

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting to be held in the Reception Area, Level 4, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace,
Mount Gambier on Monday 9th May, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cr S Meziniec (Presiding Member)
Mayor Andrew Lee, Cr Lynagh, Cr S Perryman and Cr H Persello

APOLOGY: Nil

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Lovett

COUNCIL OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mark McShane
Director Corporate Services, Grant Humphries
Finance Manager, Gary Button
Manager Community Services and Development, Barbara Cernovskis
Manager Governance and Property, Michael McCarthy
Manager Business and Strategic Planning - Tracy Tzioutziouklaris
Administration Officer – Executive Support, Melissa Telford

COUNCIL MEMBERS

AS OBSERVERS: 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.

MINUTES: Cr Persello moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 11th April, 2016 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 30th April, 2016

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance

Cr Meziniec moved it be recommended the financial statement as at 30th April, 2016 be received.

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

2. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT - Insurance - Council Insurance Policies and Renewals - Ref. AF11/773

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance

The Director - Corporate Services reported that:

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- (a) Council had received a letter from the Local Government Risk Scheme's Chairmen (attached) along with the 2015 Special Distribution from the Risk Schemes;
- (b) Key information provided in the Chairmen's message include:
- The 2015 Special Distributors provide an 8% financial dividend;
 - Since inception 8 years ago the Special Distribution approach over \$20m has been returned to South Australian Councils;
 - Estimated savings to Local Government in South Australia of over \$16m in 2015 by being members of the LGA Workers Comp Scheme rather than Work SA;
 - LGA Workers Compensation Scheme recorded an all-time low number of claims in 2015.
- (c) Council has received the following 2015 Special Distributions;
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| • LGA Workers Compensation Scheme | \$12,652.00 |
| • LGA Mutual Liability Scheme | \$10,574.20 |
| • LGA Asset Mutual Fund | \$21,213.96 |
| Total | \$44,440.16 |

Cr Meziniec moved it be recommended:

- (a) the letter be received;
- (b) Council congratulate Local Government Risk Services on the performance of each of the Schemes which substantially benefits to the sector.

Cr Lynagh seconded

Carried

3. GOVERNANCE – Committees – Strategic Planning Sub-Committee – Minutes of Meeting held 28th April, 2016 – Ref. AF15/366

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance

Cr Persello moved it be recommended:

- (a) the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Meeting held on 28th April, 2016 be received;
- (b) the following recommendations of the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee be adopted by Council;

1. REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN - Ref. AF15/179

- (a) Strategic Planning Sub-Committee report 1/2016 be received.
- (b) The Community Plan be amended in accordance with the summary of submission tables and the changes proposed by the Strategic Planning Sub- Committee as identified within the Gap Analysis.

- (c) The following additional Strategy be incorporated into the Community Plan:

“Goal 3 – Our Economy

Council Operate in accordance with relevant legislation, regulations, policies, governance and business practices and ensure professional and ethical standards focusing on continuous improvement.”

- (d) Upon the completion of the amendments as identified, the Community Plan be referred to Council for consideration of endorsement.

2. COMMUNITY PLAN – CHAT ASSESSMENT - Ref. AF 15/179

it be recommended the report be received and the contents noted.

3. COMMUNITY PLAN - Ref. AF15/179

- (a) Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Report no 2/2016 be received.
- (b) Upon the endorsement of the Community Plan by Council, work be undertaken to commence the implementation of the Plan.

4. COMMUNITY PLAN

All those people who made the effort to provide a submission on the Community Plan be formally thanked.

Cr Lynagh seconded

Carried

Cr Perryman arrived at 5.35 p.m.

4. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Railway Lands Activation Team update – Ref AF15/398

Goal: Building Communities

Strategic Objective: Encourage the empowerment of the community to lead and self manage their respective desires and aspirations.

Encourage the development of community facilities and infrastructure, community events, and active and safe community spaces through direct support, seeking funding, facilitation etc.

The Manager – Community Services and Development reported:

During April 2016 the Railway Lands Activation Team continued to facilitate community led events and activities at the site. The LimeFM Family Fun day attracted crowds of approximately 3,000 and the expectations of Licensees and food vendors were comfortably met. The Youth Advisory Group (YAG) included the site as part of the Youth Week program and conducted a ‘Night Scenes’ photography activity.

The Winter@the Rail activation program is continuing to progress and has an arts development focus. The introduction of local artworks is due to commence in the coming fortnight; the murals and nature play sculptures will feature throughout the site and the progressive installations will culminate in a celebration in June once complete.

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The Railway Lands will be part of the first ever regional STEM summit hosted in Mount Gambier. On Sunday 29th May 2016 the Railway Lands will come to life igniting curiosity and inspiration with a program of scientific fun. This program has been designed to engage with the natural elements of the site and provide some real hands-on family fun. Activities will include mud & clay play stations, the Double Helix Science Club, building of billy carts, teepees and lanterns. A twilight screening of children's artwork and video blogs will be shown and the event will conclude with a Lantern Parade.

The Railway Lands Activation Team are continuing to conduct a full evaluation of the test and trial phase of the site activation and have continued to progress temporary, low cost activations and events including the following initiatives:

Commercial/Community integration	
Railway Building	No further activity
Site	Short term hospitality option has been discussed for site – awaiting submission

Arts/Cultural/Music Activities	
Public Art @ The Rail Public Murals	<i>First Stop Public Art @ the Rail</i> The work by Diana Wiseman is expected to be installed within the coming fortnight. The work by Ben Brumby is expected to be installed mid June.
Nature Play Sculptures	The contracts are currently being finalised and the first work, that of Ivo Tadic, is expected to commence in the coming fortnight.

Events	
LimeFM Family Day	This was a very successful family event that attracted crowds of approximately 3,000 people. Preliminary discussions have been held exploring a similar event to be hosted at the site again next year.
Night Scenes	The Youth Advisory Group (YAG) hosted a night photography activity at the site as part of the Youth Week program.

Evaluation	
A number of evaluations have been undertaken for events, health providers, stall holders, surrounding site owners, surrounding business owners, general community seeking evidence regarding commercial return, lifestyle and cultural influence of the railway lands	

Confirmed future events for the Railway Lands.

May	June
#STEMfun16 Winter @ the Rail	Winter @ the Rail

Cr Meziniec moved it be recommended:

- (a) The progress report on the Railway Lands Activation Team be received;

Cr Lynagh seconded

Carried

**5. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 33/2016 - Budget Update
As At 31st March, 2016 - Ref. AF14/427**

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance.

Cr Meziniec moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 33/2016 be received;

- (b) the Budget Update as at 31st March, 2016 as presented with this Report be adopted by Council with all amendments to be made to the 2015/2016 Council Budget.

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

Pursuant to Division 3 - Conflict of Interest, Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr Perryman disclosed a perceived conflict of interest in Item 6: *"The Report makes reference to the Body Tourism Mount Gambier of which I am an Office Bearer. The reports propose that Council work with that body on economic and tourism projects."*

Cr Perryman participated in the meeting in relation to the matter.

**6. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 34/2016 - China
Delegation - Ref. AF15/317**

Goal: Securing Economic Prosperity

Strategic 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 Meziniec moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 34/2016 be received;

- (b) Council in partnership with the Tourism Mount Gambier and identified stakeholders focus on the significant potential and opportunities presented by the China tourism market.

- (c) Limestone Coast Councils (LCLGA) and Regional Development Australia (LCRDA) commence negotiations immediately with the State Government to secure inbound Shandong delegation(s) to the Limestone Coast during their visit in September 2016.

- (d) Council continues working collaboratively with LCLGA and LCRDA in supporting the State Government delegation and relationships with Shandong Province and by participation in the State Government, Premier led outbound and inbound Trade Mission. Council continues to provide adequate budget (as in 2014/15, 2015/16) for inbound and outbound delegations and Council participates in and attends these delegations. Council provides opportunities to broaden Elected Member's exposure to Trade Missions via participation in outbound delegations and visits to partnering Chinese cities (should Council identify cities with which to partner).
- (e) Council works with LCRDA, State Government and stakeholders to identify and work with local business to enhance capacity in engaging with the China market.
- (f) Knowledge and experience gained from participation in two Trade Missions highlights the benefits of identifying and targeting one or more Chinese cities with which to establish closer and more productive relationships focusing on business, trade, investment, education and tourism matching the demands of China, the City and Region. Council should actively seek and establish such a relationship with one or more Chinese cities.

Cr Lynagh seconded

Carried

Cr Perryman voted in favour of the motion.

7. **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 35/2016** - Strategic Plan/Corporate Plan, Achievement Of Key Performance Indicators Quarterly Report, March 2016 - Ref. AF11/1790

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance

Cr Meziniec moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 35/2016 and the March, 2016 Quarterly Summary KPI report be received and endorsed by Council.

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

Cr Morello arrived at 5.47 p.m.

8. **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 36/2016** - Frew Park (Ambulance Station) Development - Ref. AF11/1426

Goal: Building Communities

Strategic Objective: 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

Strategic Objective: Provide infrastructure and facilities that contribute to Mount Gambier being able to enhance its economic base and quality of life.

Goal: *Diversity*

Strategic Objective: *Consider the needs of all community groups in developing projects, services and infrastructure (public or privately owned).*

Goal: *Governance*

Strategic Objective: *Engage with national, state, regional and local forums and partnerships to provide solutions and options to continually improve Councils service delivery and performance.*

Cr Meziniec moved it be recommended:

(a) Corporate and Community Services Report No.36/2016 be received.

(b) The key proponents be advised:

(i) that Council re-affirms its previous in-principle support to a development of Frew Park that includes engagement with community co-occupiers as interested stakeholders; and,

(ii) that Council will convene a work team of Council Officers to assist the current/proposed building occupiers in developing a shared use proposal with plans/options and preliminary costings for further presentation to Council and other potential funding providers.

(c) A further report be presented when a shared use proposal as envisaged by resolution (b)(ii) has been developed.

Cr Lynagh seconded

Carried

Pursuant to Division 3 - Conflict of Interest, Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr Perryman disclosed a perceived conflict of interest in Item 9: *"The Report makes reference to the Body Tourism Mount Gambier of which I am an Office Bearer. The reports propose that Council work with that body on economic and tourism projects."*

Cr Perryman participated in the meeting in relation to the matter.

9. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 37/2016 - Economic Development Strategic Framework Ref. AF15/400

Goal: *Securing Economic Prosperity*

Strategic Objective: (i) *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.*
(ii) *Support the development of our local economy, our unique local experiences and our capacity to grow visitation to our city.*
(iii) *Provide infrastructure and facilities that contribute to Mount Gambier being able to enhance its economic base and quality of life.*
(iv) *In partnership with others seek to create a capable and resilient workforce to match our aspirations and the emerging needs.*
(v) *Develop and implement a dynamic planning process to meet emerging economic, social and environmental outcomes.*

Cr Persello moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 37/2016 be received;**
- (b) Council endorses the establishment of the City's economic direction with first year undertaking the following actions:**
 - 1) Working in collaboration with Tourism Mount Gambier, SATC and other relevant tourism bodies to deliver "*Changing the Tourism Culture Plan*".**
 - 2) Undertake feasibility study to improve City's digital technology products, infrastructure and services for residents, business and industry (utilising broadband and high speed fibre optics infrastructure) and identify opportunities for knowledge intensive jobs.**
 - 3) Develop a City Growth Masterplan.**
 - 4) Undertake City business audit (identifying business needs and potential expansion opportunities).**
 - 5) Undertake economic analysis work to identify economic trends and challenges facing the City and the development of economic tools including performance scorecard and long term economic growth modelling.**
 - 6) Identify and implement a "business and community mentor initiative".**
 - 7) Develop communication and investment tools (digital and social media, prospectus etc).**
 - 8) Develop a commercial business prospectus – identifying commercial market drivers, building relationships with commercial real estate managers and property owners etc).**
 - 9) Develop and implement a communication and events strategic plan.**
 - 10) Implement a whole of City identity and awareness program.**
 - 11) Initiate a City business/industry employment needs forum (to include representatives from education and research organisations, skills and training providers.)**
 - 12) Undertake broader stakeholder engagement and consultation.**
 - 13) Build and establish relationships with key business, government and industry leaders regionally, nationally and internationally.**
- Regular two monthly updates will be provided on the progress of the above-mentioned actions and any revised timeframes.**
- (c) Council endorses the development of "City Economic Development Blueprint" to be released on 1 July 2017.**

Cr Lynagh seconded

Carried

Cr Perryman voted in favour of the motion.

10. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 38/2016 - Governance – Review Of Confidentiality Orders - Ref. AF13/64

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance.

Cr Perryman moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 38/2016 be received;**
- (b) The following Confidential Orders, having been reviewed by Council, continue in operation on the grounds provided within Attachment 1 to Report 38/2016.**
 - i. Council 18/6/2013 – Junior Sports Assistance Fund 22/5/2013 - Item 10 ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT GAMBIER LAKES - Donations to Financially Disadvantaged Junior Sports Persons**
 - ii. Council 17/12/2013 - Junior Sports Assistance Fund 20/11/2013 - Item 12 - ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT GAMBIER LAKES – Donations to Financially Disadvantaged Junior Sports Persons**
 - iii. Council 17/12/2013 - Junior Sports Assistance Fund 20/11/2013 - Item 13 – COMMERCIAL CLUB INC. – Donation to Exceptional Junior Sports person**
 - iv. Council 15/4/2014 - Junior Sports Assistance Fund 2/4/2014 - Item 13 - ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT GAMBIER LAKES – Donations to Financially Disadvantaged Junior Sports Persons**
- (c) The following Confidential Orders originally made on 17th November 2015 and reproduced in Attachment 1, be extended as follows:**
 - i. Corporate and Community Services Item 8 - SALE OF LAND FOR NON PAYMENT OF RATES - Notice of Intention to Sell Land for Non-Payment of Council Rates**

Confidential Element:	All Details
s90(3) Grounds:	(a) & (i)
Duration:	until the property has been advertised for sale or all outstanding council rates and charges have been paid.

- ii. Corporate and Community Services Item 9 - SALE OF LAND FOR NON PAYMENT OF RATES - Notice of Intention to Sell Land for Non-Payment of Council Rates**

Confidential Element:	All Details
s90(3) Grounds:	(a) & (i)

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Duration:	until the property has been advertised for sale or all outstanding council rates and charges have been paid.
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Cr Persello seconded

Carried

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE - Nil

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE - Nil

Meeting closed at 5.51 p.m.
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CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2016.

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PRESIDING MEMBER