

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at the Committee Room, Level 4, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier on Tuesday 20th January, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor A Lee
Cr Lovett, Cr Lynagh, Cr Meziniec, Cr Perryman, Cr Persello

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
Administration Officer – Executive Support, Fiona McGregor

COUNCIL MEMBERS Cr Richardson, Cr Von Stanke
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.

The Chief Executive Officer took the Chair for the following business:

1. **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 1/2015 – Election of Corporate and Community Services Standing Committee Presiding Member – Ref. AF11/858**

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

Cr Persello moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 1/2015 be received;**
- (b) the term of office for the position of Corporate and Community Services Presiding Member for the City of Mount Gambier Council be 1 year commencing 20th January, 2015.**
- (c) Council determines that the method of choosing a Presiding Member be by an election process undertaken by secret ballot.**
- (d) the successful candidate will be the candidate with the highest number of votes.**
- (e) where two or more candidates have an equal number of votes one of those candidates will be determined as successful from a drawing of lots by the Returning Officer.**
- (f) the Chief Executive Officer be appointed Returning Officer for the election.**
- (g) upon the completion of the election, the Returning Officer be authorised to declare the successful candidate elected to the position of Corporate and Community Services Presiding Member.**
- (h) upon the declaration of the Returning Officer the candidate is appointed to the position of Corporate and Community Services Presiding Member for the term of office determined by this resolution.**

(i) Nominations for the position of Corporate and Community Services Presiding Member:

The following nominations were received:

- (i) Cr Meziniec nominated Cr Perryman to be Corporate and Community Services Presiding Member.**
- (ii) Cr Lynagh nominated Cr Persello to be Corporate and Community Services Presiding Member.**

Cr Perryman and Cr Persello indicated that they accept their nomination for the position of Corporate and Community Services Presiding Member.

The Returning Officer conducted the secret ballot.

The Returning Officer declared the successful candidate with the highest number of votes as Cr Perryman to be elected as Corporate and Community Services Presiding Member.

- (j) move a motion to endorse the result of the ballot that Cr Perryman has been appointed Corporate and Community Services Presiding Member.**

Mayor Lee seconded

Carried

Cr Perryman assumed the Chair.

APOLOGY: Nil

MINUTES: Cr Lovett moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 14th October, 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

QUESTIONS:

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

2. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 2/2015 - Scheduling of Corporate and Community Services Committee Meetings - Ref: AF14/283

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Establish measures for Council's performance and continually compare against community expectations.
Engage with national, state, regional and local forums and partnerships to provide solutions and options to continually improve Councils service deliver and performance.

Cr Perryman moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 2/2015 be received for the Committee to determine its meeting schedule.**
- (b) The Corporate and Community Services Standing Committee change the meeting day and time to the second Monday of every month at 5.30 p.m.**
- (c) When a public holiday falls on the second Monday of the month, the Corporate and Community Services Standing Committee will meet on the Tuesday following (second Tuesday of the month).**

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

3. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 3/2015 - Corporate and Community Services Terms of Reference - Ref: AF14/283

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Establish measures for Council's performance and continually compare against community expectations.
Engage with national, state, regional and local forums and partnerships to provide solutions and options to continually improve Councils service deliver and performance.

Cr Persello moved it be recommended:

- (a) Report on the development of Terms of Reference for Corporate and Community Services Committee be received;**
- (b) Terms of Reference for the Corporate and Community Services Standing Committee be referred to an Elected Members Workshop.**

Cr Lovett seconded

Carried

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – as at 30th November, 2014 and 31st December, 2014

Goal: Governance

Strategic Objective: Demonstrate innovative and responsive organisational governance.

Cr Mezinec moved it be recommended the financial statement as at 30th November, 2014 and 31st December, 2014 be received.

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

5. 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 Director - Corporate Services reported that Cr Meziniec has sought permission of Council to attend the Australian Local Government Women's Association 2015 National Biennial Conference being held in the Barossa Valley from 25th to 28th March, 2015.

(The Biennial Conference is hosted in different states of Australia and advantageously is in South Australia in 2015).

The Australian Local Government Women's Association is a collaborative body which seeks to strengthen networking, mentoring and innovative opportunities that encourage and support women in local government and attendance would be a valuable learning opportunity for Cr Meziniec as a newly Elected Member.

Cr Persello moved it be recommended:

(a) Cr Meziniec be authorised to attend the Australian Local Government Women's Association 2015 National Biennial Conference in the Barossa Valley from 25th to 28th March, 2015;

(b) all costs associated with attendance at the Conference be met by Council – Acc. No. 6000.0106 (Members Training).

Cr Lynagh seconded

Carried

6. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 5/2015 - National Stronger Regions Fund - Ref: AF14/267

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 Perryman moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 5/2015 be received.**
- (b) to support in principle an application to the National Stronger Regions Fund for a 'Regional Community Recreation Centre' of a kind as described in the report;**
- (c) The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to commence preparation for lodging of grant application;**
- (d) Prior to the February Council Meeting, Members be briefed on the Indoor Aquatic Centre Report from August 2013, Council's current Long Term Financial Plan and elements of the Strategic Management Plan and the City Development Framework which relate to the funding application;**
- (e) Council will make no commitment to lodgement of the funding application until Members have had an opportunity to review and discuss items at resolution (d) above.**

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

7. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 6/2015 - Policy Review – Investment Policy - Ref: AF11/1952

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

Cr Persello moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 6/2015 be received;**
- (b) Council hereby adopts replacement Council Policy A130 - Investment Policy, which as attached to this Report;**

Cr Lovett seconded

Carried

8. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 7/2015 - Policy Review – S140 Street Numbering - Ref: AF11/1948

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

Cr Meziniec moved it be recommended:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 7/2015 be received;**
- (b) Council hereby adopts replacement Council Policy S140 Street Numbering Policy, as attached to this Report;**

Cr Perryman seconded

Carried

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

9. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – LIAISON – South East Drainage Network Community Panel – Ref. AF11/936

The extensive South East Drainage System established over the past 150 years incorporates significant amounts of infrastructure including bridges. State Government funding for this infrastructure is insufficient to meet infrastructure deterioration and the State has confirmed it will not add further resources.

The Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation has engaged “New Democracy” to conduct a Citizen’s Jury (Community Panel) to consider options and recommendations for sustainable funding.

Proposal for Citizen’s Jury

The State Government will commit \$2.2 million per annum.

Do we want to spend more than that and if so, how do we fairly share this cost across the region ?

Written submissions are being sought by the Community Panel and the City of Mount Gambier submission should reinforce the matters as detailed in the Motion With Notice.

Cr Perryman moved

- (a) that the report on the South East Drainage Network Community Panel be received;**
- (b) that the Council’s submission to the New Democracy Citizen’s Jury, examining funding models for the South East Drainage Scheme and associated infrastructure reinforces that the City of Mount Gambier does not support its community being part of additional levy/s to raise funds to maintain South East drainage infrastructure. That Council believes its community is already paying more than its share for existing State Government natural resource management activities and any further burden such as funding South East drainage scheme infrastructure maintenance and related activities, all of which are located outside of the City of Mount Gambier’s boundaries, would be inequitable and unfair.**

Cr Meziniec seconded

Carried

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

Meeting closed at 6.52 p.m.

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CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2015.

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PRESIDING MEMBER