

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in the Committee Room, Level 4, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace,
Mount Gambier on Monday 8th May, 2017 at 5.30 p.m.

- PRESENT: Cr J Lynagh (Presiding Member)
Cr M Lovett and Cr S Meziniec
- APOLOGY: Cr Lynagh moved that the apology from Mayor Lee and Cr Persello be received.
- Cr Meziniec seconded Carried
- COUNCIL OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mark McShane
General Manager Council Business Services, Pamela Lee
General Manager Community Wellbeing, Barbara Cernovskis
General Manager City Growth, Judy Nagy
General Manager City Infrastructure, Nick Serle
Finance Manager, Gary Button
Manager Governance and Property, Michael McCarthy
Administration Officer – Executive Support, Fiona McGregor
- COUNCIL OFFICERS Nil
- APOLOGIES:
- COUNCIL MEMBERS Cr F Morello
- AS OBSERVERS:

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

- MINUTES: Cr Lynagh moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 10th April, 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.
- Cr Lovett seconded Carried

QUESTIONS:

- (a) With Notice - Nil received
- (b) Without Notice - Nil received

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – as at 30th April, 2017

Cr Lynagh moved it be recommended the financial statement as at 30th April, 2017 be received.

Cr Meziniec seconded Carried

2. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 30/2017 - Policy Review – R155 - Rate Rebate Policy Ref. - AF11/1952, AF11/823, AF11/824

Cr Lynagh moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 30/2017 be received.

- (b) Council hereby adopts the amended Council Policy R155 - Rate Rebate Policy, as provided with the report.

Cr Lovett seconded

Carried

3. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 31/2017 - Policy Review - R105 - Rating Policy - Ref. AF11/1952

Cr Lynagh moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 31/2017 be received.
- (b) Council hereby adopts amended Council Policy R105 - Rating Policy, as provided with the report.

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

4. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 32/2017 - Policy Review - R130 - Rates - General Matters - Ref. AF11/1952

Cr Lynagh moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 32/2017 be received;
- (b) Council hereby adopts new Council Policy R130 Rates - General Matters, as attached to the Report;
- (c) Council makes the necessary amendments to Council's Policy Manual Index.

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

5. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 33/2017 - Mayoral Report - China Engagement Delegation March/April 2017 - Ref. AF13/306

Cr Lynagh moved it be recommended:

- (a) the Corporate and Community Services Report No. 33/2017 Mayoral Report - China Engagement Delegation March/April 2017 be received.

Cr Lovett seconded

Carried

6. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 34/2017 - Delegates - Council Member Requests For Information - Ref. AF11/902

Cr Meziniec moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 34/2017 dated 1 May 2017 be received and the contents noted.

Cr Lovett seconded

Carried

7. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 35/2017 - Appointment Of Members On Committees and Other Bodies & Organisations – LCLGA Climate Adaptation Committee - Ref. AF11/854

Cr Lynagh moved it be recommended:

- (a) The Corporate and Community Services Report No. 35/2017 dated 3 May 2017, be received.
- (b) That Barbara Cernovskis, General Manager Community Wellbeing be endorsed as Council's nominee for the Limestone Coast Local Government Association's Limestone Coast Climate Adaptation Committee.
- (c) That Council notify the Limestone Coast Local Government Association of Council's nominee to the Limestone Coast Climate Adaptation Committee.

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

8. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 36/2017 - Grant of Easement – Lachlan Crescent – SA Power Network - Ref. AF14/196

Cr Lynagh moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 36/2017 dated 1 May 2017 be received.
- (b) Consent be given to a grant of easement on Lot 261 (Reserve) in Certificate of Title Volume 5552 Folio 971 (Lachlan Crescent) for electricity purposes and a Licence to Enter for installation of infrastructure prior to registration of the easement on the Certificate of Title.
- (c) The Chief Executive Officer and Mayor be authorised to execute and affix the common seal of Council to any necessary documentation associated with resolution (b) of Corporate and Community Services Report No. 36/2017 dated 1 May 2017.

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

9. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 37/2017 - Limestone Coast Local Government Association – 2017/18 Business Plan and Budget - Ref. AF15/451

Cr Lovett moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 37/2017 dated 1 May 2017 be received;
- (b) The draft 2017/2018 Limestone Coast Local Government Association Business Plan and Budget be accepted and provision made in Council's 2017/2018 Business Plan and Budget for the amount of \$190,243.
- (c) The Limestone Coast Local Government Association be advised of Council's acceptance of their draft 2017/2018 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

10. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 38/2017 - Policy Review - Ref. AF11/1950

Cr Lynagh moved it be recommended:

- (a) The Corporate and Community Services Report No. 38/2017 dated 3 May 2017 be received.
- (b) Council hereby replaces position title references as set out in the table contained in the Corporate and Community Services Report No. 38/2017 dated 3 May 2017 in the following Council policies:

A170 Advertising & Signage
A240 Assemblies and Events on Streets and Other Council Land
A515 Animal Control – Dogs
D140 Development Act Delegations
D230 Donations Authority to Approve Requests
E135 Encroachments/Protection of Public During Building/Maintenance Work over Public Places
E240 Expiation Notice Cancellation and Waiver
F175 Footways & Crossovers
F510 Footways & Council Land Fundraising & Promotion
L130 Land Divisions
L230 Licensed Premises
R270 Road Pavement - Excavation and Reinstatement of
R305 Risk Management Framework
S120 Street Signs, Directional, Tourist and Other Scenic Facility Signs
T120 Tree Policy
W125 Waste Management – Refuse Collection

- (c) The necessary amendments be made to Council's Policy Manual Index in accordance with the Corporate and Community Services Report No. 38/2017 dated 3 May 2017.

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

11. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 39/2017 - Delegation Of Powers Of Council - Ref. AF11/1020

Cr Lovett moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 39/2017 dated 2 May 2017 be received.
- (b) Authorisations and Sub-delegation under the Road Traffic Act 1961:
 - i In accordance with the Instrument of General Approval and Delegation to Council dated 22 August 2013 from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure (the 'Instrument') the Council authorises the following person(s) pursuant to Clause A.7 of the Instrument to endorse Traffic Impact Statements for the purposes of Clause A of the Instrument provided that such person(s) shall take into account the matters specified in Clause A.7 of the Instrument in respect of Traffic Impact Statements:

Mark McShane

**Nick Serle
Daryl Morgan.**

- ii In accordance with Clause A.7 of the Instrument, the Council is of the opinion that the following person(s) is/are experienced traffic engineering practitioner(s) for the purposes of preparing a Traffic Impact Statement as required by Clause A.7 of the Instrument:

**Nick Serle
Daryl Morgan.**

- iii In exercise of the power contained in, and in accordance with, Clause G.1 of the Instrument, the power contained in Section 33(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961 and delegated to the Council pursuant to Clause G of the Instrument and contained in Instrument of Sub-delegation (Appendix 20A) is hereby sub-delegated this 16th of May 2017 to the person occupying the office of Chief Executive Officer of the Council subject to:

- (i) the conditions contained in the Instrument; and
- (ii) any conditions contained in this Resolution or in the Instrument of Sub-delegation; and
- (iii) the creation of a separate instrument in writing reflecting such sub-delegation under the Instrument and this Resolution.
- (iv) for the purpose of this sub-delegation, the sub-delegation to the Chief Executive Officer extends to any person appointed to act in the position of Chief Executive Officer.

- iv In accordance with Clause E.2 of the Instrument, the Council is of the opinion that the following persons have an appropriate level of knowledge and expertise in the preparation of traffic management plans:

**Nick Serle
Daryl Morgan**

- (c) Council Officer Mr Christopher Ronald Tully, is hereby appointed as a Member of Council's Building Fire Safety Committee in accordance with s71(19)(a)(iii) of the Development Act 1993.
- (d) Council Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mark McShane, be appointed as Public Officer of Council's Development Assessment Panel.
- (e) The Delegations, Authorisations and Appointments made to Council Officers in resolutions (b) to (d) shall expire immediately upon:
 - i. The termination or other cessation of the appointed officers employment with Council;
 - ii. Such officers appointment being revoked by resolution of Council;
 - iii. The revocation or replacement of the statute under which the appointment is made making the appointment redundant.

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

12. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 40/2017 - Appointment Of Members On Committees and Other Bodies & Organisations – Queen Elizabeth Park Trust - Ref. AF11/854

Cr Meziniec moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 40/2017 dated 3 May 2017 be received.**
- (b) A targeted approach be used by Council Members to identify suitable nominees for the QEPT Board vacancy, that have:**
 - i. Experience on previous boards or committees; and/or,**
 - ii. Knowledge and experience at running their own business in the leisure or tourism area; and/or,**
 - iii. Horticultural skills.**
- (c) Council Members present nominations (with accompanying biography and background information) for the QEPT Board vacancies to the Manager – Governance and Property by 5pm Friday 2nd June 2017 for presentation to the June 2017 Committee and Council meetings.**

Cr Lovett seconded

Carried

13. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 41/2017 - Budget Update as at 31st March, 2017 (BR3) - Ref. AF15/461

Cr Lovett moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 41/2017 be received;**
- (b) the Budget Update as at 31st March, 2017 as presented with this Report be adopted by Council with all amendments to be made to the 2016/2017 Council Budget.**

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE - Nil

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE - Nil

Meeting closed at 5.53 p.m.

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China Delegation Report

Education and Tourism

Cr Josh Lynagh

The Delegation

Over twelve days in late-March and early-April, I was part of a delegation to China alongside three other Councillors, the Mayor, CEO, as well as two business representatives from the region, as part of our strategy to explore China and the opportunities involved in building positive relationships with cities in China, for both the City of Mount Gambier and the wider region.

Each Councillor was provided with a portfolio – an area in which they are to focus their efforts.

Throughout a lot of the 12-day trip, we travelled and visited sites as a group. On occasion, we were separated into smaller groups in order to cover all areas as well as we can.

My area of focus was Tourism and Education, though I was at times involved in discussions regarding trade and agriculture.

Education

In regards to Education, it's fair to say that China and Australia work in relatively different ways.

These differences allow a lot of learning (coincidentally enough) for both regions.

To explore West Anhui University was quite an experience. One particular connection we have is agriculture, and it was clear to see that this was a major focus of this school. To see how students are innovative in regards to agriculture, the growing of herbs on a fairly large scale, the growing and maintenance of Bonsai trees again, on a large scale – was very impressive.

The scale of projects happening at this school was huge, which makes sense if you take into account the population of the campus exceeds 20,000 – very close to the entire population of Mount Gambier.

Being able to see things happening on such a scale gave me real insight as to how things could eventually work here in Mount Gambier.

The relationship between the City of Mount Gambier and China started in 2015, and one area that was explored quite extensively was Education. Students and teachers from Baotou have previously visited Mount Gambier, specifically Tenison Woods College – something they seemed very keen to continue to explore.

Tourism

Mount Gambier is undeniably a tourist hotspot, especially in regard to Chinese visitors. But it's also widely-accepted that a lot of what we have is under-utilised, and work can be done to better promote our region, and provide visitors with the best possible experience while they're here.

The idea of guided tours across the city and the wider region, offering hands-on experiences that you just can't get in China was just one of many.

While having some opportunity lately to experience what it's like to be a tourist in a foreign land, I found myself rejoicing at the sign of the English language, especially in regards to public transport, menus and other signage. I believe this is something we should really be looking into, to better accommodate our visitors.

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Friendship Agreement with Baotou

The signing of the friendship agreement following a letter of intent in November last year, was the highlight of the Baotou trip for me. This was an important moment in building the relationship with Baotou, something which is very important when dealing with China on a business level.

Final Thoughts

To be quite honest, this was one of the most impressive projects I've had the privilege of being a part of. Organisation on both sides was great, the whole trip flowed so well and things were constantly happening in a very positive way.

The hospitality from both Lu'an and Baotou was second to none. It was made quite clear that both cities take this relationship as seriously as we do.

Without a doubt, positive things are happening and I'm hopeful that they will continue to for many years to come. This delegation was a very successful and positive one on all accounts, with many fruitful discussions happening throughout. I'm looking forward to being further involved in strengthening these relationships and benefiting our city and our region.