



# GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL CONFIRMED MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting  
held on **Tuesday 25 October 2022**

in the Council Chambers,  
16-18 Anne Street, George Town,

commenced at **1:00 pm.**

*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 limitations on public attendance to maintain social distancing.*

*Council will be allowing a maximum of 10 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.*

Shane Power  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**Meeting Commenced at 1:00 pm**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

*George Town Council acknowledges the Palawa People from the Litarimirina tribe from Port Dalrymple as the traditional custodians of the land.*

*We honour and give thanks for the caring of country, seas and skies of kinimathatakinta and surrounds.*

*We pay respect to the elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hope of pakana people in Lutruwita.*

**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.

*Although the level of COVID-19 risk in Tasmania is now regarded as low to moderate, it is still present in all regions of the state. Therefore, Council meetings will still be guided by the Tasmanian Public Health Guidelines for COVID-19. These include:*

- *Council meetings will continue to be held at the George Town Council Chambers;*
- *Councillors feeling unwell or isolating should not attend meetings;*
- *Public attendees are to register their details and confirm they do not have flu-like symptoms;*
- *If an attendee becomes unwell they will be required to leave and health advice will be sought. Physical distancing and good hygiene continue to be promoted as the strongest safeguards to prevent the spread of COVID-19.*
- *Seating is arranged to provide physical distancing of at least 1.5 metres and attendees will be requested not to move seating or tables.*
- *Attendee numbers will be limited to arranged seating, with no standing in the public gallery. In addition attendees can wear a mask if they are comfortable doing so.*

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*The Chair noted that as this is the final sitting after four years of this Council, the Chair thanked the Councillors for their service, diligence and for their sincerity that they have commitment to their service over the past four years. The Chair stated that the Councillors have been a credit to the community and thanked them sincerely. Many Councillors are standing for re-election and the results will be what results will be. There are two Councillors who will not be returning being Cr Andrew Michieletto who is an apology for today. Cr Michieletto has distinguished himself to be an outstanding and very independently minded person and a credit during his term. Also Cr Chris Barraclough, who the Chair stated he could say the same who has acquitted himself exceptionally well during this period.*

*The Chair asked Cr Barraclough if he wished to say something.*

*Cr Barraclough thanked the Chair for giving him the opportunity to speak.*

*Cr Barraclough thanked the entire community for voting him in for the past four years. It has been an absolute honour and privilege to serve on this Council. There have been many changes in the community that he is proud of. It is a well known fact that Cr Keiser, Cr Michieletto and himself ran four years ago to promote the bike trails and this is what they have done. This could have only been done with the rest of the Council's support and this is exactly what Council has done. The mountain bike trails is a major tourist attraction for George Town in the long term. This could only be achieved if all nine Councillors worked together to make it happen. It cannot be ignored that four years ago the community was facing a real possibility of becoming a prison town and Council managed to stop this and focused attention to becoming a major tourist attraction/haven for Northern Tasmania. This is becoming a real tangible asset for the the town and appreciate it as it grows over time. Council is now focussed on introducing climbing at Hillwood, parachuting at George Town and a range of water sports. All of which are becoming a part of the major tourist attraction.*

*In addition to this, Council has developed Regent Square to compliment these activities. Whilst there have been delays, Council is very close to finishing this project. As a Council, we have made hard and prudent decisions to make this happen.*

*Likewise we are pushing ahead to make George Town and surrounding areas to be a hydrogen hub for the area. This will have a flow on effect to boost population, employment and economic growth. This is a wonderful opportunity to ensure the continue growth and future survival of this town.*

*Cr Barraclough stated that he was speaking to an old guy of 80 years in the community a week ago and asked him has he ever witnessed such growth in this area in such a small amount of time? Cr Barraclough was talking to him about the new roads going in and new houses. He took a while to think about it and stated that in his 80 years of living in George Town he cannot remember such a massive growth in such a small amount of time. He admitted that there was some developments with estates being built. He went on to say that he had never before seen such massive growth. Cr Barraclough went on to say that these decisions we have been making as a Council over the past four years has really made this happen. We as a Council, can only have done this as a united team of Councillors. Yes, we are individuals with*

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*independent opinions but we as a Council have the maturity and intelligence to respect each other and each others opinion and independent thought.*

*It has been a privilege and absolute honour to be a part of this united team. Making the right decisions for the right reasons. Putting our own person opinions aside and to make the right decision for the community and what a wonderful team we have been.*

*Cr Barraclough stated that I have enjoyed your friendship and team work over the years and I would like to thank everyone around this table for that privilege.*

*Cr Barraclough stated that I believe that this is the best Council this community has had for what we have done in the last four years. I am proud to be part of that team. I would like to thank all of you and wish you the best in the next council term. In four years we have turned Council budget from a debt to a strong surplus and pushing the boundaries of growth which I hope will continue in the foreseeable future. Whilst we have achieved many goals as a team, above the expectations of many and the one thing that I am most proud of is Shane Power. One of the first things we did in our four years was to recruit a new General Manager. What a wonder Shane Power has turned out to be. Surely he must be the best asset that the community has ever had. Thank you Shane. Not only have you made George Town your home, he has become a major driving force in all that we have asked of him. Shane brings stability, strength, wisdom and continuity, which I believe George Town has lacked for many years.*

*Thank you to everyone around this table and the community and I have really enjoyed these four years and I'm really proud that we have pushed the boundaries and set George Town in that direction which should have headed a long time ago.*

*I sincerely hope that the next Council term and Councillors can push it in the same direction.*

*Thank you*

*Cr Chris Barraclough*

*Through the Chair, the General Manager thanked Cr Barraclough for his kind words. It is quiet humbling and appreciate everything you have said. I too, would like to acknowledge the term of Council as it comes to a close. You have delievered, in my experience, with the resource based we had, more than any other organisation I have been involved in. It is for a number of reasons; you have set an ambitious plan and made the decisions to implement that plan and gave the right amount of authority to enable those through myself to be able to deliver that plan for you.*

*You mentioned the words team and unity a lot and everything I have done I have been supported by a highly competent executive team and organisation behind me that I would like to acknowledge as well. But really the membership of this Council has shown a lot of courage in what they have committed to during the term and in return have rewarded me with their confidence and faith to be able to deliver on the decisions and strategic direction of this Council. I take this opportunity to thank you all and wish you the best in your endeavours and I hope that all those seeking re-election, wish you all every success.*

## **1 PRESENT**

Mayor Cr Greg Kieser, Chairperson  
Deputy Mayor Cr Tim Harris  
Cr Chris Barraclough  
Cr Heather Barwick  
Cr Greg Dawson  
Cr Dean Gibbons  
Cr Winston Mason  
Cr Peter Parkes

### **1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Andrew Michieletto

### **1.2 IN ATTENDANCE**

General Manager - Mr S Power  
Director Corporate and Community - Mrs C Hyde  
Director Organisational Performance, Strategy & Engagement - Ms K Desmond  
Executive Support and Governance Officer - Ms L Dickenson

## **2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 27 SEPTEMBER 2022**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 27 September 2022 numbered 132/22 to 140/22 and 142/22 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings. (Attached)

#### **Minute No. 143/22**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Harris

Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 27 September 2022 numbered 132/22 to 140/22 and 142/22 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 Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 / 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 COVID-19 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 members of the public that have submitted an objection to a planning matter (priority attendance) and questions from the public to a maximum of 10 persons (to maintain social distancing) into the Ordinary Meeting of Council.*

*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.*

*You must pre-register to attend this meeting of Council.*

**4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil.

### **4.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Commenced at: 1.09 pm

Concluded at: 1.12 pm

Mr Murray Chilcott

Q1. What is the story with the paddock out in North Street? The one that saw something about Mr Archer was talking about.

*The Chair thanked Mr Chilcott for the question. Like every government institution, Council follows the Local Government Act. The Local Government Act is very specific around the processes and protocols that Council must follow when Council does anything with procurement. Hypothetically, lets say I am a farmer looking for a particular model of tractor and there is one dealer for one of those in the state. Now if that dealer is made aware of the fact that there are multiple bidders on that tractor, you would have the scenario where that the price would become artiicifially inflated and effectively the purchaser will end up paying a significantly higher than true market value. Simply for the awareness of that there is a bidding process underway. So, hypothetically again, what the State Government says that for certain procurement and acquisition processes you can do that in a closed fashion so not to disadvantage the ratepayer when you make those acquisitions. Of course, I am speaking allegorically, as any of those things would be private and confidential and would only be dealt with in closed session.*

*So what Mr Archer is eluding to, is something that no-one here can confirm nor deny but hypothetically it might be a scenario that doesn't preclude something like that from happening. So that is all I can say happening and it would be specifically within those provisions of the local government act to protect the ratepayer from not artificially payment more for an asset otherwise what they need to say.*

*Neither confirm or deny.*

Mr Chilcott then asked hypothetically again what would the Council use it for, if Council was going to buy it?

*The Chair stated that we would be speaking in riddles as he cannot confirm or deny anything. Until there is a motion on the books and released to the public then Council will be transparent and clear.*

**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**

### **8.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** General Manager – Mr S. Power  
**REPORT DATE:** 18 October 2022  
**FILE NO:** 14.19  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

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#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops held on 27 September and 11 October 2022.

**Minute No. 144/22**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barraclough  
Seconded: Cr Gibbons

That Council receives the report on the Council Workshops held on 27 September and 11 October 2022.

#### **VOTING**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 / 0



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**8.2 LGAT GENERAL MEETING 8 DECEMBER 2022 VOTING PREFERENCES**

<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	General Manager – Mr S. Power
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	18 October 2022
<b>FILE NO:</b>	15.15
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1. Affordable Housing - Kingborough [8.2.1 - 3 pages] 2. Burnie - Timing of Council Meetings [8.2.2 - 2 pages]

**OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Authorises the Mayor for the LGAT General Meeting 8 December 2022 as determined by the Chair (usually a show of hands or verbal confirmation) in respect to each individual item as listed below and formally endorses that direction:

LGAT Meeting Agenda 8 December 2022 Item No.	General Items for Decision	Council Decision
TBA	<p><b>Housing Affordability – Kingborough Council</b></p> <p>That LGAT lobby the State Government to:</p> <p>Encourage the development of affordable housing, as a matter of urgency through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Measures that promote the efficient supply of well located, diverse housing;</li> <li>b) Promote the development of affordable housing with specific incentives for affordable housing enabled through planning schemes and policies; and</li> <li>c) Require the development of affordable housing with the use of mandatory provisions in appropriate locations (ie, a threshold that would require certain sized developments to provide a minimum percentage of affordable housing).</li> </ol>	
TBA	<p><b>Meeting Times for Council Meetings and Council Workshops – Burnie City Council</b></p> <p>That LGAT:</p>	

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	Adopt a policy position that ensures that council meeting and workshop times occur at times that are conducive to and facilitate increased participation across a broader cross-section of community candidates, particularly bearing in mind time constraints and commitments that would apply to those working full time, young people and those with caring responsibilities.	
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**Minute No. 145/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barraclough

Seconded: Cr Mason

That Council:

1. Authorises the Mayor for the LGAT General Meeting 8 December 2022 as determined by the Chair (usually a show of hands or verbal confirmation) in respect to each individual item as listed below and formally endorses that direction:

LGAT General Meeting Agenda 8 December 2022 Item No.	Items for Decision	Council Decision
TBA	<p><b>Housing Affordability – Kingborough Council</b></p> <p>That LGAT lobby the State Government to:</p> <p>Encourage the development of affordable housing, as a matter of urgency through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Measures that promote the efficient supply of well located, diverse housing;</li> <li>b) Promote the development of affordable housing with specific incentives for affordable housing enabled through planning schemes and policies; and</li> <li>c) Require the development of affordable housing with the use of mandatory provisions in appropriate locations (ie, a threshold that would require certain</li> </ul>	<p><b>Supported</b></p> <p><b>For: 7</b> <b>Against: 1</b></p>

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	sized developments to provide a minimum percentage of affordable housing).	
TBA	<b>Meeting Times for Council Meetings and Council Workshops – Burnie City Council</b>  That LGAT:  Adopt a policy position that ensures that council meeting and workshop times occur at times that are conducive to and facilitate increased participation across a broader cross-section of community candidates, particularly bearing in mind time constraints and commitments that would apply to those working full time, young people and those with caring responsibilities.	<b>Not Supported</b>  <b>For: 0</b> <b>Against: 8</b>

Cr Harris left the meeting at 1:18 pm.

Cr Harris returned to the meeting at 1:18 pm.

Cr Harris called a Point of Order at 1.24 pm against the Chair regarding the statement that he would be representing Council on this. Need to await the outcome of the election.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 / 0

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**8.3 ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022**

<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	General Manager – Mr S. Power Director – Kristen Desmond
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	19/10/2022
<b>FILE NO:</b>	17.1
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1. 2478 George Town Council Annual Report 2022 - V 8 b [8.3.1 - 64 pages] 2. 2478 GTC Annual Report 2021-22 ANNEXES - V 4 [8.3.2 - 92 pages]

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. That Council adopts the 2021/2022 Annual Report as presented.

**Minute No. 146/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Harris  
Seconded: Cr Gibbons

That Council:

1. That Council adopts the 2021/2022 Annual Report as presented.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 / 0

**9 INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Nil.

## **10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY**

### **10.1 EVENT SPONSORSHIP - WEYMOUTH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Director Corporate and Community – Cheryl Hyde  
**REPORT DATE:** 17 October 2022  
**FILE NO:** 23.9  
**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. 3 a - Application- Sponsorship 01 [**10.1.1** - 11 pages]

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#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

Provides \$400 sponsorship to Weymouth Progress Association towards the 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Event.

#### **Minute No. 147/22**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barraclough  
Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council:

Provides \$400 sponsorship to Weymouth Progress Association towards the 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Event.

#### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Barraclough, Cr Barwick, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr  
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Against: Nil

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**10.2 AUDIT PANEL - APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Director Corporate and Community – Cheryl Hyde  
**REPORT DATE:** 19 October 2022  
**FILE NO:** 32.1  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

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**OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Approve the appointment of Andrew Gray as an independent member and independent chairperson of Council’s Audit Panel, for a further period of two (2) years, in accordance with Section 6 of the Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014 and Section 5 of Council’s Audit Panel Charter, and
2. Approve the General Manager to execute an agreement with Andrew Gray as an independent member and independent chairperson for a period of two (2) years.

**Minute No. 148/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barwick  
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That Council:

1. Approve the appointment of Andrew Gray as an independent member and independent chairperson of Council’s Audit Panel, for a further period of two (2) years, in accordance with Section 6 of the Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014 and Section 5 of Council’s Audit Panel Charter, and
2. Approve the General Manager to execute an agreement with Andrew Gray as an independent member and independent chairperson for a period of two (2) years.

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil

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**11 ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE, STRATEGY & ENGAGEMENT**

Nil.



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## **12 MAYOR**

### **12.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT - MAYOR**

**REPORT DATE:** 18 October 2022

**FILE NO:** 14.11

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<b>Mayor Cr Greg Kieser</b>		
<b>September</b>	22	Met with the Local Government Board
	23	Attended Audit Panel Meeting
	27	Chaired Council workshop
	27	Chaired Ordinary Council meeting
	28	Met with Principal Director of Tas City Build and General Manager
	28	Met with developers
<b>October</b>	12	Attended Tamar Valley Leaders lunch with Dr Tony McCall

### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

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

**Minute No.149/22**

### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barwick

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 Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

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**13 PETITIONS**

Nil.

**14 NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

Nil.

## **15 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE**

### **Cr Barwick**

Q1. General Manager's Roll

Under the Local Government Act Section 258(1) (2) and (3) reference to the duties of General Manager's Roll and upkeep of the role. Can you tell me why the General Manager's Roll was not updated prior to the election?

Response:

The General Manager's Roll was updated in accordance with the Local Government Act and provided to the Tasmania Electoral Commission for checking of eligibility and currency of listed electors prior to the closure of the electoral roll 6 September 2022.

Q2. Mountain Bike Trails

Has Council secured a maintenance sponsorship program for the Mountain Bike Trails when they are completed?

Response:

Council has not yet formalised sponsorship agreements, however has 'In Principle' agreements with a small number of business' looking to sponsor under the Trail Mate Prospectus.

Q3. Wild Tamar

Can I please have a copy of the revised Grant Deed Wild Tamar. The copy I have is not current with what is happening now.

Response:

Hardcopy of current deed provided.

Q4. Shared Pathway

Can you give me the motion number/minute number for Shared Pathway from Jetty Road along Hillwood Road to Egg Island.

Response:

Minute number is 086/21. Work Order number is 1786.

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Q5. Torres Strait Islander Flag

Has Council sought advice if there is a flag for Torres Strait Islanders?

Response:

The Torres Strait Islander Flag was proclaimed a flag of Australia under section 5 of the *Flags Act 1953* 14 July 1995. See Part 3, p38 of the Australian Governments publication *Australian Flags* (hardcopy provided to Cr Barwick, soft copy circulated by email to all Councillors).

Q6. Skydiving

Has an agreement been signed between the Sky Diving group from Queensland and the George Town Council as directed by Council? If so, can a copy be given to Councillors please.

Response:

No. The terms of the draft agreement as presented to Council are still subject to ongoing discussions with the George Town Airport Association and the Sky Diving operator.

Cr Gibbons

Cr Gibbons requested an update about the upgrade of the lighting outside the Memorial Hall?

Response:

The General Manager advised that the lighting works are part of the Regent Square Redevelopment project. At this point in time there is no actionable dates with respect to this, it will be considered in respect to the overall budget for the project. The remaining components that require funding will be returned to Council for budget consideration and will be in line with advocacy asks.

Cr Barwick

Cr Barwick asked about the Council funding for the Torres Strait and Aboriginal flags at Anne Street.

Response:

The General Manager advised that the flags will be bought out of the Reconciliation Action Plan budget.

Cr Barraclough

Cr Barraclough has been notified by residents that there requests for Customer Service Requests have not been followed up on. Can we check up on this

Response:

The Chair advised that it is a system failure that is known to Council.

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The General Manager advised that the issue surrounding submitted requests and responses are known to him. The General Manager meets with the Infrastructure team on a weekly basis and have asked for a concerted effort to address the customer service requests. The General Manager is aiming for the high standard of customer service is returned.

Cr Dawson

Cr Dawson advised that the Park Run crew have requested that the trees are trimmed back along the kanamaluka trail. Possibly the request has been caught up in the customer service issues. Is there a labour shortage within Council?

Response

The General Manager advised that Council has advertised for two Municipal Workers who will form part of the new Rapid Response Crew. This crew will be solely responsible for reacting to customer requests.

Cr Harris

Cr Harris advised that a request was put forward through to the Works Coordinator to remove graffiti on the skate park and this has not been completed.

Response:

The General Manager advised that elected members cannot direct staff and all service requests are to go through the normal process or through to the General Manager.

Cr Mason

Are the two new employees full time or part time?

Response

The General Manager advised that the Municipal staff positions advertised are full time.

## **16 COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **16.1 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE - MINUTES 6 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Executive Support and Governance Officer – Louise Dickenson  
**REPORT DATE:** 18 October 2022  
**FILE NO:** 22.24  
**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. 2022 09 06 George Town Safety Group Confirmed Minutes [**16.1.1** - 7 pages]

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#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Notes the Minutes of the George Town Community Safety Group Committee meeting held on 6 September 2022 as an accurate record of that meeting.

#### **Minute No. 150/22**

#### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barraclough  
Seconded: Cr Barwick

That Council:

1. Notes the Minutes of the George Town Community Safety Group Committee meeting held on 6 September 2022 as an accurate record of that meeting.

#### **VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Barraclough, Cr Barwick, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason and Cr Parkes  
Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 / 0

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**16.2 GEORGE TOWN PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE MINUTES 5 SEPTEMBER 2022**

<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	Arts and Culture Officer – Ms Demesa-Meraz
<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	18 October 2022
<b>FILE NO:</b>	14.7
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1. Placemaking Minutes SEP 22 Confirmed [16.2.1 - 4 pages]

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**OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Notes the Minutes of the George Town Placemaking Committee meeting held on 5 September 2022 as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Minute No. 151/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barraclough

Seconded: Cr Parkes

That Council:

1. Notes the Minutes of the George Town Placemaking Committee meeting held on 5 September 2022 as an accurate record of that meeting.

**VOTING**

For: Cr Kieser, Cr Harris, Cr Barraclough, Cr Dawson, Cr Gibbons, Cr Mason and Cr Parkes

Against: Cr Barwick

CARRIED 7 / 1



## **17 CLOSED MEETING**

### **17.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING**

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

**Agenda Item 17.2 Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 September 2022**

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

**Agenda Item 17.3 Periodic Standing Contracts (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2024)**

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

**Agenda Item 17.4 Legal Expenditure**

*As per the provisions of Regulation 15(2)(a) (b) (d) (e) (f) (g) (I) (j) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

**Agenda Item 17.5 Leasing of Council Land**

*As per the provisions of Regulation 15(2)(b) (c) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

Cr Barwick requested that a late item be included in Closed Session being the Leasing of the Depot.

Through the Chair the General Manager advised that the question can be brought up during closed session but does not need to be through the Late Item process.

Moved: Cr Barwick

That a late item be included in Closed Session.

The General Manager advised Cr Barwick of the processes for late items as per the Local Government (Meeting Procedures). Councillors can ask questions during closed session or the workshop prior to the Ordinary Council meeting.

The Chair rejected the motion as Cr Barwick's questions can be asked in Closed Session.

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**Minute No. 152/22**

**DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barraclough  
Seconded: Cr Gibbons

That Council move into closed meeting at 2.11 pm to discuss the following items:

**Agenda Item 17.2 Minutes of the Closed Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 September 2022**

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

**Agenda Item 17.3 Periodic Standing Contracts (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2024)**

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

**Agenda Item 17.4 Legal Expenditure**

*As per the provisions of Regulation 15(2)(a) (b) (d) (e) (f) (g) (l) (j) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

**Agenda Item 17.5 Leasing of Council Land**

*As per the provisions of Regulation 15(2)(b) (c) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

**VOTING**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 / 0

## **17.2 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.*

**Minute No. 157/22**

### **DECISION**

Moved: Cr Barraclough

Seconded: Cr Mason

That:

1. The General Manager is authorised to release wholly or part of the information contained in Item(s):
  - Closed Agenda Item 3.1 Periodic Standing Contracts (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2024) - Point 1 to 5; and
  - Closed Agenda Item 4.2 Leasing of Council Land - Point 1;to the public at the discretion of the General Manager.
2. Council moves out of Closed Meeting at 2.33 pm and endorses 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 Gibbons, Cr Mason and Cr Parkes

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 / 0

## **18 CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.33 pm.

**Cr Greg Kieser  
MAYOR**