



Meander Valley Council

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MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 10 February 2015

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Minutes of the general meeting of the Meander Valley Council to be held at the Council Chambers Meeting Room, 26 Lyall Street, Westbury, on Tuesday 10 February 2015 at 1.30pm

PRESENT: Mayor Craig Perkins, Deputy Mayor Michael Kelly, Councillors Tanya King, Ian Mackenzie, Andrew Connor, Bob Richardson, Rodney Synfield, Deb White and Rodney Youd.

APOLOGIES: Greg Preece, General Manager
Malcolm Slater, Director Corporate Services,

IN ATTENDANCE: Rick Dunn, Director, Economic Development & Sustainability
David Pyke, Director Governance & Community Services
Martin Gill, Director Development Services
Dino De Paoli, Director Infrastructure Services
Matthew Millwood, Director Works
Jonathan Harmey, Acting Director Corporate Services
Jo Oliver, Senior Town Planner
Natasha Whiteley, Town Planner
Leanne Rabjohns, Town Planner
Justin Simons, Town Planner
Patrick Gambles, Community Development Officer
Erin Bell, Customer Service Trainee
Lisa Doolan, Personal Assistant

242/2015 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Councillor Richardson moved and Councillor King seconded *“that the minutes of the Ordinary and Closed meeting of Council held on 20 January 2015, be received and confirmed.”*

*The motion was declared **CARRIED** with Councillors Perkins, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Connor, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

243/2015 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Date : 27/01/2015	Items discussed:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infrastructure & Project Discussion• Planning Authority Role - Shaun McElwaine• Audit Panel Presentation – Steve Hernyk• Footpath Concepts for Blackstone Heights• Hadspen Master Plan• Signage Guidelines

244/2015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

245/2015 TABLING OF PETITIONS:

Nil

246/2015 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – JANUARY 2015

Nil

2. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – FEBRUARY 2015

Nil

247/2015 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

1. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – JANUARY 2015

1.1 Cr R Synfield – Working Together

When did “Working Together” become our motto? (At least to year).

Response by Greg Preece, General Manager

This statement resulted from the future search conference that was held in April 2004.

1.2 Cr A Connor – Guidelines Governing Posting of Development Applications

Are there any guidelines governing the posting of Development Application notices on subject properties?

Sometimes they are placed in locations that are not easily accessible by foot (up steep banks) and at times they are left posted for weeks or months after the closing period for submissions.

Can this situation be examined and improved to make these notices more accessible and relevant to the benefit of residents.

Response by Martin Gill, Director Development Services

Section 9 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2014 set out the requirements for giving notice:

Notice of application for permit

1. *For the purposes of section 57(3) of the Act, notice by a planning authority of an application for a permit is to be –*
 - a) *advertised in a daily newspaper circulating generally in the area relevant to the application; and*
 - b) *displayed at the planning authority's office; and*
 - c) *given to the owners and occupiers of all properties adjoining the land that is the subject of the application; and*

- d) *displayed on the land that is the subject of the application –*
- i. *in a size not less than A4; and*
 - ii. *as near as possible to each public boundary.*

Section 57 (5) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 specifies the period for which an application must be notified.

Sometimes they are placed in locations that are not easily accessible by foot (up steep banks) and at times they are left posted for weeks or months after the closing period for submissions.

Can this situation be examined and improved to make these notices more accessible and relevant to the benefit of residents?

Council officers will review the placement of signs.

The letter sent to applicants at the beginning of the notice period will be modified to include a note asking applicants to remove signs at the end of the notice period.

1.3 Cr A Connor - Amalgamations

When will this Council discuss its position on amalgamations ahead of the meeting between Council representatives and the Minister of Local Government on this subject?

Response by Greg Preece, General Manager

There are no plans for Council to discuss its position on amalgamation. The discussions between the Minister and Councils have been broadened to include local government reform in general with amalgamation being one option. Until such time as some models or options for reform are tabled there is little for Council to discuss.

1.4 Cr B Richardson – Hobart City Council and LGAT

Some years ago Hobart City Council withdrew its membership of the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

Recently Mayor (I don't accept the concept of a "Lord Mayor" – it is anachronistic and outmoded) Sue Hickey advised that Hobart City Council would be re-joining LGAT.

My recollection of the media report was that Mayor Hickey considered it important to re-join LGAT because she, as HCC representative would be automatically on the LGAT committee which gave direct access to the Premier's "Council".

My further recollection is that waves were made within LGAT during HCC's self-impaired excommunication to remove HCC from that "Council" (or committee).

Question – Could Council comment upon that matter?

Response by Greg Preece, General Manager

At the 2013 Annual General Meeting a motion was passed which read "That the Rules of the Association be changed by amending Section 18 (a) (ii) thereby removing the Lord Mayor or proxy from the General Management Committee whilst Hobart City Council is not a member of the Association."

With the Hobart City Council agreeing to rejoin the Association and paying all outstanding subscription fees, the Lord Mayor is again entitled to join the General Management Committee and the Premiers Local Government Council.

1.5 Cr B Richardson – Public Comment upon the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Draft Management Plan

The weekend press of 17th January 2015 contained a public notice from the Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage.

The Minister has invited public comment upon the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Draft Management Plan.

Representations can be made until Sunday, 22nd March 2015.

Question – Will Council form a Council sub-committee to consider the draft, given the Municipality's relationship, geographically to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area?

Response by Greg Preece, General Manager

It is a decision of Council as to whether a sub-committee is formed to consider the draft Plan. The matter will be listed for discussion at the February Council Workshop.

2. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – February 2015

2.1 Cr T King – Working Group

It has come to my attention that sometime in 2013 that a Notice of Motion from Cr Richardson saw, Cr Bob Richardson move, and Cr Ian Howard second "that a working group be formed consisting of Council, community and Tasmania Government representatives to progress the establishment of a school at Hadspen and in doing so, consider the impact this may have on schools in the area"

I believe Rick Dunn, Director Economic Development & Sustainability provided some general comments in the agenda item as a Council Officer regarding:

- (i) Establish a primary school at Hadspen; and
- (ii) Re - develop Hagley as a Centre of excellence in agricultural studies for secondary, senior secondary and post - secondary education.

Could an update please be provided as to any progress that has been made with this matter?

Response by Greg Preece, General Manager

The Mayor sent a letter to Minister Nick McKim on the 8th August 2013 inviting the Minister and his representatives to meet with him, Councillors and Council Officers to progress the matter. The Mayor asked the Minister to advise when this meeting could take place in the near future.

On 27th August 2013 Council received a response from the Ministers office advising the Minister had sought advice on the matters raised, and that he would write the Mayor as soon as possible.

A check of Council records shows there was no further correspondence from the Minister on the matter.

3. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE - FEBRUARY 2015

3.1 Cr D White – ERAG Briefing Note (1.1.6)

Given that the group is discussing a “processing, freezing and packaging enterprise, targeting opportunities in Asia”, should the group not be informed in Council’s involvement in the discussions concerning the establishment of a Microwave Assisted Thermal Sterilisation plant in Northern Tasmania?

Response by Rick Dunn, Director Economic Development & Sustainability

I will advise ERAG via Richard Millen to make it aware of the discussions undertaken to date on the potential for the establishment of a Microwave Assisted Thermal Sterilisation operation in Northern Tasmania.

3.2 Cr D White – Corporate Services Report Item 1810 – Hadspen Skate Park Award Funding of \$1500

What is this?

Response by David Pyke, Director Governance & Community Services

This is an allocation within the Governance & Community Services Operating Budget to improve site amenities at the Hadspen Skate Park.

3.3 Cr D White – Infrastructure Report – Proposed Upgrade to Longvista Road Sewage Pumping Station at Blackstone

What is the upgrade?

Response by Dino De Paoli, Director Infrastructure Services

The upgrade to the power supply in Longvista Road is required to service the upgraded TasWater sewage pump station infrastructure, and specifically larger pumps which will improve the capacity of the pump station. Construction on the pump station upgrade is scheduled to commence in February, however, the actual electrical supply upgrade will be funded by TasWater under a separate project following the necessary approvals being provided by TasNetworks.

3.4 Cr D White – Parks and Recreation

I compliment Infrastructure Services on the implementation of WSUD in new developments, and on its initiative in reviewing the PVP car parks designs with a view to incorporating WSUD. Can these principles be included in the briefs submitted to consultants in the future?

Response by Dino De Paoli, Director Infrastructure Services

Yes, Infrastructure staff can incorporate the requirement for consultants to incorporate WSUD elements in future projects.

3.5 Cr B Richardson– Roadside Spraying

During the past month I have come across, quite by accident, three instances of spraying by residents on Council roadside verges. Two of those instances were in Westbury and one in Carrick.

At the time of witnessing these events, these residents were spraying in drainage ditches. This gives rise to several questions:

- a) What substance(s) were being sprayed, and at what strengths?
- b) Are residents authorised to spray on Council property?
- c) What measures will Council undertake to at least monitor such activity?
- d) If Council does not have a policy in relation to such activity, will it develop one – soon?

Response by Matthew Millwood, Director Works

- a) *Officers are unable to provide a response based on the information provided.*
- b) *No, Council does not authorise residents to spray within the road corridor but it is accepted that majority of residents maintain their property frontage i.e. mow, prune and this may include spraying.*
- c) *It is unreasonable to expect that Council could monitor this activity. Council can only investigate matters where a concern has been identified. Council may seek DPIPWE assistance with any investigation.*
- d) *Council does not have a policy with respect to this matter. Council could determine that a policy is required but it is suggested that a clearer understanding of the scale of the concern must firstly be established.*

3.6 Cr B Richardson– Roadside Spraying – State Roads

Previously, I have asked questions relating to roadside spraying of State roads, particularly Meander Valley Road. Have Council officers received a response from the Department of State Growth? If so, can that correspondence please be made public?

Response by Matthew Millwood, Director Works

Following Council Officer initial enquiry, DoSG Officers have made contact. It has now been requested that Council provide the requested information in writing from DoSG. A letter will be forwarded to DoSG and their response will be circulated in the Briefing Reports.

3.7 Cr B Richardson– D.S.G. Spraying

Not only D.S.G. spraying causes serious damage to hedges along Meander Valley Road, it also occurred when long grass existed along roadside verges-that grass is now tinder dry and still has not been mowed/slashed along much of the road.

Will Council issue an order to DSG to attend to the problem, which now, constitutes a fire hazard?

*Response by Martin Gill, Director Development Services
Yes Council will.*

3.8 Cr B Richardson- Westbury Recreation Ground

Pleasingly, Westbury Recreation Ground has witnessed a growth in use over the past few years.

Last Saturday it hosted a cricket match between a combined Northern women's' cricket team and North-Western eleven.

During summer the ground is used almost every Saturday and Sunday for cricket matches. Junior matches also are staged during weekdays – usually after school. The ground is also used for practice and for junior development.

Winter now sees two teams play/train at the ground, as well as junior skills sessions.

Officials of both the cricket and football club have unofficially, relayed to me the desire to extend junior programs to junior (underage) Football teams and additional (underage) and women's cricket teams.

There have also been initial discussions concerning establishment of women's sport, such as netball, in conjunction with existing (men's) sporting clubs.

However, a difficulty has arisen; the increased use is impacting upon the quality of the ground surface. In particular, the centre square is presenting challenges.

It has been suggested that the curator of Bellerive Oval be invited to discuss the issues.

Will Council assist with the arrangement of a meeting at Westbury Recreation Ground between Council staff, representative(s) of Westbury Shamrocks Cricket Club and Meander Valley Suns Football Club and the Bellerive Curators – preferably as soon as possible?

*Response by Rick Dunn – Director Economic Development & Sustainability
Council has received a written request from the Westbury Cricket Club to bring together the key users of the Westbury Recreation to discuss effective ground management and seasonal transition arrangements. Council will arrange a meeting of the key users as soon as practicable to address turf management issues and seek to involve a suitably qualified person to assist with turf management issues.*

3.9 Cr T King- Hedge Maintenance

I have been asked about the maintenance of hedges, in particular hawthorn hedges at intersections in Westbury.

The hedges limit visibility at intersections, making it difficult to see oncoming traffic on the approach, and in many instances, vehicles need to enter the intersection in order to see if traffic is approaching. This is a dangerous practice that can be avoided with adequate maintenance of hedges.

1. Is there a regulation or guideline that gives a recommended height/distance from an intersection?
2. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the hedges?

Response by Dino De Paoli, Director Infrastructure Services

1. *Austroads design guidelines are considered to provide best practice information concerning intersection design and provision of safe sight distances. Information from the Austroads publications is incorporated in a set of standard drawings used by local government across Tasmania.*
2. *Council has historically undertaken maintenance slashing of many hedge rows that border the road reservation within the municipality. There are also many property owners that proactively maintain hedge rows along property frontages. The encroachment of hawthorn hedges into the road reservation is evaluated by Council Officers on a case by case basis. The Local Government (Highways) Act outlines a process by which Council can request landowners to manage vegetation encroaching into road reserves or that is obstructing the view of road users.*

3.10 Cr A Connor- Resource Sharing

With talk of voluntary amalgamations in the air, resource sharing is often touted as an alternative.

What tangible benefits have eventuated for this council from participation in so-called resource-sharing with others over recent years?

Question taken on notice

3.11 Cr A Connor- Australia Day Awards

A community member has advised me that they made a nomination for one of council's Australia Day awards categories using council's online submission form on at least 2 occasions.

This was done on or about, August 10th/11th and then October 25th with no acknowledgement any either occasion.

Another party put in a submission using the online form for the same nominee but didn't get any response either.

The winner of this category also made an online submission and received no acknowledgement, in fact they received nothing until they were told they had won it and invited to the awards ceremony.

1. Was there meant to be any automatic acknowledgement of submission by the web form system?
2. Should an automatic or manual acknowledgement have been sent for all nominations?
3. Does council have confidence in its online submission system?
4. Why should Councillors and the community have confidence in systems or officers which handle important community submissions when even the most basic acknowledgement cannot be sent?
5. Will those who made a submission which was lost or ignored receive an apology?

Response by David Pyke, Director Governance & Community Services

1. *Yes and this has been tested and is working.*
2. *Yes this is normal practice.*
3. *It does require some further enhancement to make it more effective.*
4. *Do not agree with this statement, refer to Question 1.*
5. *We are not aware of any lost or ignored submissions.*

248/2015 DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

249/2015 NOTICE OF MOTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

COUNCIL MEETING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY

The Mayor advised that for items 250/2015 to 251/2015 Council is acting as a Planning Authority under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

250/2015 ANCILLARY DWELLING, TANK AND RESIDENTIAL OUTBUILDINGS – 126 FARRELLS ROAD, REEDY MARSH

1) Introduction

This report considers the planning application PA\15\0100 for an Ancillary Dwelling, Water Tank and Residential Outbuildings (x2) for land located at 126 Farrells Road, Reedy Marsh (CT 13177/3).

2) Recommendation

That the application for use and development for an Ancillary Dwelling, Water Tank and two Residential Outbuildings for land located at 126 Farrells Road, Reedy Marsh (CT 13177/3) by Planning Development Services Pty Ltd obo M Wilson, requiring the following discretions:

- 13.4.1 Reduced Setbacks & Vegetation Removal*
- E1.6.3.2 Bushfire Prone Area: Private Access*
- E8.6.1 Vegetation Removal*

be APPROVED, generally in accordance with the endorsed plans and subject to the following conditions:

1. The use and/or development must be carried out as shown and described in the endorsed Plans:
 - a) Kel Clark, Sept 2014, M& T Wilson 126 Farrells Road Reedy Marsh - Drawing No. 02, 03, 05, 07, 08, & 11.
 - b) AK Consultants, 24th Nov 2014, Bushfire Hazard Management Report.

to the satisfaction of the Council. Any other proposed development and/or use will require a separate application and assessment by Council.

2. Overtaking bays are to be constructed to a modified 4C Standard in accordance with the ARRB *Unsealed Roads Manual-Guidelines to Good Practice 3rd Edition*, for a length of 20m and with a minimum total carriage way width of 6m.
3. Prior to the commencement of the use, a certificate of compliance by an accredited practitioner, must be submitted confirming all measures required under the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan (prepared by AK Consultants) are completed.
4. The use of the outbuildings and rooms that are not noted as 'Ancillary Dwelling' on Drawing No. 03 is limited to residential storage and related residential activities only and is not permitted for human habitation.

5. The development approved by this permit must be maintained at all times in accordance with the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan.

Note:

1. This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted. At least the following additional approvals may be required before construction commences:
 - a) Building permit
 - b) Plumbing permit
 - c) Special Plumbing permit (on-site effluent disposal system)

All enquiries should be directed to Council's Permit Authority on 6393 5322.

2. This permit takes effect after:
 - a) The 14 day appeal period expires; or
 - b) Any appeal to the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal is abandoned or determined; or.
 - c) Any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
3. This permit is valid for two (2) years only from the date of approval and will thereafter lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. A once only extension may be granted if a request is received at least 6 weeks prior to the expiration date.
4. A planning appeal may be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Registrar of the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal. A planning appeal may be instituted within 14 days of the date the Corporation serves notice of the decision on the applicant. For more information see the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal website www.rmpat.tas.gov.au.
5. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works;
 - a) All works are to cease within a delineated area sufficient to protect the unearthed and other possible relics from destruction,
 - b) The presence of a relic is to be reported to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania Phone: (03) 6233 6613 or 1300 135 513 (ask for Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania Fax: (03) 6233 5555 Email: aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au); and
 - c) The relevant approval processes will apply with state and federal government agencies.

DECISION:

Cr Kelly moved and Cr King seconded *“that the application for use and development for an Ancillary Dwelling, Water Tank and two Residential Outbuildings for land located at 126 Farrells Road, Reedy Marsh (CT 13177/3) by Planning Development Services Pty Ltd obo M Wilson, requiring the following discretions:*

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*The motion was declared **CARRIED** with Councillors Perkins, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Connor, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

251/2015 EXTENSION TO RESIDENTIAL OUTBUILDING – 35 CHELTENHAM WAY, PROSPECT VALE

1) Introduction

This report considers the planning application PA\15\0115 for an extension to a Residential Outbuilding, for land located at 35 Cheltenham Way, Prospect Vale (CT 116575/3).

2) Recommendation

That the application for Use and Development for an Extension to a Residential Outbuilding, for land located at 35 Cheltenham Way, Prospect Vale (CT 116575/3), by NA Colgrave, requiring the following discretions:

- *10.4.2 – Building Envelope*

be APPROVED, generally in accordance with the endorsed plans and subject to the following conditions:

1. The use and development must be carried out as shown and described in the endorsed Plans:
 - a) Engineering Plus, Drawn 8.12.14, Drawing Number 2114 – A01 Rev C, A02 Rev A, A03 Rev A, A04 Rev A and A05 Rev C.to the satisfaction of the Council. Any other proposed development and/or use will require a separate application and assessment by Council.
2. The development must be in accordance with the Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater (TWDA 2015/00011-MVC attached).
3. The north eastern end of the structure is not to be enclosed with solid panelling or the like.

Notes

1. This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted. At least the following additional approvals may be required before construction commences:
 - a) Building permit
 - b) Plumbing permit

All enquiries should be directed to Council's Permit Authority on 6393 5322.

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 4. If an applicant is the only person with a right of appeal pursuant to section 61 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and wishes to commence the use or development for which the permit has been granted within that 14 day period, the Council must be so notified in writing. A copy of Council's Notice to Waive Right of Appeal is attached.
 5. This permit is valid for two (2) years only from the date of approval and will thereafter lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. A once only extension may be granted if a request is received at least 6 weeks prior to the expiration date.

DECISION:

Cr Kelly moved and Cr Mackenzie seconded "*that the Application for Use and Development for an Extension to a Residential Outbuilding, for land located at 35 Cheltenham Way, Prospect Vale (CT 116575/3), by NA Colgrave, requiring the following discretions:*

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*The motion was declared **CARRIED** with Councillors Perkins, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Connor, Richardson, Synfield, and Youd voting for the motion.*

Cr White voted against the motion.

252/2015 CAT MANAGEMENT

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council support for the formation of a working group to investigate and provide a recommendation about the level of Council's involvement in cat management.

2) Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- a) Council forms a working group to research the issue of cat management under the following terms of reference:
 - Investigate the issues associated with the control and management of cats in Meander Valley Council area
 - Liaise with other government agencies to determine the extent of existing cat management programs and proposed distribution of federal funding
 - Prepare a report which includes recommendations about the level of Council involvement in cat management

- b) The working group includes the following representation:
 - Councillors: 2
 - Council officers: 3 (including NRM Officer)
 - Community members: 2
 - Local veterinarian
 - Cat Society representative

DECISION:

Cr Richardson moved and Cr White seconded *that*

- a) Council forms a working group to research the issue of cat management under the following terms of reference:
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 - Liaise with other government agencies to determine the extent of existing cat management programs and proposed distribution of federal funding
 - Prepare a report which includes recommendations about the level of Council involvement in cat management

- b) The working group includes the following representation:

- Councillors: Cr White and Cr Richardson
- Council officers: 3 (including NRM Officer)
- Community members: 2
- Local veterinarian
- Cat Society representative

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Perkins, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Connor, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.

As an amendment to the motion Cr Mackenzie moved and Cr Kelly seconded that Cr White and Cr Richardson be Councils nominated representatives on the Committee and the Committee report back to Council by 30 June 2015.

Is there a CARRIED MOTION OR DID IT FAIL

253/2015 NOTICE OF MOTION - DEPUTY MAYOR MICHAEL KELLY – LETTER TO MINISTER FOR PLANNING REGARDING SIGNAGE

1) Introduction

This purpose of this report is to consider a Notice of Motion from Deputy Mayor Michael Kelly.

2) Recommendation- *Deputy Mayor Michael Kelly*

It is recommended that Council writes to the Minister for Planning requesting that he exempts Meander Valley Council from implementing the provisions of the Meander Valley Interim Planning Scheme – E14 Signage Code until the new State-wide Planning Scheme is declared.

DECISION:

Cr Kelly moved and Cr Youd seconded *“that Council writes to the Minister for Planning requesting that he exempts Meander Valley Council from implementing the provisions of the Meander Valley Interim Planning Scheme – E14 Signage Code until the new State-wide Planning Scheme is declared.*

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Perkins, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Connor, and Youd voting for the motion.

Councillors Richardson, Synfield and White voted against the motion.

Comment by Cr B Richardson

Meander Valley and Central Coast Councils are the only Tasmanian Councils where all major population centres have been highway bypassed.

Hence, almost all businesses are literally off the beaten track. Many of those businesses, particularly those who (perceive) to depend upon passing traffic, will seek off premises signage.

The problem was created by D.I.E.R.

Council should ask D.I.E.R (New DSG) for a solution to the problem they created.

In addressing that issue, the concept of previous use rights needs to be addressed, preferably by elimination of existing use rights.

254/2015 MEANDER VALLEY INTERIM PLANNING SCHEME 2013 – OFFICER DELEGATIONS

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to confirm the existing Planning Authority delegations for decisions about the Meander Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2013.

2) Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- Current delegations remain in place
- Council write to Mr Hawkins advising him of its decision.

DECISION:

Cr Mackenzie moved and Cr White seconded *“that*

- *Current delegations remain in place*
- *Council write to Mr Hawkins advising him of its decision.*

*The motion was declared **CARRIED** with Councillors Perkins, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Connor, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.32 pm

The meeting resumed at 3.44pm

255/2015 2014-2015 COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATION
ASSESSMENTS – ROUND 3 – JANUARY 2015

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the recommendations of the Community Grants Committee to Council for approval.

2) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council:

- a) notes the Individual Sponsorships approved by the General Manager in the December quarter
- b) endorses the recommendations of the Community Grants Committee and approves the allocation of funds to the applicants as listed in the following table:

Organisation	Project	Grant Recommended \$
Carrick Community Committee	Tree planting	1,858.00
Chudleigh A & H Society	Buildings relocation	2,800.00
Dairy Plains Hall Committee	Covered access	3,000.00
Deloraine Bowls Club Inc	Defibrillator	1,500.00
Deloraine Tennis Club Inc	2x Court repairs	3,000.00
Giant Steps Tasmania	Interschool Art Project	1,037.11
GWT Volunteer Association	Convict bonnet exhibition	1000.00
Leven Football Association	Defibrillator contribution	500.00
MV Managers of Volunteers	Volunteer Expo signage	319.00
Prospect Junior Football Club	Irrigation hose	200.00
Prospect Park Sports Club Inc.	Clubroom redecoration	1,375.00
TOTAL		16,589.11

DECISION:

Cr White moved and Cr Synfield seconded *“that Council:*

- a) *notes the Individual Sponsorships approved by the General Manager in the December quarter*
- b) *endorses the recommendations of the Community Grants Committee and approves the allocation of funds to the applicants as listed in the following table:*

Organisation	Project	Grant Recommended \$
Carrick Community Committee	Tree planting	1,858.00
Chudleigh A & H Society	Buildings relocation	2,800.00
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Leven Football Association	Defibrillator contribution	500.00
MV Managers of Volunteers	Volunteer Expo signage	319.00
Prospect Junior Football Club	Irrigation hose	200.00
Prospect Park Sports Club Inc.	Clubroom re-decoration	1,375.00
TOTAL		16,589.11

*The motion was declared **CARRIED** with Councillors Perkins, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Connor, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.*

Councillor Youd moved and Councillor Mackenzie seconded *“that, pursuant to Section 15(1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations, Council close the meeting to the public.”*

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Perkins, Kelly, King, Mackenzie, Connor, Richardson, Synfield, White and Youd voting for the motion.

ITEMS FOR CLOSED SECTION OF THE MEETING:

256/2015 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The meeting closed at 3.53 pm

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CRAIG PERKINS (MAYOR)