

SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL



MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 24th January 2018
10.00 a.m.
Colebrook Memorial Hall

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OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24th JANUARY 2018 AT THE COLEBROOK MEMORIAL HALL, RICHMOND STREET, COLEBROOK COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M.

1. PRAYERS

Rev Dennis Cousens recited prayers.

At the commencement of the meeting, Mayor Bisdee OAM, on behalf of Council, expressed condolences to Mrs Martine Batt, Clr Edwin Batt and their family following the recent passing of Martine's father.

2. ATTENDANCE

Mayor A E Bisdee, Clr A Bantick, Clr E Batt, Clr R Campbell, Clr D Fish and Clr D Marshall.

Mr T Kirkwood (General Manager), Mr A Benson (Deputy General Manager), Mr D Cundall (Manager, Development & Environment Services), Ms Jacqui Tyson (Planning Officer), Ms E Lang (Executive Assistant)

3. APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor A Green.

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr R Campbell

THAT the apology from Deputy Mayor A Green be received and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

4. MINUTES

4.1 Ordinary Council Minutes

DECISION

Moved by Clr E Batt, seconded by Clr D Marshall

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on the 13th December 2017, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

4.2 Annual General Meeting Minutes

DECISION

Moved by Clr E Batt, seconded by Clr D Fish

THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Council held on the 13th December 2017, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell		√
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

4.3 Special Committee of Council Minutes

4.3.1 SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL - RECEIPT OF MINUTES

- Nil.

DECISION NOT REQUIRED

4.3.2 SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL - ENDORSEMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Nil.

DECISION NOT REQUIRED

4.4 Joint Authorities (Established Under Division 4 Of The Local Government Act 1993)

4.4.1 JOINT AUTHORITIES - RECEIPT OF MINUTES

- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority – Nil.
- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority Waste Strategy South – Nil.

DECISION NOT REQUIRED

4.4.2 JOINT AUTHORITIES - RECEIPT OF REPORTS (ANNUAL & QUARTERLY)

- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority – Nil.

DECISION NOT REQUIRED

5. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

DECISION

Moved by Cllr R Campbell, seconded by Cllr D Marshall

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

6. COUNCILLORS – QUESTION TIME

6.1 QUESTIONS (RECEIVED IN ADVANCE)

The following questions were submitted by Clr B Campbell on the 17th January 2018.

Q1. In relation to Holy TANTRA

As this is a large substantial development and there has been changes to state planning by the State Government re planning under the minister Peter Gutwein, would it be right to say that the Buddha Park project is a project of State significance and if that is the case then why is the Buddhist park project under SMC planning, or should it be under State Government or should it be under both as a joint project? . Council does not have the expertise or finances to handle such a large project it should be in the hands of State Government and should be worked though professionally and we should be taking note on the Sellicks Beach Buddhist Temple and Statue project. The Sellicks Beach project was a S A State government and council project in conjunction with the Buddhist. So why are we (SMC) not doing likewise?

Manager – Development & Environmental Services response:

The assessment of the proposed Tasmanian Buddhist Cultural Park by the State Government as a project of state significance or project of regional significance has long been the position of Council since the project's inception. Discussions with the current Government and former Government as to the merits of having the project declared a project of state or regional significance were held between the Mayor, Council Management and the Minister's Office.

Q2. When it comes to operating a retail (casual) business on a state government road what are the requirements under the planning act and the risk and safety factor re council.

Does the number of vehicle movements count re a retailing business on a state government road?

Does a retailer selling produce on a state government road have to provide parking of the road?

Manager – Development & Environmental Services response:

A minor roadside stall occasionally used for the sale of produce grown on the land is considered incidental to an agricultural use and does not require a permit from the Council under the Planning Scheme. However should such a use intensify to become a separate land use or beyond the scope of an incidental use (to the agricultural use) then a permit would be required.

The Midland Highway is a declared "Limited Access Road" to which additional licencing for access applies. Such roadside stalls without the approval of State Government may be in breach of the Licence.

Q3. Why is it so if you have a business and a house fronting a state government road (one common title) vehicle movements are tallied on all vehicles using the road to the business and to the house and it is tallied as one total, that means sales reps and visitor movement can reduce the number of business vehicle movements made by the business, is that correct? (All house calls using a vehicle should be exempt but they are not why?)

Manager – Development & Environmental Services response:

In preparing a Development Application for a permit to operate a business from land with an existing residential use the Council would require the applicant to provide details on the total number of expected vehicle movements to and from the property. The number of vehicle movements would be inclusive of regular sales reps or other movements associated with the business.

Q4. As we seem to have constant concerns re residences (and this includes businesses and religious sects) in the Rekuna / Tea Tree Road area on the south side of the road what would council have to do to transfer this section to "Clarence Council" ?

General Manager's response:

The Local Government Act 1993 (sections 16) sets out the procedure that must be followed to secure any municipal boundary adjustment. The following is an extract of the relevant provisions from the Act:

"16. Municipal areas

(1) The State is divided into municipal areas.

(2) A municipal area is an area specified in Column 1 of [Schedule 3](#) .

(3) A municipal area includes –

(a) any accretion from the sea adjoining it; and

(b) any part of the sea-shore to the low-water mark adjoining it; and

(c) any bridge, jetty, wharf, boat-house, or other structure, that –

(i) adjoins the municipal area; or

(ii) is situated partly within a municipal area and partly on or over an area of the seabed that is adjacent to the municipal area –

and any area of land, adjoining the bridge, jetty, wharf, boat-house, or other structure, over which has been granted a right to occupation of the seabed, which right is necessary to enable the use of the bridge, jetty, wharf, boat-house, or other structure.

(4) The Minister, on receiving a report on a review made under [section 214D](#) that recommends an adjustment of the boundary of a municipal area or the boundary of an electoral district within a municipal area, regardless of whether the adjustment is minor or significant in nature, may recommend to the Governor that an order be made so adjusting that boundary.

(4A) The Minister –

(a) on receiving –

(i) from the Board, made otherwise than in a report on a review made under [section 214D](#) ; or

(ii) from the Director –

a recommendation that an adjustment, that is minor in nature, be made to the boundary of a municipal area, or the boundary of an electoral district within a municipal area; and

(b) if satisfied that all owners of land who would be affected by the adjustment have been consulted by the relevant councils and have consented, in writing, to the adjustment – may recommend to the Governor that an order be made so adjusting that boundary.

(5) The Governor, by order and on the recommendation of the Minister under [subsection \(4\)](#) or [\(4A\)](#) , may do one or both of the following:

(a) adjust a boundary of a municipal area;

(b) if the municipal area is divided into electoral districts, adjust any boundary of any electoral district as may be necessary.

(5A) A council affected by an adjustment under [subsection \(5\)](#) is to pay the costs associated with that adjustment.

(5B) Each municipal area is defined by reference to the relevant plan or plans specified in Column 1 of Schedule 3.

(6) The Governor, on the recommendation of the Minister, may amend or substitute any item in column 1 of [Schedule 3](#) or substitute that Schedule in an order made under [section 214E](#) relating to municipal areas to give effect to that order.

Sections 214 to 214H 'Review of Councils' are included as an attachment for information.

6.2 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Re-schedule April 2018 Council meeting date (previously scheduled for 25th April 2018 which is Anzac Day). Suggested date for the April meeting is 24th April 2018.

DECISION

Moved by Cllr R Campbell, seconded by Cllr D Fish

THAT the April 2018 Council meeting be re-scheduled to Tuesday, 24th April 2018 at the Bagdad Community Club, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

2. Cllr Campbell – a question was raised regarding the Mayor providing a written apology in the Southern Midlands Council newsletter.

The Mayor advised that this is a private matter.

7. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

8. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Nil.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (SCHEDULED FOR 12.30 PM)

Public Question Time was held later in the meeting.

10.1 Permission to Address Council

Permission has been granted for the following person(s) to address Council:

- Nil.

10. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER REGULATION 16 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2015

10.1 HIGH STREET, OATLANDS – REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMIT

DECISION

Moved by Clr R Campbell, seconded by Clr A Bantick

THAT consideration of this motion, including the intent of the motion, be deferred pending confirmation and commencement of construction of the Oatlands Aquatic Centre which is to be located within this precinct.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

11. COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993 AND COUNCIL'S STATUTORY LAND USE PLANNING SCHEME

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

11.1.1 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT (RZ2017/02) FOR REZONING FROM SIGNIFICANT AGRICULTURE TO RURAL RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION (DA 2017/103) FOR USE AS DOMESTIC ANIMAL BREEDING, BOARDING AND TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF A GREYHOUND KENNEL COMPLEX AT 466 BRIGHTON ROAD, PONTVILLE (CT172508/2) AND LOT 1 RIFLE RANGE ROAD, PONTVILLE (CT172508/1), OWNED BY THE CROWN

Moved by Clr E Batt, seconded by Clr D Fish

THAT, Council:

- 1. Consider the representations received in regard to draft Planning Scheme Amendment RZ2017/02 and Development Application (DA 2017/103), together with the responses provided above; and**
- 2. Advise the Tasmanian Planning Commission that seven (7) representations were received in accordance with Section 39 (2) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (under Schedule 6 Savings and Transitional Provisions) ("the Act"); and**
- 3. A copy of this report be forwarded to the Tasmanian Planning Commission being Council's assessment of the merit of the representations in accordance with Section 39(2)(b) of the Act; and**
- 4. Pursuant to Section 39 (2) of the Act the Council recommend to the Tasmanian Planning Commission that no modification to the Scheme Amendment RZ2017/02 or Permit DA 2017/is required.**

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell		√
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

11.2 SUBDIVISIONS

Nil.

11.3 MUNICIPAL SEAL (Planning Authority)

11.3.1 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION:- MUNICIPAL SEAL APPLIED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO SUBDIVISION FINAL PLANS & RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

11.4 PLANNING (OTHER)

11.4.1 PETITION TO AMEND SEALED PLAN NUMBER 118969 – DELETE PIPELINE EASEMENT – GRICES ROAD, TEA TREE – MURDOCH CLARKE OBO THYLACINE INVESTMENTS PTY LTD

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr A Bantick

THAT in accordance with Section 103 of the *Local Government (Building & Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993* Council Sign and Seal an ‘Instrument Form’ to be lodged at the Land Titles Office with a Request to Amend Sealed Plan 118969 to delete from the Schedule of Easements and covenants references to the Pipeline Easement over Lot 14 appurtenant to Lot 12.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

12. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)

12.1 Roads

12.1.1 DUST SUPPRESSANT (APPLICATION OF A ROAD SEAL) – FINAL POLICY ADOPTION

DECISION

Moved by Cllr R Campbell, seconded by Cllr D Marshall

THAT the Policy entitled ‘Dust Suppressant (Application of a Road Seal)’ be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

12.1.3 GRANT DEED – DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH (UPGRADE OF HALL LANE, BAGDAD)

DECISION

Moved by Clr R Campbell, seconded by Clr A Bantick

THAT Council endorse and execute the Grant Deed relating to the upgrade of Hall Lane, Bagdad.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

*The meeting was suspended at 10.51 a.m. for morning tea.
The meeting reconvened at 11.11 a.m.*

12.2 Bridges

Nil.

12.3 Walkways, Cycle ways and Trails

Nil.

12.4 Lighting

Nil.

12.5 Buildings

Nil.

12.6 Sewers

Nil.

12.7 Water

Nil.

12.8 Irrigation

Nil.

12.9 Drainage

Nil.

12.10 Waste

12.10.1 KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION – CONSIDERATION OF SERVICE FREQUENCY AND REPLACING 55LT RECYCLING CRATES WITH 240LT RECYCLING BINS

DECISION

Moved by Cllr R Campbell, seconded by Cllr E Batt

THAT

- A. Council receive this report;**
- B. Council receive the report titled ‘SG1732 - Kerbside Collection Business Case (January 2018)’ prepared by Sugden and Gee;**
- C. Council endorse the proposal to transition to a fortnightly service for the collection of both general waste and recycling;**
- D. Council endorse the proposal to transition to 240 litre general waste and recycling bins;**
- E. Council proceed to call for tenders for the revised service, including the supply and distribution of 240lt bins (both general and recycling); and**
- F. Council also proceed to call tenders for the supply and/or distribution only of the 240lt bins.**

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

12.10.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT – REVIEW OF SCHEDULE OF FEES

DECISION

Moved by Cllr A Bantick, seconded by Cllr R Campbell

THAT, in accordance with section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the following Waste Management Fees be adopted (effective from 1st March 2018):

WASTE TRANSFER STATION DISPOSAL FEES <i>Campania, Dysart & Oatlands</i>		
THE FOLLOWING FEES ARE ONLY PAYABLE BY NON-RATEPAYERS / NON-RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL AREA:		
Car Boot/Station Wagon		\$ 6.00
Utility/Small Trailer		\$ 15.00
Large Trailer		\$ 30.00
Light Truck	up to 3m3	\$ 42.00
Large Construction Material	per m3	\$ 15.00
THE FOLLOWING FEES ARE PAYABLE BY ALL USERS:		
Tyres - Car / Motor Bike		\$ 6.00
Tyres - 4WD / Light Truck		\$ 12.00
Tyres - Heavy Truck		\$ 25.00
Whitegoods	per item	\$ 6.00
Car Bodies (received at Oatlands WTS only)	per item	\$ 40.00

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

12.11 Information, Communication Technology

Nil.

12.12 Officer Reports – Works & Technical Services (Engineering)

12.12.1 MANAGER - WORKS & TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

RESOLVED to defer item 12.12.1 until the arrival of the Manager – Works & Technical Services.

13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)

13.1 Residential

Nil.

13.2 Tourism

Nil.

13.3 Safety

Nil.

13.4 Business

Nil.

13.5 Industry

Nil.

13.6 Integration

Nil.

14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

14.1 Heritage

14.1.1 HERITAGE PROJECT PROGRAM REPORT

DECISION

Moved by Cllr R Campbell, seconded by Cllr E Batt

THAT the Heritage Projects Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

14.2 Natural

14.2.1 LANDCARE UNIT – GENERAL REPORT

DECISION

Moved by Clr R Campbell, seconded by Clr D Fish

THAT the Landcare Unit Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

14.3 CULTURAL

Nil.

14.4 Regulatory (Other than Planning Authority Agenda Items)

Nil.

14.5 Climate Change

Nil.

15. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LIFESTYLE)

15.1 Community Health and Wellbeing

Nil.

15.2 Youth

Nil.

15.3 Seniors

Nil.

15.4 Children and Families

Nil.

15.5 Volunteers

15.5.1 GREEN PONDS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. – POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF A COMMUNITY BUS

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr R Campbell

THAT:

- a) the information be received;
- b) Council agree to draft a policy consistent with the above; and
- c) In the first instance a letter of support be provided to the Green Ponds Progress Association Inc. to enable the organisation to pursue the balance of funds. A financial commitment of \$5,000 is also to be provided which will be subject to the policy guidelines being developed.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

**15.5.2 GREEN PONDS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. – REQUEST TO
CONTRIBUTE TO INSURANCE COVER PREMIUM**

DECISION

Moved by Cllr R Campbell, seconded by Cllr D Marshall

THAT Council resolve not to provide a contribution towards the Green Ponds Progress Association's Public Liability Insurance Cover.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

15.6 Access

Nil.

15.7 Public Health

Nil.

15.8 Recreation

Nil.

15.9 Education

Nil.

15.10 Animals

15.10.1 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr E Batt

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

**16. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME –
COMMUNITY)**

16.1 Retention

Nil.

17. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – ORGANISATION)

17.1 Improvement

Nil.

17.2 Sustainability

17.2.1 COMMON SERVICES JOINT VENTURE UPDATE (STANDING ITEM – INFORMATION ONLY)

DECISION

Moved by Cllr E Batt, seconded by Cllr D Marshall

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

**17.2.2 SOUTH CENTRAL SUB-REGION COLLABORATION STRATEGY –
STANDING ITEM**

DECISION

Moved by Clr D Fish, seconded by Clr E Batt

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

17.2.3 POLICY REVIEW – HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – RECRUITMENT POLICY & PROCEDURES AND SELECTION POLICY & PROCEDURES

DECISION

Moved by Cllr R Campbell, seconded by Cllr D Marshall

THAT Council

- 1. Receive and note the report;**
- 2. Adopt version 3 of the Recruitment Policy & Procedures;**
- 3. Adopt version 3 of the Selection Policy & Procedures.**

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (12.30 PM)

Mr Alan Townsend (Heritage Officer) presented artwork to Council by Artist in Residence Antoinette Karstens and gave an overview of the Artist in Residence Program run by Council.

Councillors were advised that, at the time of issuing the Agenda, no Questions on Notice had been received from members of the Public.

Mayor A E Bisdee OAM then invited questions from members of the public in attendance.

Jayne Paterson - Oatlands

Advice that she was grateful for the efficient and non-damaging removal of items from the Works Depot, a credit to all involved.

Question regarding where the concrete and cement fill is being taken?

The General Manager advised it has been taken to a wash at Interlaken which will be covered, remaining material on site cannot be removed until testing occurs.

Question regarding the entrance between the right of way and the rural health building into the Aquatic Centre development?

The General Manager advised that this will be for pedestrian access only.

Has the archaeological dig report (carried out some years ago at the rear of the depot site) been located?

The General Manager advised that this hasn't been located to date but will follow up again with Heritage staff.

Question regarding when the results of the environmental testing be available?

The General Manager advised the consultants will be on site for approximately 4 days but is unsure how long the actual analysis/reporting process takes. A report will be provided through Council once released.

Has received complaints regarding Callington Mill and its closure, with various visitors specifically coming to Oatlands to see the Mill and website has not been changed to advise otherwise.

The General Manager advised that the precinct is accessible to the public but tours are not available. The website has been updated to confirm that tours are no longer available. The information contained on the website will be checked to ensure that this is clear.

Advice that the Court House building (side door) was open and accessible recently.

The General Manager advised that the circumstances will be researched.

Jack Lyall (Manager, Works & Technical Services) entered the meeting at 12.38 p.m.

Robert Chapman – Oatlands

Questioned why the visitor information centre is still closed and why didn't council go down the road of attracting volunteers to keep the centre open?

The Mayor advised that the cost was prohibitive in keeping the centre open. Getting volunteers to run a visitor centre is a big ask in a small community. The new development proposed at the Mill precinct may incorporate visitor information in that development. There are no plans for Council to re-open the Centre.

Request for a bus shelter over the seat outside Cellarbrations Bottle Shop in High Street, Oatlands for inclement weather conditions.

Council will investigate and liaise with the Department of State Growth.

Advice that one of the trees in High Street, Oatlands (in the vicinity of Podium Art) has been ringbarked. A request was also made to increase the exposed area at the base of the silver birch tree(s) similar to the London Plane trees.

Confirmed that Council is aware that the Silver Birch tree has been damaged and is considering placement of a Topiary at this location which will enhance the streetscape.

Craig Williams - Rekuna

Mr Williams, as a registered firearms owner in the Campania area, advised he would be able to assist Council, as and when required, in response to animal control matters within the Campania, Colebrook, Tea Tree areas.

Noted.

Advice that rubbish is being dumped on the side of the road and particularly in his driveway - what do I do with tyres dumped in my roadway?

Mr Williams was advised to push any rubbish/tyres off to the side of his driveway (i.e. to ensure safe) and Stornoway (as the responsible maintenance authority) should collect as part of their maintenance routine.

Question if anything had been done about his previous question at the December Council meeting about Tea Tree Road intersection?

Advised that an e-mail has been sent to the Department of State Growth. No response to date.

Comment regarding the trees on the Buddhist site and that it can't keep going on forever.

Request for a timeframe on Grices Road works?

Advised by the Manager - Works & Technical Services that works are scheduled to commence within the next 3 weeks.

At the Buddhist site at 1384 Tea Tree Road, penalty for containers on site was a penalty rate of \$318.00. If it is for all breaches, it is a joke.

The General Manager advised that the imposition of a fine, which is a statutory amount, relates to each breach of the Planning Scheme. The Manager, Development and Environment Services emphasised that the fine does not avoid the cost of seeking permits and compliance etc.

When will audio recordings of Council meetings be available online?

The General Manager advised that the December meeting has been uploaded but was delayed due to problems with the size of the file/compression software. Issue has been resolved.

The meeting was suspended for lunch at 1.11 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1.51 p.m.

17.2.4 TASMANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION – COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES REVIEW ISSUES PAPER

DECISION

Moved by Clr E Batt, seconded by Clr D Marshall

THAT Council:

- a) receive a copy of the ‘Councillor Allowances Review Issues Paper’;
- b) note that individual Councillors may make personal submissions; and
- c) from an organisation’s perspective, make a submission that emphasises that elected members should in no way be regarded as employees for either taxation or superannuation purposes. Any allowance or compensation for superannuation should continue to be included in the annual allowances recommended by the Commission.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

17.2.5 TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Nil.

17.3 FINANCES

17.3.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT (DECEMBER 2017)

DECISION

Moved by Cllr E Batt, seconded by Cllr A Bantick

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

18. MUNICIPAL SEAL

Nil.

19. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Nil.

12.12 Officer Reports – Works & Technical Services (Engineering)

12.12.1 MANAGER - WORKS & TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO MANAGER, WORKS & TECHNICAL SERVICES

Discussion regarding relocation of topiary at southern entrance to Oatlands to High Street. Councillors agreed to relocate.

Clr Campbell – Previously advised that the Wool Press would be relocated by the end of January. What is the timeframe for installation? Informed that Council is waiting for completion of the shelter which is currently being fabricated.

Clr Campbell – questioned whose responsibility it is to maintain entrances to properties off gravel roads?

It was confirmed that the property owners are responsible for accesses off gravel roads.

Clr Campbell – asked when works would commence in Grices Road, Tea Tree?

Works, which involve widening to improve sight distance and passing and re-gravelling, are scheduled to commence within the next 3 weeks.

Clr Marshall – request for traffic counter be installed near the Brown Mountain Road turn-off (junction with Colebrook Main Road) to obtain a record of the number of vehicles using this road. This data would form part of a case to seek an upgrade of this junction.

Clr Bantick – Harbacks Road (Woodfield Lodge area) – recent vehicle accident determined to be on private property (i.e. beyond Council's maintenance responsibility). Details sought regarding the length of Council maintained road – information to be provided.

Mayor Bisdee OAM – when are the Swan Street, Bagdad footpath / kerb and channel works scheduled to commence? It was confirmed that works will be undertaken prior to the end of the financial year.

DECISION

Moved by Clr R Campbell, seconded by Clr D Fish

THAT the Works & Technical Services Report be received and the information noted.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

DECISION

Moved by Cllr E Batt, seconded by Cllr R Campbell

THAT the Meeting be closed to the public at 2.20 p.m. to consider Regulation 15 matters, and that members of the public be required to leave the meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES

20. BUSINESS IN “CLOSED SESSION”

20.1 TENDERS – ANNUAL RESEAL AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

In accordance with Regulation 15(8) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council authorise the release of the decisions and they be included in the Open Minutes of the Meeting.

DECISION

Moved by Clr R Campbell, seconded by Clr D Marshall

THAT Council accept the following tender:

Road Reconstruction / Stabilisation Program (Tender 01/2018) – Tender submitted by Andrew Walter Constructions (AWC) for an amount of \$418,711.50 (GST excl).

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A R Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

DECISION

Moved by Clr R Campbell, seconded by Clr D Fish

THAT Council accept the following tender:

Road Reseal (Tender 02/2018) – Tender submitted by Roadways Pty Ltd for an amount of \$299,804.00 (GST excl).

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

DECISION

Moved by Clr E Batt, seconded by Clr D Fish

THAT the decisions in respect to the Annual Reseal and Road Reconstruction Program be released into the public copy of the Minutes.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Clr A Bantick	√	
Clr E Batt	√	
Clr R Campbell	√	
Clr D F Fish	√	
Clr D Marshall	√	

20.2 CLOSED COUNCIL MINUTES - CONFIRMATION

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.

Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15 (2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.3 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.

Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15 (2)(h) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.4 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME (CLR B CAMPBELL)

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.

Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15 (2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.5 LEGAL MATTER

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.

Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15 (2)(i) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

DECISION

Moved by Cllr A Bantick, seconded by Cllr D Marshall

THAT Council move out of “Closed Session”.

CARRIED

Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor A E Bisdee OAM	√	
Cllr A R Bantick	√	
Cllr E Batt	√	
Cllr R Campbell	√	
Cllr D F Fish	√	
Cllr D Marshall	√	

OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

21. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.

LAKE DULVERTON & CALLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Monday 19th February 2018
Council Chambers, Oatlands 6.30 p.m.**

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LAKE DULVERTON & CALLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday 19th February 2018

6.30 p.m. Council Chambers
Oatlands

MEMBERS:

Chairman: Councillor Don Fish (Proxy: Cllr B Campbell)

Parks & Wildlife Rep: Paul Helleman (Proxy: to be advised)

Resident Representatives: Mrs Maria Weeding, Mr Athol Bennett, Dr Robert Simpson, Mr Robert Foster, Mrs Stephanie Burbury, Ms Helen Geard, Mrs Jenni Muxlow

1. ATTENDANCE

Councillor Don Fish, Athol Bennett, Dr Robert Simpson, Stephanie Burbury, Maria Weeding, Robert Foster, Helen Geard

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The committee to confirm the 27th November 2017 minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee confirm the Minutes of the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee meeting held on 27th November 2017.

SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

MOVED Mr Athol Bennett

SECONDED Mrs Stephanie Burbury

THAT the Committee confirm the minutes of the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee meeting, held on 27th November 2017.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 TOILET BLOCK ON LAKE FORESHORE

Works were completed on 28th November 2017. It was noted that a couple of minor modifications have been done or are planned. A fine flyscreen mesh has been added to help

combat the influx of mosquitos and midgies that come in at night time. Three small air vents have been ordered and will be placed on the roof in the near future.

It was also noted that at times there is a smell from the sewerage pump that TasWater has – out from the building. Should this continue, then TasWater will need to be informed. Most likely reason is that apparently the lid over the pump does not fully seal.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

RESOLVED

THAT the information be noted.

4.2 MACROCARPA TREE AREA BESIDE MAHERS POINT

To recap since the last meeting of the committee. Council has concluded that:

- Retain the first eleven (11) trees which run parallel to the unmade road reserve and remove the remaining trees to the end of the row (Mahers Point Cottage end);
- Remove all of the trees in the line perpendicular to the lake;
- Remove the single large Pinus radiate located closer to the foreshore; and
- Proceed to prepare a landscape development plan for the area.

A landscape plan will be developed – which will go out for public consultation.

The Committee Members were asked if there was any preference for the type / style of landscaping for the area, and what elements to incorporate. There was a preference for a section on the foreshore that has predominately an English style theme for trees. Preference for large trees. Paths were not considered essential. Suggestion of a couple of seats. Draft plan to be developed for further comment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

RESOLVED

THAT the information be noted and a draft landscape plan be developed.

4.3 AQUATIC CLUB BUILDING

The shower facility is now ready for operation, however the pathway immediately outside the door needs to be sealed. It is currently fine blue metal dust, which is easily bought into the shower room on footwear each time people enter the building. A concrete path needs to be placed prior to the public using the facility. It is hoped that this can be done in the next week or two.

RECOMMENDATION:

Note the information.

SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

RESOLVED

THAT the information be noted.

4.4 COW SCULPTURES ON THE LAKE PROPOSAL

The Midlands Arts group are progressing this. We were advised at the last meeting Folko Cooper will arrange the design and fabrication of the sculptures. An update was provided to the meeting.

Members were advised that Folko should have the cow sculptures finished by the end of June. Funding for the sculptures and the proposed interpretation panel through the Midlands Art Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Note the information.

SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

RESOLVED

THAT the information be noted.

4.5 OATLANDS ROTARY – PROPOSED ROTUNDA IN CALLINGTON PARK

At the last meeting the committee asked that further public consultation on the proposal be undertaken. A survey form that could be filled in by respondents was suggested as one idea. It is recognised that the site is a high profile site, and there would need to be widespread demonstrated support for the demand of this facility, in order to attract funding from the Tas Community Fund.

J Muxlow, being a member of both Rotary and the Lake Dulverton / Callington Park Committee, is looking to progress the idea with a combination of Rotary and Tas Community Fund funds (which need to be applied for).

In the absence of Member J Muxlow, there was no update available for the meeting.

SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Nil

4.6 WEEDS / AQUATIC PLANTS IN LAKE DULVERTON

At the last meeting there was a discussion on the aquatic plants in Lake Dulverton. There are two 'main' varieties, the green tall plants, and the more submerged brown spreading plant. The brown plant has now been identified as either *Myriophyllum salsugineum* (lake watermilfoil), or *Myriophyllum simulans*. Records of *Myriophyllum* plants in Southern Midlands waterways have been recorded by Parks and Wildlife since at least the 1970s. The green reeds that are currently above the water surface are *Triglochin procera* (water ribbons plant), another native aquatic plant to the lake.

After the last meeting of the Committee a query was raised at the December Council meeting re the 'weeds' on Lake Dulverton. The query was forwarded to the Committee for comment. See attached.

For discussion and comment.

Member comments included the following points:

- The plants in the Lake commonly being referred to as weeds are in fact native aquatic plants.
- The *Myriophyllum* species ('brown' plant) has been in the Lake for many years. It has also been in the immediate district at least since the 1970's according to Parks & Wildlife. Further confirmation of the existence of the plant in the Lake, was provided by an independent member of the public, spoken to earlier in the day. It is not 'new'.
- It is recognised that the 'brown' plant has increased a lot in the last twelve months in the Recreation and Conservation Zone areas.
- The so called brown weed plant has not come from the Arthurs Lake water, as that water goes initially into the Fountain zone, adjacent to High Street, and the 'brown' plant is not in that section of the Lake. The water then flows into the Recreation and Conservation Zones of the Lake.
- The Lake has a Statutory level Management Plan which sets out the entire area to be a designated Conservation Area for wildlife as the prime focus / intent. It does allow for some recreation, which has been recognised as part of the overall management of the Lake.
- The old weed cutter (from the late 1980's era), even if it was in existence now, would not be suitable to deal with the abundant *Myriophyllum* species (brown plant). It was designed more for the *Triglochin procera* (water ribbons plant), another native aquatic plant to the Lake.
- There was not any immediately obvious solution for mass removal of the *Myriophyllum* species and *Triglochin procera* plant in the recreation zone. Having noted that, it was felt that any mass removal would not be in the long term interest of the overall Lake ecosystem / environment. In the past, the predominate *Triglochin procera* plant was only cut in a selected area for rowing purposes (only a few lanes wide). It is unlikely that Parks and Wildlife would accept mass clearing (if feasible) of the plants as an appropriate course of action.
- It was not clear as to why the *Myriophyllum* species (brown plant) was so prolific in the one area of the Lake.
- The Committee did not want to be involved in clearing / cutting plants in the Lake, but are not opposed to fishers clearing / cutting fishing holes for their own needs.
- It was noted that there does not seem to be much fishing activity on the Lake, so questioned the need for marking out the Conservation Zone from the Recreation Zone at this stage.
- There are maps and information about the Lake zones on large notice boards on the foreshore of the lake. It gives any person undertaking recreational activities a good indicative idea of the Conservation Zone in relation to the Recreation Zone.

- Placement of the buoys is possible but will be not without challenges, one being the big fluctuation in lake levels. History on the management of such markers in the past had a number of problems with the functionality of the markers and keeping them in tact due to corrosion etc. It was felt that attempting to place markers at this stage was not warranted.

SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

RESOLVED

THAT the information be noted and that the no further action be taken at this point in time.

5.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

A statement detailing Receipts and Expenditure for the financial year to date was tabled at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the statement detailing the Committee receipts and expenditure for this financial year to date be received and endorsed.

SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

MOVED Mr Robert Foster

SECONDED Mrs Stephanie Burbury

THAT the statement detailing the Committee receipts and expenditure for this financial year to date be received and endorsed.

CARRIED

6.0 OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Sheep Yard Hinges and Timber

Robert Foster informed the committee that he had a number of hinges and timber available that would suit the sheep yards. He would be prepared to donate the materials to the Committee for use in Callington Park. The Committee would welcome the materials.

6.2 Oatlands Map Sign at the History Room (on Lake Foreshore side)

Stephanie Burbury mentioned that the new Oatlands Map sign on the wall of the Historical Society building may be better placed out more in the open. It was suggested that in the longer term, may be a pull off the road small car park area be made available out from the History Society building. This would mean that the sign would be close to the front of the cars. The old wool press is going to be placed just adjacent to the existing sign on the wall. Where the wool press is going to be located, was in the original position designated for the sign (originally was to be free standing). Query on sight lines at the corner junction if the sign is placed out further than originally planned. Information noted by the committee.

6.3 Water in Back Part of the Lake – Bund Wall

Query and concern raised about the amount of water in the back part (Natural Zone) of the Lake, given the very dry spring and somewhat low rainfall with run off to date. Is the valve on the bund wall leaking in some way? This has been looked at in recent times, but it is not immediately obvious. It was decided that a second look, given the lower level of the Lake water would be a good idea prior to the winter water fill commencing.

6.4 Seat – Burnt at Edge of Walking Track

It was noted that one of the seats on the edge of the walking track was burn on Friday night – 16th February, The seat will be renewed/ replaced. The grevillea plant around was also badly burnt and will be cut back. Another grevillea or two will need to be planted. The seat has been well used and the surrounding vegetation made it a popular resting spot.

6.5 Area – Motorhomes and Caravans

The Committee wished to express their full support for the retention of the area that is set aside to enable the Motorhomes / Campervans to park within Oatlands. The Committee wish to convey to Council that there are many congratulatory notes left by the visitors that use the site. The Committee appreciate the donations left by the visitors. They often leave in the donation box their receipts from various local shops and businesses that they have supported during their stay.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

Monday 16th April 6.30 p.m. Council Chambers , Oatlands
The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

* * * * *

CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF....., 2018

Maria Weeding

From: Elisa Lang
Sent: Thursday, 7 December 2017 12:00 PM
To: Maria Weeding
Subject: Question from Clr Campbell - Lake Dulverton

Hi Maria – this question is included on the December Council agenda as submitted by Clr Campbell..

Please see Tim's response that it will be referred to Lake Dulv Committee for recommendation.

Q4. Lake Dulverton re weed and recreational use. (This item has been discussed many times before). As people are complaining about the weed and some people would like the only for the birds while others would like to use the lake for recreation i.e. fishing and boating (canoes etc..) hence they want the weed cut. There has to be a compromise re the situation. Is it possible to install a line of marker buoys between the sanctuary (birds) area the "recreational" area and only cut the weed on a regular basis in the "recreational" area?

General Manager's response:

This question is to be referred to the Lake Dulverton and Callington Park Management Committee, as the committee responsible for the management of the Lake. The Committee will be requested to consider the issues raised and provide recommendations (as appropriate).

Item 6.4

ITEM 4.2.1



Seat damage – 16 February 2018

Woodsdale Community Memorial Hall

ITEM 4.2.1

Est. 1905

Minutes

FOR

General Committee Meeting

On

Tuesday 16th January 2018

At

Woodsdale Hall – Commencing at 7:05pm

1. Welcome/opening

1.1 The President welcomes members to the meeting.

1.2 The President declares the meeting open at

2. **Attendance:** Clr Alex Green, Kaye Rowlands, Leon Scott, Kate Bourne, Jim Wiggins, Ann Scott and Frances Hillier

3. **Apologies** Julie Bellette

Moved by Jim Wiggins

Seconded Frances Hillier

Motion Carried

4. Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting 14th November, 2017

Moved by Kate Bourne that the Minutes from the 14th November, 2017 as read and distributed by mail and email be accepted

Seconded: Alex Green

Motion Carried

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes of 14th November, 2017

5.1 The Secretary apologies for missing Julie Bellettes name off the attendance list as she was in attendance at the last meeting.

6. Financial Report:

Total Funds as of 16th January 2018 is \$ 5,353.45

Y.T.D. Financials

Opening Balance			\$5,289.89
Incoming	YTD	\$ 430.00	
Luncheons	\$90.00		
Hairdresser	\$30.00		
Donation			
Outgoing	YTD	\$ 683.36	\$ 253.38
All out going expense is Aurora			
Closing Balance			\$5,036.51

Moved by Kate Bourne that the Financial Report as distributed to members be accepted, **Seconded by** Ann Scott

Motion Carried.

7. Business arising from Financial Report:

NIL

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8. Consideration of Correspondence

8.1 In – Flyer from Council to put on Notice Board re Australia Day Awards.

8.2 In - Aurora Account

8.2 Out – Nil

9. General Business:

9.1 – Kate Bourne to contact the Heat Pump people to enquire re increasing the PAYG fee from \$2.00/hour to \$3.00/hour

9.2 – Council supplied the Hall a box of paper towels for the toilets.

9.3 – Clr Alex Green enquired about the possibility of the council supplying the Hall with a Green Wheelie Bin he was told it had arrived but was not to be found. Alex will chase up again.

9.4 – Emails to be sent to Guy Barnett's office and Jen Butler's office re grant funding for the Hall floor refurbishment.

9.5 – Alex Green informed us that we are also eligible to apply for the SMC Small Grants.

10. Bookings

10.1 – Woodsdale Museum has a Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday 23rd January, 2018

10.2 – Hairdresser's next visit unknown to date, Kaye to ask Natalie when she next sees her.

10.3 – The Campervan Club will require the Hall - arriving Friday 4th May 2018, departing Sunday 6th May, 2018.
They has requested a dinner on the Saturday night again and if the Museum can provide a morning tea again on the Saturday. They have been quoted \$100.00 for use of the Hall, \$20.00pp for dinner on the Saturday night and \$8.00pp for the Museum morning tea.

11. Next General Committee Meeting

To be held on Tuesday 6th March, 2018 at 7.00pm

Meeting Closed at 7.40pm



**SOUTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCILS AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority held on 11 December 2017 commencing at 11.00am at the Sorell Council Chambers, Cole Street, Sorell

Present:

- Brighton Council – Mr Ron Sanderson and Mr James Dryburgh**
- Central Highlands Council – Mayor Loueen Triffitt and Ms Lyn Eyles**
- Clarence City Council – Mayor Doug Chipman and Mr Andrew Paul**
- Derwent Valley Council – Mayor Martyn Evans**
- Glenorchy City Council – Mr Tony McMullen**
- Hobart City Council – Mr Nick Heath**
- Huon Valley Council – Commissioner Adriana Taylor**
- Kingborough Council – Mayor Steve Wass**
- Sorell Council – Mayor Kerry Vincent and Mr Robert Higgins**
- Southern Midlands Council – Mayor Tony Bisdee and Mr Tm Kirkwood**
- Tasman Council – Mayor Roseanne Heyward and Mr Robert Higgins**

Apologies:

- Brighton Council – Mayor Tony Foster**
- Derwent Valley Council - Mr Greg Winton**
- Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council – Mayor Michael Kent and Mr David Metcalf**
- Glenorchy City Council - Commissioner Sue Smith**
- Hobart City Council – Lord Mayor Sue Hickey**
- Huon Valley Council - Mr Emilio Reale**
- Kingborough Council - Mr Gary Arnold**



1. Welcome and apologies

The Deputy Chair opened the meeting at 11.05am, welcomed members to the meeting and thanked Sorell Council for hosting the STCA Board.

Apologies for the meeting were noted and are as listed above.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority held on Monday 25 September 2017

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) Board Meeting held on Monday 25 September 2017 be confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Mayor Chipman

Seconded: Mayor Triffitt

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising

Nil

4. The Hon. Rebecca White MP

The Deputy Chair welcomed the Leader of the Tasmanian Labor Party, the Hon. Rebecca White MP and invited her to address the Board (see attached summary).

RECOMMENDATION

The Deputy Chair, on behalf of the STCA Board, thanked Ms White for her attendance.

CARRIED

5. STCA Annual Plan 2017/18

The Board discussed the STCA Annual Plan 2017/18.

RECOMMENDATION

The STCA Board endorse the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

CARRIED

Moved: Mayor Chipman

Seconded: Mayor Heyward



6. Derwent River Ferry Transportation

The Board discussed the proposal in relation to Derwent River Ferry transportation. It was noted that the Hobart and Clarence City Councils have participated in discussions on the matter (see attached correspondence). Kingborough Council suggested that Metro Tasmania need to be involved.

It was agreed that the Hobart and Clarence City Councils keep the STCA Board informed on the progress of the proposed trial.

RECOMMENDATION –

That Hobart and Clarence City Councils keep the STCA informed on the progress of this matter.

CARRIED

7. Update from the Regional Climate Change Initiative

Mr Heath provided an update in relation to the Regional Climate Change Initiative.

The Board agreed that the initiatives contained within the report be considered as part of the 2018/19 budget discussion.

RECOMMENDATION -

That the STCA Board note the Regional Climate Change Initiative update.

The extension of the Regional Councils Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2013 – 2017 to 2022 to enable a review of the Strategy and supporting Action Plan.

The initiatives contained within the report be considered as part of the 2018/19 STCA budget discussion.

CARRIED

8. Updates from Members

8.1 South Eastern Regional Development Association update

Mayor Vincent provided an update on the South Eastern Regional Development Association. In relation to workforce planning, a proposal to fund a two year position to work with RTOs, TAFE, Councils and major employers has commenced with a position description to be developed with the aim to have someone in the position in mid 2018. The proposal will be modelled on the one that was used in the Huon Valley. There will be significant flow on benefits to other regions.



8.2 Planning Reform update

Mr Paul provided a verbal update to the meeting and noted that:

- Local Planning Provisions continue to be prepared;
- A consultant has been engaged to undertake the regional eco system mapping;
- The Technical Reference Group have received three expressions of interest to undertake the agricultural zone and rural zone mapping;
- The Technical Reference Group are seeking the support of the STCA Board to award a contract for this work to be undertaken;
- Schemes are to be completed in the first half of 2018.

RECOMMENDATION -

8.3 South Central Sub-region and Common Services update

Mr Dryburgh provided an update on the South Central Sub-region and Common Services update.

Workforce planning jointly with SERDA is useful and progressing well. Work is progressing with the Beacon Foundation, integrating industry and education. School based apprenticeships with Brighton Council looking to undertake 2 industry based apprenticeships.

A joint project with the Beacon Foundation, Clarence City, Derwent Valley, Southern Midlands and Brighton has resulted in creation of 27 stories and interesting projects.

RECOMMENDATION –

That the STCA Board note the updates from members in relation to the South Eastern Regional Development Association, Planning Reform and South Central Sub-region and Common Services.

Mr Heath be authorised to award the contract to undertake the mapping of the agricultural zone and rural zone in accordance with the project as outlined to the Board and that the Board be advised once the contract has been awarded.

CARRIED

Moved: Mayor Vincent

Seconded: Mayor Evans

9. Waste Strategy South Update

The Chair of Waste Strategy South, Mayor Heyward provided an update on the activities of Waste Strategy South.



Mayor Heyward provided a presentation on the Waste Strategy South logo which has been developed through the assistance of a consultant.

An update was also provided on a workshop Waste Strategy South members participated in relating to a Container Deposit Scheme. As noted in the update from the Chair, a substantial amount of information is required from Councils to enable the consultants, who have been engaged by the EPA, to develop a framework for the Scheme.

The issue of a levy was also discussed with the Board being advised that the two northern waste groups are the beneficiaries of a waste levy which assists them to manage waste in their areas.

RECOMMENDATION

That the STCA Board note the Waste Strategy South Update.

The Waste Strategy South minutes from the 20 November 2017 meeting be noted.

Moved: Mayor Chipman

Seconded: Commissioner Taylor

CARRIED

10. Governance and Audit Committee update

The Minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee dated 7 November 2017 were approved.

A scope for a Regional Strategic Plan has been done and will be circulated to the General Managers and Governance and Audit Committee out of session.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes from the Governance and Audit Committee meeting dated 7 November 2017 be noted.

Moved: Mayor Chipman

Seconded: Mayor Heyward

CARRIED

11. Financial Report to 31 October 2017

The financial report to 31 October 2017 was received and noted.

RECOMMENDATION



That the STCA Board receive and note the financial report to 31 October 2017.

CARRIED

**Moved: Mayor Triffitt
Seconded: Mayor Wass**

12. 2018 STCA Meeting Dates

The Board discussed the dates for STCA meetings in 2018 and agreed to support them as well as the continuation of the Mayors Roundtable which are to be held one hour prior to Board meetings.

RECOMMENDATION –

That STCA support the 2018 STCA meeting dates and continuation of the Mayors Roundtable sessions.

**Moved: Mayor Heyward
Seconded: Mayor Vincent**

CARRIED

13. LGAT meeting – call for motions

No new items were identified to submit to the LGAT.

CARRIED

14. Other Business

The Deputy Chair, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mayor Vincent and Sorell Council for hosting today's meeting.

Meeting closed at 12.55pm

Ms White commenced her presentation by thanking STCA members for their support during the TasWater ownership debate.

Ms White thanked the STCA Board for inviting her to attend the meeting; in her view this opportunity provides for a two-way conversation and that she has also had the pleasure of speaking recently with the Cradle Coast Authority.

The Labor Party released their Economic Directions Statements in May 2017 which sets out their priorities for Tasmania and its people. Labor will invest in systems that support people with the values of fairness and social justice central.

Ms White talked about the establishment of Industry Advisory Councils that will have a direct role in advising about skills gaps and the allocation of funding in order to improve the skills of Tasmanians. They would be established across the following sectors of the community:

- Minerals, Energy and Advanced Manufacturing
- Innovation and Information and Communication Technologies
- Primary Industry and Forestry
- Education, Science, Research and the Antarctic
- Tourism, Hospitality, Festivals, Heritage (built and natural environment) and the Arts
- Building and Construction
- Wellbeing, Care and Community Development
- Employment, Regional Development and Trade

In relation to the establishment of a Capital City Act, Ms White was supportive of state and local government working together collaboratively, particularly in relation to regional planning and other matters which cross council boundaries. A Capital City Act would provide the framework for state and local government to work together. She indicated that, if elected, the Labor Party would look to re-establish Partnership Agreements.

On the issue of planning, Ms White provided a copy of Labor's Planning and Local Government Policy. The Labor Party announced this policy in November. Ms White indicated that there are challenges with the statewide planning reforms.

Ms White spoke about a City Deal for Hobart. She indicated that there have only been three deals announced thus far – with those being in marginal seats. Ms White suggested that a City Deal for Hobart could address many things, including, transport, the rail corridor and housing. The question was posed – how do we address these issues together?

The Labor Party, if elected, would put aside \$60 million as part of a Community Roads Package and that they have recently contacted councils to discuss priority roads.

In relation to Infrastructure Tasmania and the Coordinator General, Ms White said that the performance of Infrastructure Tasmania has been disappointing with only the STEM project being placed on Infrastructure Australia's Priority List. Ms White also believes that the Coordinator General has not been performing as effectively or as efficiently as it could. Ms White called on a more regional development flavour with an elected Labor Party to restructure it with clearer key performance indicators and greater alignment with State Government departments. An elected Labor Party would also re-establish an Economic Development department.

On the topic of TasWater, Ms White agreed that there is some work to be done to improve its operations, however, changing ownership was not going to achieve that aim. Water and sewerage infrastructure needs funding but the proposed change in ownership to the State Government did not demonstrate through the financial modelling that there would have been any great benefits to ratepayers and taxpayers.

Ms White invited questions from members which included:

Selling off public assets

No plans to sell of public assets; this approach provides a one off injection of funds with the benefit felt only once.

Salmon farming

The Labor Party is a strong supporter of salmon farming; it's a huge industry but needs to be sustainable and not damage the environment; the industry provides a great many jobs for Tasmanians; mindful of disease and warning signs; Labor would resource the EPA better; provide sea bed surveillance and being clever with technology.

Sporting Facilities

The Labor Party has pledged to support local government and sporting clubs to build new or significantly improved change room facilities for girls and women participating in sport through a competitive grants program (\$4.8 million).

Woodchip Loading Facility in the Huon Valley

Ms White indicated that the Labor Party would support a proposal such as this as it meets a demonstrated need within the community.

State Architect

Ms White indicated that the Labor Party would not look to reintroduce the position of State Architect; good statewide policies would diminish the role of a State Architect.

Waste

Ms White supported the continued use of Copping but conceded that transport costs are high. In relation to a waste levy, she indicated that she was unsure of whether that was the answer.

Coastal Policy, Property Protection and Maintenance Issues

Concedes that there are a whole range of issues here with modelling showing future inundations occurring in coastal areas. Ms White indicated that this issue does require



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some thought; a shared responsibility between planning authorities and the State Government??

Tourism infrastructure

The Labor Party have pledged \$50 million to boost tourism infrastructure; this will help shore up the infrastructure required as a result of increased visitation.

Ms White concluded her presentation by stating that the Labor Party will not form government with the Greens.

Planning and Local Government Policy

Planning for our Future

1. Labor recognises that Local Councils, comprising of community elected Councillors and Aldermen are appropriately placed to make planning decisions that meet the expectations of locals and reflect the best outcomes for the local environment.
2. Labor will ensure that Councils, operating as planning authorities, have access to the best possible Statewide Planning Scheme that provides consistency for decision making and ensures conditions of approval take into account the strategic direction and requirements of the State.
3. A Labor Government will ensure State Planning Policies (such as liveability, heritage, natural and environmental values, biodiversity, coastal, climate change, settlement, sustainable transport and infrastructure strategies) are developed in consultation with the community. This important work is currently missing from the process.

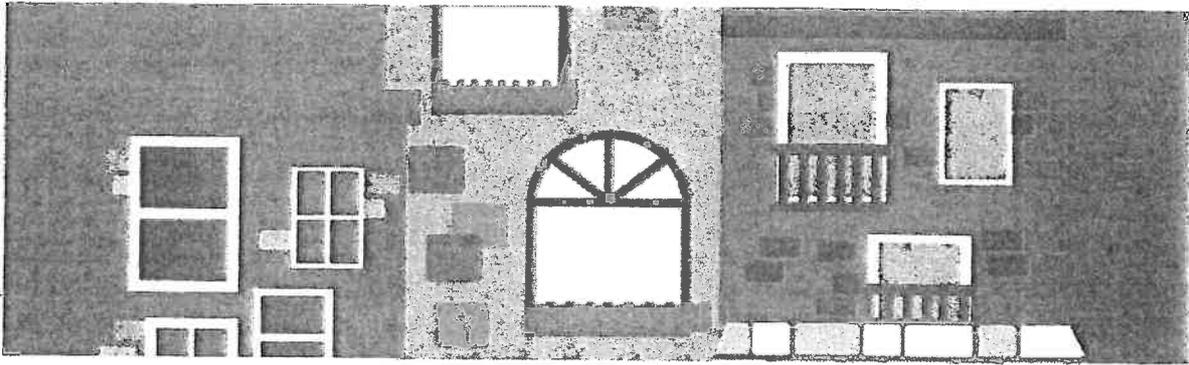
Importance of Local Provisions Schedules

4. A Labor Government will ensure Local Councils are appropriately resourced to develop Local Provisions Schedules (LPS's) for unique areas which may not fit within the generic State Planning Provisions. This includes the protection of local character, amenity and special values. This will ensure community expectations for the protection and enhancement of important areas are met and these areas are not automatically available for development.
5. Labor will not set unachievable and unrealistic deadlines for the creation of Local Provisions Schedules. These Schedules are crucial to get right and require extensive public consultation and community engagement.
6. A Labor Government will always protect third party rights of appeal for discretionary development applications. Labor recognises that one of the important principles underpinning the decision to have a single Statewide Planning Scheme was to simplify and provide certainty of approval and conditions for permitted use developments.
7. Labor will continue to provide planning certainty for permitted use applications.

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Free and accessible Planning Advice for the community

8. Labor recognises that navigating the planning process is not always easy and clear cut.

9. Labor will ensure a free Planning Advice and Information Service is made available to people to provide professional advice and support for planning scheme and development application issues of \$220,000 per year. Funding has been set aside for this service.

State involvement in planning decisions

10. Where a major development crosses over more than one municipal area, or where a Council requests to transfer their planning authority to the State (due to a lack of expertise or resources) the Government will agree to process the development application through the Planning Commission.

11. Labor has no plans to change the current legislation for projects of State and Regional Significance. Labor does not support giving call-in powers to a single Minister for projects such as high-rise towers, without giving the Parliament the final say.

Review of Statewide Planning Scheme and planning systems

12. Labor recognises that it is consistent with best-practice to ensure time and resources are allocated to review the performance of the planning system.

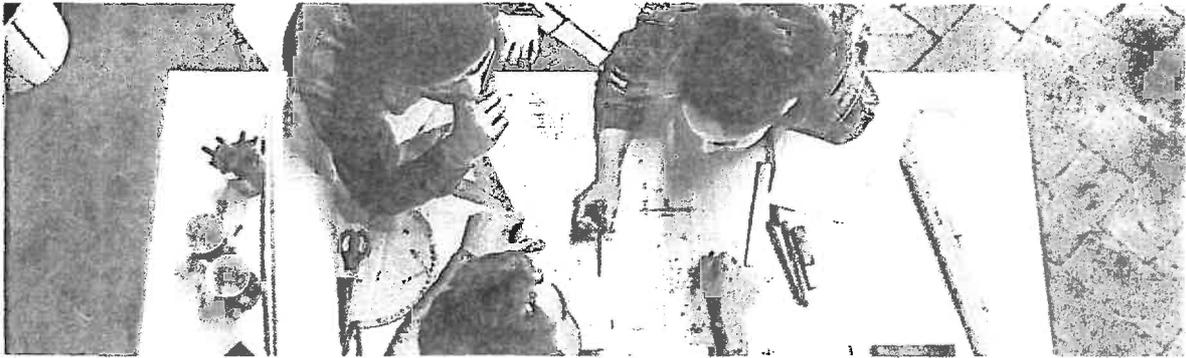
13. Labor will ensure that a review is conducted into the new planning system to give everyone in the community the chance to provide input about ways to improve outcomes and ensure our planning framework reflects contemporary community expectations and values.

14. A majority Labor Government will support the review of the Reserve Activity Assessment (RAA) process for developments within National Parks, as recommended by the Tasmanian Planning Commission

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Open Government

15. Labor is committed to putting people first, and we recognise that technology can help to achieve this.

Labor understands the value of information that government generates and collects

This is why Labor will make real time information and data sets freely available, including planning applications, status and decisions.

Recognition of Local Government's role

16. A majority Labor Government will continue to only support the voluntary amalgamations of Councils. Labor plans to continue to work with the Local Government sector to reform and improve outcomes for ratepayers. In partnership with the Local Government Association of Tasmania,

17. Labor will conduct a Fees and Charges Review, after the completion of the implementation of the Statewide Planning Scheme, to ensure a greater degree of consistency for developers across different municipal areas.

18. Following the review of fees and charges a Labor Government will work with Councils to better understand the roles and functions between State and Local Government to ensure less duplication and better coordination of essential services for all Tasmanians.

19. Labor has a proud history of working together with Local Government to deliver positive outcomes for communities. The people of Tasmania have every right to expect to be consulted and engaged on local issues.

20. Partnership Agreements between the State Government and Local Councils will be developed to build shared vision and outcomes across community development, infrastructure, education, health, wellbeing and employment.

Only a Rebecca White Majority Labor Government will be about Putting People First.

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