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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.

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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).

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

All questions must be in writing from the public and Council will be allowing a maximum of 5 persons into the Ordinary Council meeting. You must pre-register to attend this meeting of Council.

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

1. PRESENT

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

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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

138/20 2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 25TH AUGUST 2020

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 25th August 2020 numbered 121/20 to 133/20 and 136/20 to 137/20 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings (attached).

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 UNANIMOUS

139/20 2.2 RESUMPTION OF FACE TO FACE MEETING

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Michieletto

That Council updates its Covid-19 Safe Work Plan to resume face to face meeting with public inclusion commencing 27th October 2020 if regulations permit.

Point of Order was called by Cr Barwick against Mayor Kieser at 1.12 pm Local Government (MP)R 23(1)(a) diverting away from the motion. The Chair did not accept the Point of Order as the Chair was of the opinion that it was relevant to the motion.

VOTING

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

Against: Cr Dawson, Cr Harris, Cr Kieser, Cr Mason

CARRIED 5/4

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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 as enabled through the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, public question time will be conducted in the following manner.

George Town Council will be allowing only members of the public that have submitted an objection to a planning matter (priority attendance) and questions from the public to a maximum of 5 persons (to maintain social distancing) into the Ordinary meeting of Council.

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

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

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4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

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4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at: 1.17 pm
Concluded at: 1.25 pm

Mr G. Neilsen, George Town

Q1. Mayor Kieser

I refer to my question asked at the August meeting and responded page 9 in the September Agenda.

Your response is difficult to decipher in that it has not addressed the crux of the question asked. i.e. what rules of the current Code of Conduct need to be “overhauled” as you publically called.

Could you please identify the rules by reference to either the Act or the current Council Policy that require an overhaul?

Your quoted comments in the response “It is not a functioning process and it doesn’t serve the public interest to force arbitration at a local level ” may then be read with relevance and understanding.

The Chair thanked Mr Neilsen for his question and took the question on notice. A written response will be provided.

Q2. Mayor Kieser

Which section of the proposed Public Interest Disclosure Procedures is the most appropriate for a ratepayer to report presentation of documentation to State Authorities that is suspected to be false, non-compliant or not endorsed by Council?

The Chair thanked Mr Neilsen for his question and took the question on notice. A written response will be provided. The response will be published in the next Agenda.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Ms L. Turner, George Town

- Q1. Re the 'Matters of Involvement – Mayor' in the Confirmed Minutes (online) of the Council Meeting held on 28 July 2020

The Matters of Involvement usually list the activities (the information report) of the Mayor for the previous month. The online version of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th July 2020 do not include the information report from the Mayor on Matters of Involvement though it does show that the information report was received and the information noted. Does this mean that the Mayor did not undertake any Council related activities between June 13-July 20 or is this a mistake?

The Chair advised that the Matters of Involvement are included in the Ordinary Council meeting agenda and it was an omission in the minutes. The Chair advised that a response will be provided.

- Q2. In June/July 2020, it was publicised that the Mayor and General Manager were visiting local businesses to find out how they were coping with COVID-19, to show Council's support for local business and to promote the Council's COVID business recovery grants. Every George Town business owner I have spoken to has told me they received one of these COVID-support visits from the Mayor & General Manager. The Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 23rd June 2020 shows, in the 'Matters of Involvement – Mayor', that on Thursday 4 June and Friday 12 June, the Mayor "visited businesses with the General Manager re COVID-19 support". My business, Pink Poodle Vintage, was not included in these visits. My business was open on both these days. As the Minutes for the Meeting held on 28th July do not include details of the Mayor's activities between June 13 and July 20, I do not know if there were other dates on which local businesses received visits from the Mayor and General Manager but I did not receive any visits from them during this time While the Business Hours sign on the front door of my shop states that my Winter opening hours were Thursday to Sunday, I often open on other days ("By chance or by appointment"). My contact details are also on the front door of my shop so customers can call or message me if they need to speak to me when I'm not at the shop. I did not receive any calls, texts, emails, 'notes under the door' or anything to indicate that an attempt had been made to contact me.

Why was my business, Pink Poodle Vintage, not included in the Mayor and General Manager's COVID-support visits to local businesses?

The Chair advised the Mayor and General Manager had walked past the business and the business was not opened at the time. The response will be provided in writing.

Through the Chair, the General Manager advised that he concurred with the Chair's response.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONT.)

Ms L. Turner, George Town (cont.)

Q3. After learning that my business had not been included in the Mayor's COVID-support visits in June/July, on Friday 4 September 2020, I discovered that my businesses, Pink Poodle Vintage, had not been included in the Council-funded/supported Why Leave Town scheme. I did not know anything about Why Leave Town until the promotional video was released to the public on Friday 4 September. Several business owners told me that they were approached and asked to join the scheme "about 6 weeks" earlier and were shocked to hear that I hadn't been included. While I understand that Why Leave Town is an "initiative" of the GT Chamber of Commerce, Council's involvement in the Why Leave Town scheme has been widely publicised and a letter I received from the mayor's solicitor states that the scheme has been "sponsored" by the George Town Council. The Matters of Involvement – Mayor of the Council Meeting on 25th August 2020 also show that, in August 14, the Mayor "Met with President of the George Town Chamber of Commerce re Why Leave Town".

This is not the first time my business and I have been excluded from Council-related activities. In July 2019, I discovered that Pink Poodle Vintage, a shop set up as a visitor experience designed to bring people to George Town and one of the only Macquarie Street businesses to open weekends and most public holidays, had been 'left off' the Council-funded George Town visitor map. I have still not received an explanation or apology. This is now 3 times that my business and I have been excluded from Council-related activities.

Pink Poodle Vintage is often described by visitors and tourists as being 'the best shop in George Town' and, as a destination retail experience, brings people to George Town. In 2019, Pink Poodle Vintage won Best New Business at the George Town Business Awards with the judges recognising the contribution the shop makes to the town. In September 2019, the Examiner featured Pink Poodle Vintage in its 'Better Business' section, putting the shop – and George Town – on the front page. In June this year, Pink Poodle Vintage was the first George Town business to book and buy a spot on the new Tamar Valley tourist map. I'm doing a lot to promote George Town so I do not understand why Council continues to support 'initiatives' that deliberately exclude my business.

I've become accustomed to George Town locals shunning my business (Pink Poodle has never been 'shared' on the 'George Town Tasmania' Facebook page which promotes local businesses) but surely Council has an obligation to ensure their activities are inclusive and do not discriminate. There is now a clear pattern of exclusion. Equal Opportunity Tasmania lists 'exclusion or shunning' as examples of bullying behaviours.

Could Council please explain why Pink Poodle Vintage continues to be excluded from/left out of/ not included in Council-funded and Council-related business/tourism activities?

The Chair advised the 'Why Leave Town' Scheme is run by the George Town Chamber of Commerce scheme. The George Town Council will provide funding to support local communities but does not bind Council in the final outcome.

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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.”)

Mrs D. Rainbow, George Town



14th September, 2020

Mrs D. Rainbow

Dear Mrs Rainbow,

Thank you for question taken on notice to Council dated 25th August, 2020 where you asked:

Q1. 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.

In response, I offer my sincere apology for any offence my swearing in your person may have caused.

Yours sincerely,

**Shane Power
General Manager**

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

Mr G. Neilsen, George Town



14th September, 2020

Mr G Neilsen

Dear Mr Neilsen,

RE: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 25TH AUGUST 2020

Thank you for submitting the following question at the 25th Ordinary Council meeting:

Q1. Mayor Councillor Kieser has been reported in the Sunday Mercury 23 August as joining calls for an overhaul of the code of conduct rules.

I respectfully ask what exactly are the rules of the Code of Conduct that the Mayor considers needs to be overhauled?

The Chair responded to your question stating that a written response will be provided.

The Chair advised that as part of his quoted comment *“it is not a functioning process and it doesn’t serve the public interest to force arbitration at a local level before a complaint passes over to the rather litigious process of the code of conduct panel which should be resolved without being drawn out to the public eye”* and therefore as per my quoted comment, I believe that there should be a forced arbitration process prior to the submission of a code of conduct complaint.

There are other Councils such as Hobart City Council which have similar processes embedded in the policy framework and it would be of benefit if the process was standardised across all local government. This will prevent possible disparity and the amount of code of conduct panel reviews some councils undertake in comparison to those who choose to adopt such policy and to allow for relative minor issues to be resolved, where possible, in the first instance without resorting to expensive investigations, the calling of witnesses, hearings and potential litigation.

The Chair thanked Mr Neilsen for his question.

Again, thank you for submitting your question to the Ordinary Council meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Mayor Greg Kieser

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION

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

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



Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

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

7. PLANNING AUTHORITY

Nil.

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8. OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

140/20 8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2020

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager – Mr S. Power

REPORT DATE: 15th September, 2020

FILE NO: 14.10

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops 25th August, 2020 and 8th September, 2020 from the General Manager.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris

Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops 25th August, 2020 and 8th September, 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 UNANIMOUS

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141/20 LGAT GENERAL MEETING MOTIONS FROM GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Brooks

That the five motions forwarded to LGAT's General Meeting on 4th December, 2020 be discussed at the next Workshop of Council.

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 UNANIMOUS

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142/20 8.2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BASS AND FLINDERS CENTRE TO GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL

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

REPORT DATE: 15 Sep 2020

FILE NO: 14.12

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Conduct community consultation for 28 days on the offer from George Town Norfolk Pty Ltd to gift their assets, namely the Bass and Flinders Centre and its contents, to the Council, to ensure ongoing access to the public of the Centre and its collection.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris

Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Conduct community consultation for 28 days on the offer from George Town Norfolk Pty Ltd to gift their assets, namely the Bass and Flinders Centre and its contents, to the Council, to ensure ongoing access to the public of the Centre and its collection.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Michieletto

That Council:

1. Conduct community consultation for 28 days on the offer from George Town Norfolk Pty Ltd to gift their assets, namely the Bass and Flinders Centre and its contents, to the Council, to ensure ongoing access to the public of the Centre and its collection.
2. And Council management return to Council with a recommendation on the type of consultation that will be undertaken.

Point of Order was called by Cr Barwick against Cr Dawson at 1.36 pm Local Government (MP)R 23(1)(a) a councillor speaking raises an issue that is irrelevant to the motion being discussed that the information contained in the report was time sensitive. The Chair did not accept the Point of Order as the Chair was of the opinion that it was relevant to the motion.

Point of Order was called by Cr Barwick against the General Manager at 1.40 pm. The Chair did not accept the Point of Order as the Chair was of the opinion that it was relevant to the motion.

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142/20 8.2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BASS AND FLINDERS CENTRE TO GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL (CONT.)

VOTING

For: Cr Barwick, Cr Michieletto

Against: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Barraclough, Cr Brooks, Cr Dawson,
Cr Mason, Cr Parkes

MOTION LOST 2/7

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Conduct community consultation for 28 days on the offer from George Town Norfolk Pty Ltd to gift their assets, namely the Bass and Flinders Centre and its contents, to the Council, to ensure ongoing access to the public of the Centre and its collection.

VOTING

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

Against: Cr Barwick

CARRIED 8/1

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143/20 8.3 POLICY GOVERNANCE – REPEAL AND DELETE GTC-P9 EXCAVATION AND FILLING OF LAND

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

REPORT DATE: 15th September 2020

FILE NO: 14.17

ATTACHMENT/S: GTC-P9 Excavation and Filling of Land

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the repeal and deletion of GTC-P9 Excavation and Filling of Land from the current George Town Council Policy Governance Framework.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Endorse the repeal and deletion of GTC-P9 Excavation and Filling of Land from the current George Town Council Policy Governance Framework.

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 UNANIMOUS

9. DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Nil.

10. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil.

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11. CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE

144/20 11.1 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES -REVIEW

Council's Procurement, Risk and Compliance Officer entered the meeting at 1.49 pm.

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting Manager Corporate Services and Finance – Mr P. Groves

REPORT DATE: 15th September 2020

FILE NO: 33.15

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the Public Interest Disclosure Procedure for use as presented in Attachment 11.1 (B);
2. Endorses the associated guidelines, procedure forms and flow charts for use as presented in Attachments 11.1 (C) through 11.1 (E) inclusive; and
3. Presents the endorsed Public Interest Disclosure Procedure to the Ombudsman for approval in line with the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes

Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Endorses the Public Interest Disclosure Procedure for use as presented in Attachment 11.1 (B);
2. Endorses the associated guidelines, procedure forms and flow charts for use as presented in Attachments 11.1 (C) through 11.1 (E) inclusive; and
3. Presents the endorsed Public Interest Disclosure Procedure to the Ombudsman for approval in line with the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002.

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 UNANIMOUS

Council's Procurement, Risk & Compliance Officer left the meeting at 1.52 pm.

12. LIVEABLE & CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

145/20 12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE – GEORGE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Cr Dawson left the meeting at 1.54 pm.

Council's Manager Liveable & Connected Communities joined the meeting at 1.54 pm.

Cr Dawson returned to the meeting at 1.57 pm.

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Liveable & Connected Communities, Ms M. Bennett

REPORT DATE: 16th September 2020

FILE NO: 23.2

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Provides George Town Football Club with the Grant for \$1999 for the purchase of IT equipment (laptop) for the purpose of business operations for the club.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason

Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council:

Provides George Town Football Club with the Grant for \$1999 for the purchase of IT equipment (laptop) for the purpose of business operations for the club.

VOTING

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

Against: Cr Dawson

CARRIED 8/1

Cr Dawson abstained from voting.

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**146/20 12.2 COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE – ST VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

Cr Brooks declared that she volunteers with St Vincent De Paul van and Dining in Night.

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Liveable & Connected Communities, Ms M. Bennett

REPORT DATE: 16th September 2020

FILE NO: 23.2

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Provides a Community Grant of \$2,000 to St Vincent De Paul to support the Dining with Friends program for the betterment of health and wellbeing particularly the vulnerable members of the community.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes
Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

Provides a Community Grant of \$2,000 to St Vincent De Paul to support the Dining with Friends program for the betterment of health and wellbeing particularly the vulnerable members of the community.

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 UNANIMOUS

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147/20 12.3 COMMUNITY GRANTS / ASSISTANCE – LAUNCESTON CITY MISSION

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Liveable & Connected Communities, Ms M. Bennett

REPORT DATE: 16th September 2020

FILE NO: 23.2

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Provides a Community Grant of \$2,000 to Launceston City Mission to support the upgrade of the volunteer’s lunch room facilities (flooring, furniture and small appliances) and support a new not for profit service provider in George Town who will offering much needed community services, whilst engaging volunteers and offering on the job training.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Mason

Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council:

Provides a Community Grant of \$2,000 to Launceston City Mission to support the upgrade of the volunteer’s lunch room facilities (flooring, furniture and small appliances) and support a new not for profit service provider in George Town who will offering much needed community services, whilst engaging volunteers and offering on the job training.

Point of Order was called by Cr Dawson against Cr Harris at 2.02 pm Local Government (MP) R 23(1)(a) a councillor speaking raises an issue that is irrelevant to the motion being discussed. The Chair did not accept the Point of Order as the Chair was of the opinion that it was relevant to the motion.

VOTING

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

Against: Cr Harris

CARRIED 8/1

The Manager Liveable & Connected Communities left the meeting at 2.05 pm.

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13. MAYOR

148/20 13.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT –MAYOR

FILE NO.: 14.11

REPORT DATE: 19th August, 2020

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
August	19	Attended Owners' Representatives Quarterly Briefing
	21	Met with South32 representatives with the General Manager
	25	Chaired Council Workshop
	25	Chaired Ordinary Council meeting
	27	Met with Hillwood Progress Association and community members on Council's roadshow with Councillors and management
	27	Met with Bellingham Progress Association and community members on Council's roadshow with Councillors and management
	28	Met with Weymouth Progress Association and community members on Council's roadshow with Councillors and management
	28	Met with Lulworth Progress Association and community members on Council's roadshow with Councillors and management
	28	Met with Beechford Residents & Property Owners Association and community members on Council's roadshow with Councillors and management
September	1	Interview with Tasmania Talks – Northern Tasmania ABC
	3	Attended FIG Bumper Sticker selection panel meeting
	7	Met with Bell Bay Aluminium representatives and General Manager re Mountain Bike Trail
	7	Attended George Town Chamber of Commerce meeting
	8	Chaired Council Workshop
	9	Attended tour of Forico's Long Reach site with General Manager
	10	Attended LGAT Mayor's Workshop
	11	Attended LGAT General Meeting
	11	Met with Archbishop of Hobart The Most Rev Julian Porteous DD
14	Met with new residents to discuss grant opportunities	

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

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

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DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes

Seconded: Cr Barraclough

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

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 9/0 UNANIMOUS

14. PETITIONS

Nil.

15. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

149/20 15.1 COUNCIL ROADSHOWS – CR BARWICK

The Council has had Road Shows in the country areas of Lulworth, Beechford, Weymouth and Hillwood and as discussed we need to share information which is relevant to George Town and Low Head communities.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Brooks

1. That an invitation from the Mayor and Councillors be extended to the residents of George Town to attend a "Council Road Show" in the Memorial Hall to be convened by the General Manager; and
2. also extend to the Low Head residents, through the Low Head Progress Association, an invitation to attend a "Council Road Show" at Low Head to be convened by the General Manager.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Dawson
Seconded: Cr Michieletto

1. That an invitation from the Mayor and Councillors be extended to the residents of George Town and Low Head to attend a "Council Road Show" in the Memorial Hall to be convened by the General Manager; and
2. also extend to the Low Head residents, through the Low Head Progress Association, an invitation to attend a "Council Road Show" at Low Head to be convened by the General Manager.

VOTING

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

Against: Cr Barwick

CARRIED 8/1

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SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

Moved: Cr Dawson
Seconded: Cr Michieletto

1. That an invitation from the Mayor and Councillors be extended to the residents of George Town and Low Head to attend a "Council Road Show" in the Memorial Hall to be convened by the General Manager; and
2. also extend to the Low Head residents, through the Low Head Progress Association, an invitation to attend a "Council Road Show" at Low Head to be convened by 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 UNANIMOUS

16. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

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

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

Nil.

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17. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

150/20 17.1 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE MEETING

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

REPORT DATE: 17th September, 2020

FILE NO: 14.7

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Confirmed minutes of the 17th August, 2020 as an accurate record of that meeting.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Brooks
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That Council accept the Confirmed minutes of the 17th August, 2020 as an accurate record of that meeting.

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 UNANIMOUS

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**151/20 17.2 APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO SECTION 24 SPECIAL
COMMITTEE – GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE**

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

REPORT DATE: 14th September, 2020

FILE NO: 14.7

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Appoints Kaija Kautto as a member of the George Town Council Placemaking Committee for a single term.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Brooks

Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council:

1. Appoints Kaija Kautto as a member of the George Town Council Placemaking Committee for a single term.

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 UNANIMOUS

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152/20 17.3 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE

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

REPORT DATE: 18th August, 2020

FILE NO: 14.7

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Accept the minutes of the George Town Safety Group Committee meeting of 4th August, 2020 as an accurate record of that meeting (attached); and
2. Appoints Ms C. Smith of the Hillwood Progress Association and Mr R. Hibbs of the Bellingham Progress as members of the George Town Council Safety Committee.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Dawson

That Council:

1. Accept the minutes of the George Town Safety Group Committee meeting of 4th August, 2020 as an accurate record of that meeting with an amendment being change the word “look” to “looking” (attached); and
2. Appoints Ms C. Smith of the Hillwood Progress Association and Mr R. Hibbs of the Bellingham Progress as members of the George Town Council Safety Committee.

Point of Order was called by Cr Barwick against Cr Dawson at 2.34 pm Local Government (MP) R 23(1)(a) a councillor speaking raises an issue that is irrelevant to the motion being discussed regarding the status of the Hillwood Progress Association. The Chair did not accept the Point of Order as the Chair was of the opinion that it was relevant to the motion.

The Chair provided Cr Barwick with a formal warning at 2.34 pm as the Chair had already ruled on the Point of Order.

Point of Order was called by Cr Dawson against Cr Barwick at 2.41 pm Local Government (MP) R 23(1)(d) a councillor has been misrepresented during the debate - Cr Dawson did not discuss at the Hillwood Progress Association AGM to make them a Section 24 Committee of Council. The Chair accepted the Point of Order and the Chair also stated that the discussions were not part of the formal process of the Hillwood Progress Association’s AGM.

Point of Order was called by Cr Barraclough against Cr Barwick at 2.42 pm Local Government (MP) R 23(1)(a) a councillor speaking raises an issue that is irrelevant to the motion being discussed. The Chair did not accept the Point of Order as the Chair was of the opinion that it was relevant to the motion.

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152/20 17.3 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE (CONT.)

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 UNANIMOUS

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18. CLOSED MEETING

153/20 18.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That Council move into closed meeting at 2.43 pm to discuss the following items:

Item 1 Minutes of the closed ordinary Council meeting held on the 25th August, 2020

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

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

Item 2 Northern Tasmania Development Corporation – Special Members Meeting

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

Item 3 05/17 Domestic Kerbside General Waste Collection Service and 06/17 Domestic Kerbside Recyclables Collection Service

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 UNANIMOUS

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157/20 18.5 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: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting at 3.10 pm and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Meeting and the information remains Confidential excluding Agenda Item 18.4 decision (1).

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 UNANIMOUS

**156/20 18.4 05/17 DOMESTIC KERBSIDE GENERAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE
AND 06/17 DOMESTIC KERBSIDE RECYCLABLES COLLECTION SERVICE**

That Council:

Exercise the option to extend Contracts 05/17 Domestic Kerbside General Waste Collection Service and 06/17 Domestic Kerbside Recyclables Collection Service by one year to JJ Richards & Sons Pty Ltd to expire on 31 January 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.10 pm

**Cr Greg Kieser
MAYOR**