

**George Town Council**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**  
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**Meeting Commenced at 1.00 pm**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

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

**AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**1.1 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

**1.2 IN ATTENDANCE**

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

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**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**104/20 2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2020**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barwick  
Seconded: Cr Parkes

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 numbered 091/20 to 101/20 and 103/20 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings (attached) with amendment to 13.5:

*The adjournment was called for confirmation of limit of questions from a Councillor under the Local Government Act (Meeting Procedures) 2015.*

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**3. LATE ITEMS**

Nil.

#### **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

##### **4.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME PROCEDURE**

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

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

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

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

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Due to restrictions in place during the COVID19 pandemic, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

### **Mr P. Hawksley**

Most, if not all, constituents living at Bellbuoy Beach are concerned at the escalation in speed on Bellbuoy Beach Road. Increasing residential and construction traffic is using this road, as the area becomes more developed. Numerous vehicles from other areas are attracted to Bellbuoy Beach due to the dog beach at the end of the road, along with a growing volume of sightseers visiting this locality.

A number of children live and play in this area. Native animals are being killed on this road, almost on a daily basis. Speeding vehicles swerve to avoid broken asphalt. The road does not have footpaths so residents must walk on the narrow road to get to the beach or to visit neighbours.

Although signage may assist, this most likely will not be adequately policed, therefore a two pronged approach must be considered.

1. Will Council consider a reduction of the existing 60kmh to 40 or 50kmh, 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?

*The Chair advised Mr Hawksley that the question will be dealt with by the General Manager on how State Growth governs speed limits and how Council may be able to assist in traffic management along Bellbuoy Beach Road.*

*The General Manager through the Chair advised that a formal response will be provided to Mr Hawksley and the response will be included in the next Ordinary Council meeting agenda. Firstly, Council will require data through traffic monitoring to be collected to provide a reasonable argument as to whether speed reduction or traffic management devices are warranted as part of the first part of the procedures required for State Growth.*

*Through the Chair, the Manager Infrastructure and Works advised there is also a requirement that extensive community consultation will need to occur. There is a substantial amount of work that will be required prior to submitting a request to State Growth.*

*The Chair advised that the decision will be data driven and thanked Mr Hawksley for his question.*

### **4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Commenced at: 1.11 pm

Concluded at: 1.17 pm

#### **Mr J. Glisson, Low Head**

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.

*The Chair advised Mr Glisson this question has been asked previously and to please see the March minutes for the response. Council will not be diverting time and resources to this question. A response will be provided in writing to Mr Glisson.*

*Through the Chair Cr Brooks asked the General Manager was the legal advice received on Mr Neilsen being impecunious was a private and confidential matter or was it released to the public? The General Manager took the question on notice.*



### **4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)**

#### **Mr J. Glisson, Low Head**

Q2. Page 48 of the council agenda has a section of the minutes of the June meeting of council. It reports;

*" that the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2.15pm. for a short break resuming at 2.20pm. The Chair resumed the meeting at 2.24pm."*

The Local Government regulations at section **13 (6)** clearly states

"(6) The reason for the adjournment of a meeting is to be recorded in the minutes"

On listening to the recording of the meeting it seems that you are unfamiliar with the Meeting procedures and the Regulations and needed to get advice on questions being asked by a councillor.

My question is

What is the reason for the adjournment and why was it not recorded in the minutes as required by the Local Government Meeting Procedures Regulations.?

#### **13. Adjournments**

- (1) At any time during a meeting, the chairperson, subject to subregulation (2) , may adjourn the meeting –
  - (a) to a later date; or
  - (b) to a later time on the same day.
- (2) The chairperson may only adjourn a meeting –
  - (a) for a proper purpose; and
  - (b) if it is reasonable to do so in the circumstances; and
  - (c) in good faith.
- (3) If a meeting is adjourned, the chairperson is to ensure that any business of the meeting not then disposed of is given precedence at the resumption of the adjourned meeting.
- (4) At the adjournment of a meeting, the chairperson is to advise the councillors present of the date and time when the meeting is to be resumed and of the reasons for the adjournment.
- (5) If a meeting is adjourned, the general manager is to advise the councillors not present at the meeting –
  - (a) that the meeting was adjourned; and
  - (b) of the date and time of the resumption of the meeting; and
  - (c) of the reasons for the adjournment.
- (6) The reason for the adjournment of a meeting is to be recorded in the minutes.
- (7) If a meeting is adjourned for a period which would allow a special meeting to be convened, the general manager is to publish in a daily newspaper, or in a prescribed newspaper, circulating in the relevant municipal area a notice stating –
  - (a) that the meeting has been adjourned; and
  - (b) the date and time of the resumption of the meeting.

*The Chair advised Mr Glisson that this has been corrected and thanked him for his question.*

*Cr Barwick wished to publicly congratulate Cr Barraclough of being awarded IGA man of the year and will represent Tasmania.*

**4.4 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

Nil.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**6. GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION**

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

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



Shane Power  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65**

**65. Qualified persons**

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

**7. PLANNING AUTHORITY**

Nil.

**8. OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER**

**105/20 8.1 DRAFT GEORGE TOWN MUNICIPALITY COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN  
2020-2030**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Manager People, Performance, and Governance, Mr B.Daire

**REPORT DATE:** 14 July 2020

**FILE NO:** 17.4

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Adopt the draft George Town Municipality Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030 as presented, noting design still to be finalised.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Mason

Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

1. Adopt the draft George Town Municipality Community Strategic Plan 2020-2030 as presented, noting design still to be finalised.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 9/0**

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**106/20 8.2 DRAFT 2020/2021 ANNUAL PLAN**

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

**REPORT DATE:** 1 July 2020

**FILE NO:** 17.4

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2020/2021 Annual Plan as presented, noting design to be finalised.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Mason

Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2020/2021 Annual Plan as presented, noting design to be finalised.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 9/0**

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**107/20 8.3 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – JUNE/JULY 2020**

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

**REPORT DATE:** 23 July, 2020

**FILE NO:** 14.10

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020 and 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 from the General Manager.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barwick  
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020 and 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 from the General Manager.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 9/0**

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**108/20 8.4 PLACE MAKING COMMITTEE PROJECT APPROVAL**

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

**REPORT DATE:** 29 June 2020

**FILE NO:** 14.7

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council, by absolute majority:

1. Endorse the allocation of \$50,000 to the 2020/2021 capital works program utilising the unanticipated 2019/2020 surplus of \$50,000 from the unexpended budget dedicated to the Place Making Committee.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Parkes  
Seconded: Cr Barwick

That Council, by absolute majority:

1. Endorse the allocation of \$50,000 to the 2020/2021 capital works program utilising the unanticipated 2019/2020 surplus of \$50,000 from the unexpended budget dedicated to the Place Making Committee.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0**



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**109/20 8.5 PROPOSAL FOR THE GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN**

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

**REPORT DATE:** 29 June 2020

**FILE NO:** 17.6

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. By absolute majority resolves to engage Reconciliation Tasmania to undertake the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan for George Town Council the amount of \$15,250 exclusive of GST, having not undertaken a procurement process in accordance with its Code for Tendering and Contracts (policy no 27 – version 7) as it is satisfied that such a process would not result in an improved outcome for Council given the specialist nature of developing Reconciliation Action Plans and the limited specialists available within Tasmania to perform such services.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Parkes  
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. By absolute majority resolves to engage Reconciliation Tasmania to undertake the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan for George Town Council the amount of \$15,250 exclusive of GST, having not undertaken a procurement process in accordance with its Code for Tendering and Contracts (policy no 27 – version 7) as it is satisfied that such a process would not result in an improved outcome for Council given the specialist nature of developing Reconciliation Action Plans and the limited specialists available within Tasmania to perform such services.

*Cr Dawson left the meeting at 1.50 pm.*

*Cr Dawson returned to the meeting at 1.51 pm.*

**VOTING**

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

Against: Cr Barwick, Cr Harris

**CARRIED 7/2**

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**110/20 8.6 SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Manager People, Performance, and Governance – Mr B. Daire

**REPORT DATE:** 14 July 2020

**FILE NO:** 14.7

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Adopt GTC-16 Special Committees policy, procedures and templates effective 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Mason

Seconded: Cr Brooks

That Council:

1. Adopt GTC-16 Special Committees policy, procedures and templates effective 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**9. DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT**

Nil.

**10. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Nil.

**11. CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE**

**111/20 11.1 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT PANEL FOR 2019/2020**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Manager Corporate Services & Finance – Ms C. Hyde

**REPORT DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**FILE NO:** 29.11

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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorsement of the annual report of the Audit Panel for 2020/2021 and the Audit Panel Annual Work Plan for 2020/2021.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council endorses the annual report of the Audit Panel for 2020/2021 and the Audit Panel Annual Work Plan for 2020/2021.

*The Chair acknowledged the efforts of the Manager Corporate Services & Finance and team for their efforts and proactive work.*

*Cr Barwick called a Point of Order at 2.12 pm against the Chair Local Government (MP) Regulations 2015 23(1)(c). The Chair did not accept this point of order as the seconder had not spoken to the motion. Cr Barwick apologised hence providing the seconder an opportunity to speak to the motion.*

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 9/0**

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**112/20 11.2 REVISED CODE FOR TENDERS AND CONTRACTS**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Manager - Corporate Services and Finance – Mrs Cheryl Hyde

**REPORT DATE:** 2 July 2020

**FILE NO:** 14.13

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- (a) endorses the changes as outlined above and within the Code for Tenders and Contracts Policy No. 2 Version 08; and
- (b) adopts the revised Code for Tenders and Contracts Policy No. 2 Version 08 effective 28 July 2020.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Harris  
Seconded: Cr Michieletto

That Council:

- (a) endorses the changes as outlined above and within the Code for Tenders and Contracts Policy No. 2 Version 08; and
- (b) adopts the revised Code for Tenders and Contracts Policy No. 2 Version 08 effective 28 July 2020.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 9/0**

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**113/20 11.3 RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Manager – Corporate Services and Finance – Mrs C. Hyde

**REPORT DATE:** 14 July 2020

**FILE NO:** 29.11

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**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council :

1. Endorse the revised Risk Management Strategy, Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Procedures.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Mason  
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council :

1. Endorse the revised Risk Management Strategy, Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Procedures.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**12. LIVEABLE & CONNECTED COMMUNITIES**

**114/20 12.1 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION TOUR OF TASMANIA**

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

**REPORT DATE:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

**FILE NO:** 23.2

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Declines the sponsorship application by GTR Events to host Stage 1 of the 2020 Tour of Tasmania in George Town.

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council:

1. Declines the sponsorship application by GTR Events to host Stage 1 of the 2020 Tour of Tasmania in George Town.

*Cr Barwick and Chair thanked the Manager Liveable and Connected Communities and Community Officer on their report.*

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Barraclough, Cr Barwick, Cr Dawson, Cr Mason, Cr Parkes

Against: Cr Brooks, Cr Harris, Cr Michieletto

**CARRIED 6/3**



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**115/20 12.2 SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION LAUNCESTON TRIATHLON CLUB**

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

**REPORT DATE:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

**FILE NO:** 23.2

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**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**

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Mason

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 2020/2021.

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Parkes

Seconded: Cr Dawson

That this item lay on the table for further details to be provided.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Cr Brooks, Cr Barwick

**CARRIED 7/2**

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**13. MAYOR**

**116/20 13.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT –MAYOR**

**FILE NO.:** 14.11

**REPORT DATE:** 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

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**OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION**

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

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Dawson

Seconded: Cr Parkes

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

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**14. PETITIONS**

Nil.

**15. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Moved: Cr Brooks  
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

I move that the Mayor, as the Council's spokesperson, provide opportunity for other Councillors to speak to media outlets when Council is contacted by journalists about a Councillors specific notice of motion or subject matters that align more closely with their professional expertise.

**THE MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN BY CR BROOKS**

*The item will be discussed at the next available Council workshop.*

**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 CLEANING UP OF PRIVATE PROPERTIES AND THE MAIN STREET IN GEORGE TOWN – CR DAWSON**

Cr Dawson asked the question on what can Council do to demonstrate to our community and being proactive in assisting “cleaning up” of private properties and the main street in George Town?

*The General Manager advised that Council Officers have had discussions with the proponents regarding the potential developments on the two private properties to be cleaned up and the General Manager has spoken with the Chair of the Placemaking Committee in regards to installation of garden beds in the main street to draw away the attention to facades that require maintenance. The Manager Development & Environment will provide a briefing paper to Council on unsightly properties within the George Town municipal area with avenues of what is available to Council on enforcement and intervention under the relevant Acts and Regulations. The General Manager further advised that this report was scheduled to be presented to Council earlier but has been delayed due to Covid-19.*

*Council Officers will be working with private owners regarding their properties and businesses on the maintenance of their facades providing tools to assist i.e. the current community care grant process.*

*Council will act on unsafe and unsightly public spaces once brought to Council’s attention.*

**16.2 REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI – CR HARRIS**

Cr Harris advised that there is graffiti on private properties. What role has Council have in enforcing the removal of graffiti?

*The General Manager advised that Cr Harris' question will be taken on notice.*

**16.3 VEGETATION PROTECTION – HILLWOOD – CR BARWICK**

Q1. How does Council enforce vegetation protection under the planning permit relating to 139 Hillwood Main road and 105 Main Road, Hillwood?

Response

The site between Hillwood Road and East Tamar Highway is zoned rural resource where the intent is to use the land for agriculture. The DA 2017/11 was lodged and a permit granted for the clearing of the site in accordance with Forest Practices Plan (FPP No. SRL0049-01).

The property owners contacted Council prior to commencing the clearing, stating that the clearing was to be carried out in accordance with the Forest Practices Plan (FPP No. SRL0049-01).

The owners advised that the following would be carried out in accordance with the FPP:

- a) A 40m vegetation buffer along the East Tamar and Hillwood Jetty Road was to be retained as per the FPP and Planning Permit
- b) The FPP permitted clearing along the Hillwood Road boundary at the owners' discretion.
- c) Property owner has indicated that stream buffers have been provided as per the FPP and Permit.

Council's planner has viewed the site and held discussions with the owner and believes that no breach of the permit or scheme has occurred. As above, a buffer was required along the highway and this has been retained as required by the Forest Practices Plan. In relation to compliance with the permit for vegetation clearing, the owners' have advised they have cleared in accordance with the FPP.

The owners had the discretion to remove trees along Hillwood Road. Retaining trees along Hillwood Road was not a requirement, as Hillwood Road isn't classified as a scenic corridor. The Forest Practices Plan specifically gave the owners the right to remove trees if deemed appropriate.

Officers has been in contact with the owners regarding the provision of a soil and water management plan, intersection upgrade, vegetation trimming to improve site distances, and provision of warning signs prior to reaching the Berry Farm access which relate to previous permits. Council's Infrastructure Department is continuing discussions with the owners in relation to the driveway/road matters, while the planning department will liaise on the on the soil and water management/re-vegetation plan.

Officers will continue to actively work with the owners on the completion of planning permit conditions in a practical manner.

*Cr Barwick further advised that she has received further concerns from residents on the buffer zone.*

*The General Manager advised further information has been received since the writing of this report and that a full report will be provided to the August Ordinary Council meeting.*

**16.4 MAIN STREET CCTV SYSTEM – CR PARKES**

- Q1. (A) What is the time as in weeks, months and years that the main street CCTV system has been running?

*The CCTV were installed and commenced operation in early 2018.*

- Q2. (B) The time (as above) that the system has been off line if at all?

*Unknown, Council does not keep records of downtime.*

- Q3. (C) How many requests has Tas. Police, businesses or other individuals made to Council in regards to requests for CCTV footage to assist them with investigations or in solving acts of crime, and what type of crime?

*Council does not provide footage to anyone other than Police. Council does not record how many times police request or review footage. Police however do maintain records of access to footage.*

- Q4. (D) How many of the above requests have been successfully prosecuted or the offenders have been made known to Tas. Police and or those requesting assistance?

*Details unknown. Officers are aware however that footage has assisted police in investigation and prosecutions.*

- Q5. (E) During the time of operation indicated in point “A” how many cases of crime within the CCTV zone have been reported (Not requests for footage but crime reported by Tas. Police or business if known)?

*Unknown.*

- Q6. (F) What was the original grant funding amount for this project?

*\$14,373*

- Q7. (G) What is the ongoing cost of the CCTV System per F/Y, and including expenditure to date (unforeseen maintenance or other if any)?

*Small costs associated with electricity and some maintenance costs which are currently costed in the electricity charges for the street. Unforeseen repairs and replacement of one camera has occurred to date at a cost of \$2,420.00.*

- Q8. (H) What is the expected life of the CCTV asset and has the asset been managed within the current budget to be replaced at the end of its life expectancy?

*The CCTV asset is depreciated on a yearly basis in accordance with Council’s asset management strategy and will be included in the renewal program for Council consideration as it nears the end of its life. Useful life expectancy of CCTV cameras is set at ten years.*



**16.4 MAIN STREET CCTV SYSTEM – CR PARKES (CONT.)**

*The Chair advised that the Tas. Police has provided further information but may be considered confidential. Cr Barwick requested a copy of the information for the Safety Committee meeting.*

*Cr Parkes requested investigation into the blackspots along Macquarie Street.*

*Cr Barwick advised that the George Town Safety Group Committee will be recommencing on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020.*

**16.5 DRAFT MINUTES – CR BARWICK**

1. Are councillors able to advise ratepayers of responses to subjects discussed at a previous public meeting before the draft minutes are approved?
2. Council monthly draft minutes are not available to the general public in time to put a "question notice" for the next meeting of council.

Can this be changed please.

*Through the Chair the General Manager advised that subjects in the public forum can be discussed. Obviously subjects in closed session cannot be discussed.*

*The General Manager further advised that there is sufficient time for the public to receive draft minutes but a resolution of Council would be required to alter the current motion.*

**16.6 VEGETATION PROTECTION – HILLWOOD – CR BARWICK**

That a report be presented to the August 2020 meeting of council 're permit granted for land use on 105 and 139 Hillwood Main Road Hillwood. This report to address the non-compliance of the Council permit, plus a recommendation for a way forward to reinstating the buffer zone.

*See response provided at 16.1.*

**17. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil.

**18. CLOSED MEETING**

**117/20 18.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Dawson  
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That Council move into closed meeting at 3.33 pm to discuss the following items:

**Item 1 Minutes of the closed ordinary Council meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020**

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

**REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL**

**Item 2 RFT 04/20 – Supply and Install George Town Swimming Pool Complex Pool Heating**

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

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 9/0**

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**120/20 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: Cr Mason  
Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting at 4.03 pm and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Meeting and the information remains Confidential.

**119/20 18.3 RFT 04/20 – SUPPLY AND INSTALL GEORGE TOWN SWIMMING POOL  
COMPLEX POOL HEATING**

1. Award to PoolQuip for the Lump Sum Price of \$222,469.42 excluding GST included in their Tender RFT 04/20 Supply and Install George Town Swimming Pool Complex Pool Heating.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil.

**CARRIED 8/0**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.07 pm.

**Cr Greg Kieser  
MAYOR**