

George Town Council
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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 Cr Greg Kieser, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Cr Tim Harris
Cr Chris Barraclough
Cr Heather Barwick
Cr Greg Dawson
Cr Peter Parkes
Cr Winston Mason

1.1 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Dean Gibbons
Cr Andrew Michieletto
Manager Infrastructure and Works – Mr J. Herron

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager – Mr S. Power
Manager Corporate Services & Finance – Mrs C. Hyde
Manager People, Performance & Governance – Ms K. Desmond
Manager Development Services and Environment – Mr R. Cassidy
Manager Liveable and Connected Communities – Ms M. Bennett
Executive Support and Governance Officer – Ms L. Dickenson

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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

032/22 2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 22ND FEBRUARY 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 22nd February 2022 numbered 011/22 to 031/22 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings (attached).

DECISION

Moved: Cr Harris
Seconded: Cr Mason

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 22nd February 2022 numbered 011/22 to 031/22 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0 UNANIMOUS

Moved: Cr Barwick

That Council reverts back to normal proceedings with face to face participation as of the March 2022.

The Chair advised that Council will be conducting face to face meetings from the 1st April, 2022. In accordance with the Emergency Management Act, the Mayor has advised the General Manager of the resumption of in person meetings. Therefore there is no need for this motion.

3. LATE ITEMS

Nil.

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4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME PROCEDURE

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

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

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

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

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

Questions With Notice

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

Questions Without Notice

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

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

4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

4.4 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

Nil.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION

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

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



Shane Power
GENERAL MANAGER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

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

7. PLANNING AUTHORITY

Nil.

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8. OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

033/22 8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022

REPORT AUTHOR: General Manager – Mr S. Power

REPORT DATE: 17th March 2022

FILE NO: 14.10

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops 22nd February and 8th March 2022 from the General Manager.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes

Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops 22nd February and 8th March 2022 from the General Manager.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0 UNANIMOUS

9. DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Nil.

10. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

034/22 10.1 STATUS UPDATE - WILD TAMAR PROJECT

REPORT AUTHOR: Project Manager, Mr Peter Rickards

REPORT DATE: 15 March 2022

FILE NO: 11.4, 13.1, 13.3

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note receipt of the report titled Status Report - Wild Tamar Project - March 2022.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick

Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That Council:

1. Note receipt of the report titled Status Report - Wild Tamar Project - March 2022.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0 UNANIMOUS

11. CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE

Nil.

12. LIVEABLE & CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

035/22 12.1 EVENT SPONSORSHIP BREAKFAST CLUB AT PORT DALRYMPLE SCHOOL

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Liveable & Connected Communities

REPORT DATE: 16th February 2022

FILE NO: 23.9

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Supports the Port Dalrymple School Association's Sponsorship application as presented, providing \$3,000 for the Breakfast Club Program.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes

Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council:

1. Supports the Port Dalrymple School Association's Sponsorship application as presented, providing \$3,000 for the Breakfast Club Program.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0 UNANIMOUS

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13. MAYOR

036/22 13.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT – MAYOR

FILE NO.: 14.11

REPORT DATE: 16th March 2022

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser		
February	22	Chaired Council Workshop and Ordinary Council Meeting
	23	ABC Radio Interview
	24	Tamar FM Interview
	24	Tasmania Talks Interview
March	1	General Manager Annual Performance Review
	3	BBA/RT MOU with Tas Government discussion
	3	BET Hydrogen Discussions
	4	Labour announcement
	8	Chaired Council Workshop
	9	Beechford and Pipers River Roadshow
	10	Low Head Community Garden Tour
	11	Bellingham and Weymouth/Lulworth/Tam O'Shanter Roadshow

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

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

Moved: Cr Parkes
Seconded: Cr Dawson

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 Dawson,
Cr Mason, Cr Parkes

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0 UNANIMOUS

14. PETITIONS

Nil.

15. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil.

16. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

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

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

Cr Barwick

Cr Barwick requested to receive the report as soon as it has been received by the General Manager on the senior exercise equipment.

Through the Chair the General Manager advised that the report will be provided to Councillors once received.

17. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

**037/22 17.1 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – 1ST FEBRUARY 2022**

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting Executive Support & Governance Officer – Mrs A Allison

REPORT DATE: 16th March 2022

FILE NO: 14.7

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Accepts the minutes of the George Town Safety Group Committee meeting of the 1st February 2022.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That Council:

1. Accepts the minutes of the George Town Safety Group Committee meeting of the 1st February 2022.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0 UNANIMOUS

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**038/22 17.2 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE MEETING –7TH
FEBRUARY 2022**

REPORT AUTHOR: Community Officer – Arts Culture and Experience – Thelma Demesa Meraz

REPORT DATE: 16th March 2022

FILE NO: 14.7

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Accepts the minutes of the George Town Placemaking Committee meeting of the 7th February 2022.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Dawson
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That Council:

1. Accepts the minutes of the George Town Placemaking Committee meeting of the 7th February 2022.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0 UNANIMOUS

18. CLOSED MEETING

039/22 18.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

Moved: Cr Barwick
Seconded: Cr Harris

That Council move into closed meeting at 1.32 pm to discuss the following items:

Agenda Item 18.2 Minutes of the closed ordinary Council meeting held on the 22nd February 2022
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As per the provisions of regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

Agenda Item 18.3 RFT01/22 Design and construct – drainage systems George Town sports complex football and cricket ovals
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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 Dawson,
Cr Mason, Cr Parkes

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0 UNANIMOUS

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042/22 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 Harris
Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting at 1.54 pm and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Meeting and the information remains Confidential.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil.

CARRIED 7/0 UNANIMOUS

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.54 pm.

**Cr Greg Kieser
MAYOR**