes
Northern Early Years Group (1)		Yes
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community (1)		Yes
Disability sector (1)		Yes
University of Tasmania – Academic research (1)		Yes
Youth Representative (1)		Yes

Meetings of the CfC Council will be held at least bi-monthly.

The appointment of a Council representative to the *CfC Council* aligns with Council's strategic direction therefore the nomination of Cr Brooks as the George Town Council representative is recommended to Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints Cr Brooks as the George Town Council representative to the Children for Communities Council effective 21 May 2019.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.5 GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL MEETING HELD 5 FEBRUARY 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 15 May 2019

FILE NO: 29.11

ATTACHMENT/S: Confirmed Minutes George Town Council Audit Panel Meeting, 5 February 2019

Moved:

Seconded:

That the Confirmed minutes of the George Town Council Audit Panel meeting held 5 February 2019 as attached to this report be received.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.6 WARATAH DAM

AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 15 May 2019

FILE NO.: 42.11

ATTACHMENT/S: (1) Email from Mr Michael Brewster, Chief Executive Officer, TasWater
(2) Correspondence from Mr Helmut Ernst, Waratah resident
(3) TasWater Information Sheet May 2019 – Waratah Dam

SUMMARY

To submit information to Council to ascertain whether it has a position, as a key stakeholder of TasWater, regarding TasWater's recent expressions of interest processes in respect to the possible options being considered by that entity to divest or decommission the Waratah Dam.

BACKGROUND

A recent email has been received by TasWater Chief Executive Officer, Mr Michael Brewster, regarding the Waratah Dam in the state's North West.

In his email, Mr Brewster refers to a copy of correspondence from members of the Waratah community which had been circulated to a number of councils in Tasmania. A copy Mr Brewster's email is attached to this report.

Whilst George Town Council did not receive any correspondence from the Waratah community, a request was made by Council staff to TasWater for a copy of the letter which has since been received, the author being Mr Helmut Ernst (refer attachment (3)).

Mr Ernst has outlined a number of concerns in his correspondence particularly in regard to the heritage of the Dam, environmental effects and effects on the Waratah community.

CONSULTATION

No prior consultation with Councillors nor TasWater has occurred on this matter, other than the email recently received from Mr Brewster, TasWater.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community

Key Objective

Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

Key Priority

Be actively involved and seek to influence decisions made at regional and State Government levels.

12.6 WARATAH DAM (CONT.)

RISK MANAGEMENT

No risk to Council has been identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications to this Council are recognised.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Waratah Dam is located in the Waratah-Wynyard municipality. A public meeting with the people of Waratah was held on the 2nd of April 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to hear from TasWater and its consultants and other interested parties on the safety of the dam, related issues and the process associated with the calling of expressions of interest for the takeover of ownership of the dam.

The Waratah-Wynyard Council has recently resolved (15 April 2019):

“That council liaise with TasWater and the local Waratah community to establish the environmental, cultural and the historical significance of the Waratah Dam; and

That council make representation to the owners of TasWater highlighting the significance and exceptional circumstances surrounding the Waratah Dam requesting that the dam be made safe by reinstatement or repair.”

TasWater, in the attached information sheet has addressed a number of the concerns raised by Mr Ernst in his correspondence, with the key issues recognised by TasWater being the safety and economic management of the Waratah Dam.

The purpose of this report to Council is to determine whether George Town Council has a position in respect to the proposal by TasWater to divest or decommission the Waratah Dam and the following options are presented for Council's consideration.

Option 1

That Council shows its support to the Waratah community and advises TasWater that it does not support any proposal to divest or decommission the Waratah Dam and encourages TasWater to pursue alternative solutions to reinstatement or repair the Dam.

OR

Option 2

That Council whilst acknowledging the heritage and significance of the Waratah Dam and its importance to the Waratah community, due to the safety and economic management concerns outlined in the TasWater information sheet (May 2019), supports TasWater in its investigation into divesting or decommissioning the Dam.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (1) Advises TasWater that it acknowledges the heritage and significance of the Waratah Dam and the importance of the Dam to the community and encourages TasWater to pursue alternative solutions to reinstate or repair the Dam.

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12.6 WARATAH DAM (CONT.)

or

- (2) Advises TasWater that whilst it acknowledges the heritage and significance of the Waratah Dam and the importance of the Dam to the Waratah community, due to the safety and economic management concerns outlined in the TasWater information sheet (May 2019), and as a TasWater Stakeholder, it supports TasWater's investigation into the options of divesting or decommissioning of the Dam.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

13. PETITIONS

Nil.

14. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

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

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

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

Nil.

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16. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager

REPORT DATE: 8 May 2019

FILE NO: 22.24

ATTACHMENT/S: George Town Community Safety Group Committee Confirmed Minutes – 2 April, 2019

The George Town Community Safety Group Committee met on the 7 May 2019.

The Committee at this meeting resolved the following motion:

To accept the minutes of the 2 April 2019 as an accurate record of that meeting (attached).

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

That the confirmed minutes of the George Town Community Safety Committee meeting held on the 2 April 2019 as attached to this report be received.

VOTING

For:

Against:

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17. CLOSED MEETING

17.1 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 16 April 2019

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

Item 2 Minutes of the closed Special Council meeting held on the 14 May 2019

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

Item 3 Local Government Association of Tasmania – 2019 Elections – Completion of Ballot Papers

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

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

VOTING

For:

Against:

17.5 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 Bridget Archer
MAYOR