

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at the Committee Room, Level 4, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace,
Mount Gambier on Monday 9th February, 2015 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor A Lee, Cr M Lovett, Cr J Lynagh, Cr S Meziniec, Cr H Persello

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING

PRESIDING MEMBER: Cr Meziniec moved that Cr Persello be appointed as Acting Presiding Member.

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer, Mark McShane
Director - Corporate Services, Grant Humphries
Manager Governance and Property, Michael McCarthy
Finance Manager, Gary Button
Manager Community Services and Development, Barbara Cernovskis
Manager Strategic Projects, Tracy Tzioutziouklaris
Administration Officer Executive Support, Fiona McGregor

COUNCIL MEMBERS
AS OBSERVERS:

Cr Von Stanke, Cr Richardson, Cr Morello

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.

APOLOGY:

Members noted a request from Cr Perryman to withdraw his apology and to participate in the meeting by telephone or other electronic means as may be accommodated under s90(7a) of the Local Government Act 1999.

Cr Perryman has acknowledged that an Acting Presiding Member is to have been appointed to open the meeting in his physical absence and that the Acting Presiding Member should continue to preside over the meeting notwithstanding his participation by other means.

In the absence of any prescribed procedures or Council direction to the contrary, it is for the Committee to determine its own procedures to deal with this request.

Cr Perryman's preferred means of participation is by internet 'Skype' hookup, or alternatively by teleconference. Technology to accommodate this request has been prepared and the direction of the Committee is sought before activating.

Cr Lovett moved that:

a) Cr Perryman's apology be withdrawn.

b) Cr Perryman's request to participate in the Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting by telephone or other electronic means is received and accepted subject to:

- i. the Acting Presiding Member presiding over the remainder of the meeting, and;
- ii. such participation being for the Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting of 9th February 2015 only, and;
- iii. such participation not being accepted for any matter that is to be considered in confidence in accordance with a s90(2) order, and;
- iv. the Acting Presiding Member being authorised to disconnect should the technology cause disruption to the meeting, and;
- v. there being no further re-connection attempts made in the event that the technology is disconnected for any reason.

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

Cr Perryman joined the meeting via teleconference at 5:33 p.m.

MINUTES: Cr Meziniec moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 20th January, 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

Cr Lynagh seconded

Carried

QUESTIONS:

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

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – as at 31st January, 2015

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance.

Cr Lovett moved it be recommended the financial statement as at 31st January, 2015 be received.

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

2. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT - Budgeting - Annual Business Plan and Budget Consultation 2015/16 Financial Year – Ref. AF14/427

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance.

The Director - Corporate Services reported:

- (a) In accordance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999, the following Program leading up to the adoption of Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2015/2016 is proposed (actual dates to be confirmed):

| Date (2015) | Description |
|----------------------------|--|
| March/April | Members Budget Workshops/Briefing(s) (actual dates to be confirmed). |
| by 30 th April | Draft Business Plan and Budget released for public comment. |
| by 31 st May | Public submissions on draft Business Plan and Budget close. |
| early June | First Special (public) Meeting to hear any public submissions and to discuss the draft Business Plan and Budget. |
| mid June | Second Special (public) Meeting to be held to discuss/finalise the draft Business Plan and Budget (if required). |
| late June/July | Special Council meeting to be held to finalise and endorse draft Business Plan and Budget (if required). |
| 24 th July | Last date for finalisation/distribution of first quarterly rate notice and distribution of summary Annual Business Plan. |
| 11 th September | First quarterly rate installment final payment date. |

Mayor Lee moved it be recommended:

- (a) the report be received;**
- (b) the Draft 2015/2016 Annual Business Plan and Budget Program be endorsed by Council.**

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

3. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 08/2015 - Council Fees and Charges Review 2015/2016 - Ref. AF11/2289

Goal: Governance
Strategic Objective: Evaluate the effectiveness of all service delivery initiatives against the returns and/or benefits to the community.

Cr Perryman moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 8/2015 be received;**
- (b) Council adopt all recommended fees and charges identified in the “Schedule of Fees and Charges” – with the exception of Reidy Park Oval (Page 3 of attachment “Council Fees and Charges 2015/2016”), Info charges (Page 12 of attachment “Council Fees and Charges 2015/2016”), Outdoor Display, Outdoor Dining Furniture, Mobile Vendors (Page 16 of attachment “Council Fees and Charges 2015/2016”);**
- (c) the excluded matters in (b) above be subject to further discussion at a future Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting;**
- (d) further information to be sought regarding the status of the Reidy Park Oval.**

Cr Lovett seconded

Carried

4. **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 09/2015 - Strategic Plan/Corporate Plan, Achievement of Key Performance Indicators Quarterly Report, December 2014 - Ref. AF11/1790**

Goal: Governance

Strategy Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organizational governance

Cr Perryman moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 09/2015 and the December 2014 Quarterly Summary KPI report be received and endorsed by Council.

Cr Mezinec seconded

Carried

5. **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 10/2015 - Economic Development - China Engagement Strategy - Ref. AF13/306**

Goal: Securing Economic Prosperity

Strategy Objective: Foster the expansion of commerce and industry in a sustainable manner, considering industry, employment and climate change impacts, and enhance our positioning as the major centre for the region.

Cr Perryman moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 10/2015 be received;
- (b) Council participate in the State Government, Local Government and Business delegation to China in May 2015 and authorise the attendance of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer with expenditure provided by "China Links Strategy" 2015/2015 Budget Acc. 6002.0219.

Cr Mezinec seconded

Carried

6. **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 11/2015 - Budget Update as at 31st December, 2014 – Ref. AF13/457**

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance

Cr Mezinec moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 11/2015 be received;
- (b) the Budget Update as at 31st December, 2014 as presented with this Report be adopted by Council with all amendments to be made to the 2014/2015 Council Budget.

Cr Lynagh seconded

Carried

7. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 12/2015 - Housing and Local Government in the 21st Century - Ref. AF13/125

Goal: Building Communities
Strategy: (i) Strive for an increase in services and facilities to ensure the community has equitable access and that the identified needs of the community are met.
(ii) Encourage the development of community facilities and infrastructure, community events and active and safe community spaces through direct support, seeking funding facilitation etc.

Goal: Securing Economic Prosperity
Strategies: (i) Provide infrastructure and facilities that contribute to Mount Gambier being able to enhance its economic base and quality of life.
(ii) Develop and implement a dynamic planning process to meet emerging economic, social and environmental conditions.

Goal: Diversity
Strategies: (i) Engage with Federal and State Governments and other agencies to provide resources to meet the needs of diverse groups in our community.
(ii) Consider the needs of all community groups in developing projects, services and infrastructure (public or privately owned).

Goal: Environment
Strategy: (i) Plan and implement infrastructure to protect and enhance the natural and built environment, including in response to climate change influences.
(ii) Support initiatives that value and preserve our unique environment and contribute to environmental sustainability.
(iii) Support the preservation and enhancement of the City's unique natural and built heritage for future generations.

Cr Lovett moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 12/2015 be received;**
- (b) Council supports in principle the Housing and Local Government Study and refers the matter to the 2015/2016 Budget for consideration.**

Cr Lynagh seconded

Carried

8. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 13/2015 – Limestone Coast Regional Trails Master Plan - Ref. AF13/353

Goal: Securing Economic Prosperity
Strategic Objective: Support the development of our local economy, our unique local experiences and our capacity to grow visitation to our City.

Goal: Environment
Strategic Objective: Support initiatives that value and preserve our unique environment and contribute to environmental sustainability.

Cr Persello moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 13/2015 be received;**
- (b) Council support in principle the draft Regional Trails Master Plan;**
- (c) Council appoint Manager, Community Services and Development Ms Barbara Cernovskis to the Limestone Coast Trails Implementation Group to support the development of an agreed method of implementation.**

Cr Mezinec seconded

Carried

Cr Perryman left the meeting at 6.10 p.m.

9. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 14/2015 – Records Management – Elected Member Records/Emails - Ref. AF11/2455

Goal: Governance
Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance.

Cr Mezinec moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 14/2015 be received;**
- (b) The Administration continuously review and enhance Council's policy, procedures and practices to ensure legislative compliance and leading/best practice where practicable.**

Cr Lynagh seconded

Carried

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE - Nil

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

10. GOVERNANCE – Elected Member Training and Development – Ref. AF11/903

Goal: To be recognised as a lifelong learning community.

Strategic Objective: Promote the benefits of cooperative learning and the contribution learning makes to our enhanced quality of life.

The Chief Executive Officer reported that Councillors Greco, Lynagh and Lovett have sought permission of Council to attend the LGA New Council Members Residential Seminar being held in Hahndorf from 20th to 21st February, 2015.

The Seminar Program is considered especially valuable for new Council Members and will provide an understanding of the key issues and considerations facing Local Government in South Australia and includes a key note address from the Hon Geoff Brock, Minister for Regional Development and Local Government and an address from Bruce Lander QC, Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC) in South Australia.

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Cr Mezinec moved it be recommended:

- (a) Councillors Greco, Lynagh and Lovett be authorised to attend the LGA New Council Members Residential Seminar at Hahndorf from 20th to 21st February, 2015;**
- (b) all costs associated with attendance at the Seminar be met by Council – Acc. No. 6000.0105 (Members Training).**

Mayor Lee seconded

Carried

Meeting closed at 6.26 p.m.

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CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2015.

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PRESIDING MEMBER