



Meander Valley Council

W O R K I N G T O G E T H E R

ORDINARY MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 12 April 2016

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Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Meander Valley Council held at the Council Chambers Meeting Room, 26 Lyall Street, Westbury, on Tuesday 12 April 2016 at 1.34pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Preece, General Manager
Merrilyn Young, Personal Assistant
Malcolm Salter, Director Corporate Services
David Pyke, Director Governance & Community Services
Rick Dunn, Director Economic Development & Sustainability
Martin Gill, Director Development Services
Matthew Millwood, Director Works
Dino De Paoli, Director Infrastructure Services
Patrick Gambles, Community Development Manager
Rob Little, Asset Management Co-ordinator
Sue Keegan, Records Officer
Daniel Smedley, Recreation Coordinator
Justin Simons, Town Planner
Natasha Szczyglowska, Technical Officer
Kris Eade, Property Management Officer

68/2016 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Councillor Youd moved and Councillor Mackenzie seconded, ***“that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on Tuesday 8 March, 2016, be received and confirmed.”***

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

69/2016 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Date :	Items discussed:
22 March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exhibition of State Planning Provision (Tasmanian Planning Scheme)• Westbury Recreation Areas Vision Project• Governance for Conservation Covenants• Meander School Project• 2016-2017 Budget Parameters Discussion• Streaming and Recording of Council Meetings• Flinders Island Leadership Experience – January 2016

70/2016 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

21 March 2016

Meander Primary School Community Meeting

22 March 2016

Council Workshop

23 March 2016

Meeting with Eric Hutchinson and representatives of the Australian Government to discuss renewable energy initiatives

24 March 2016

Interviews - Councils Audit Panel

4 April 2016

Welcome UTas medical students to Meander Valley for Rural Health Week (Westbury)

8 April 2016

Officially welcome Rotarians to Deloraine for 2016 Tasmanian District Conference

71/2016 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

72/2016 TABLING OF PETITIONS:

Nil

73/2016 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – MARCH 2016

1.1 Sarah Sonata, 31 Meander Valley Road, Deloraine

Council's Powers of Entry to Class 1A Residential Buildings

To begin, I would like to clarify that we rent the front 2 rooms of our home to seasonal workers and we occupy the same building. Under these conditions the residential tenancy act 1997 excludes us from being classified as a boarding house. This position is also acknowledged by the tenancy union of Tasmania.

On 2 October 2015 two council officers made an inspection of our property at 31 meander valley road in Deloraine. This inspection occurred without the general manager having given notice (local government act 1993, section 20a-3). This inspection occurred without a response to our letter dated 13 July 2015 (some 81 days prior) despite the closing of our letter reading: "*Should you require further specific information please do not hesitate to contact us. Alternatively, we are available if an appointment to discuss the matter is deemed beneficial. Please advise accordingly.*".

At this point at least 4 council officers had knowledge of the investigation (Jan Richardson, martin gill, troy bell and Greg Preece) yet none thought it prudent to respond to our letter or make us aware of the safety concerns they later claim to have held. On that day my family and I were on holiday in Queensland and our tenants were at work, nobody was at home. During the course of that inspection the council officers entered our home without the consent of any occupier and without a search warrant (building act 2000 section 258-2). Once inside our home council officers opened each door and went into each room of our home taking photos including children's beds and food on shelves. The photos do not seem to reflect safety issues. In the correspondence that followed council officers have continued to defend the unlawful entry to our home (building act 2000 section 258-2).

In a letter dated 12 November 2015 it is stated:

"council still believes that based on the complaint received and knowledge of the complainant in the matter, that council officers were justified in their actions"

My first question, in 2 parts, is to council officers, staff and elected members regarding your above stated belief.

- a) What knowledge was given by a third party, namely the complainant that can justify the entry to a family home without consent from an occupant, without a search warrant, and without previously seeking any clarification from the owner?
- b) Secondly, would you consider this action reasonable if council officers had entered your home based purely on their opinion that the occupants are potentially at risk?

In Mr Gill's letter dated 27 October 2015 he states:

"Following my previous site inspection where I had observed a lack of essential safety measures and following confirmation from you that you had tenants at the property I was of the opinion that the occupants were potentially at risk."

The previous inspection had occurred in March that year some 199 days prior to the inspection on October 2. During these 199 days nobody made these safety concerns known to us. During these 199 days nobody seemed to feel that the risk was so great, any action was necessary until the unlawful entry on October 2nd 2015.

My first question, in 2 parts, is to Council officers, staff and elected members regarding your above stated belief.

- a. What knowledge was given by a third party, namely the complainant, that can justify the entry to a family home without consent from an occupant, without a search warrant, and without previously seeking clarification from the owner?
- b. Secondly, would you consider this action reasonable if council officers had entered your home based purely on their opinion that the occupants are potentially at risk?

My second question is to Martin Gill and Troy Bell.

Could you please state what additional risks were evident on October 2nd that placed an urgency upon the *observed lack of essential safety measures* some 199 days earlier that justified entering our family home without consent of the occupant?

Response by Martin Gill Director Development Services

This matter is now subject to pending legal action, Council officers cannot respond to these questions.

2. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – APRIL 2016

Nil

74/2016 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

1. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – MARCH 2016

1.1 Cr Deb White

In his response to questions concerning costs for a proposed swimming pool at Westbury, Cr Richardson raises some questions concerning the establishment costs.

Is he aware that:

- The Deloraine Primary School used Education Department funding, including grants made available through the Building the Education Revolution (BER) funds, for their pool, and that
- Westbury Primary School also considered using BER funds to build a pool but chose not to pursue this idea
- Evidence of community support for a pool is not strong, the Pool Committee dwindling to currently (I believe) 2 persons.

Response by Cr Bob Richardson

1. Current Swimming Pool Committee

Over the past 20 years the Swimming Pool Committee has received little support from Council in the furtherance to its cause. Some Council opposition has been almost dismissive. There certainly, until recently, has not been encouragement of this volunteer community group.

Little wonder the numbers of the committee have declined. This does not reflect community disinterest in construction of a pool.

2. Funding from BER funding

The current Westbury Primary School leadership team is different from that which existed several years ago.

BER funding had a significant per-capita component. Due to a significant number of Westbury (and surrounds) school children being bussed, free-of-charge, to a nearby primary school, per-capita funding was received from what it should be.

Furthermore, existing infrastructure at Westbury was of a lesser standard than might be expected due to underfunding. Meeting halls, libraries and such needed upgrading:- priorities above swimming pools.

However, that does not deny the need for a pool in Westbury – to include recreational, rehabilitation, learn-to-swim and so on. The following list includes examples of population settlements which have pools:- Deloraine, St Marys, Campbell Town, Oatlands, St Helens, Rosebery, Avoca, Cressy...

I urge Councillors support moves to establish a 25m indoor pool in Westbury. Apart from a need for a multi-purpose facility, questions of fairness and equity in provision of infrastructure remain.

2. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – APRIL 2016

Nil

3. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – APRIL 2016

3.1 Cr Bob Richardson

a) Targa and Road Safety

This week, hundreds of middle-aged, mostly well-to-do men will be travelling the State's roads at excessive speed, and at what would normally be considered reckless driving behaviour.

Does this set a good introduction to next week's theme, namely Road Safety Week"? It seems to be somewhat ironic, does it not?

Question taken on Notice

b) Govt/Local Govt Subsidy to MVEC

Over the past decade Council has augmented government funds in support of the Meander Valley Enterprise Centre.

Could we be supplied with Council and, if possible, Government funding to the Centre for each of those years?

Question taken on Notice

c) Bridge & Road: Brushy Lagoon Access

The bridge on the road to Brushy Lagoon has been closed due to safety reasons. There is a strong chance that, in 2019, the Meander Valley will host the international fly fishing championships. It is likely that Brushy Lagoon will host, at least, practice session for the competitors.

Has the Department of Parks and Wildlife indicated when the bridge will be repaired/replaced, and the road upgraded?

Response by Matthew Millwood, Director Works

The Director Works was advised by a Department of Parks and Wildlife officer that the Brushy Road bridge site recently had engineering assessments completed to progress the bridge replacement process. At this stage a date could not be forecast for completion of the bridge replacement and subsequent reopening of the road.

The road upgrade was not discussed at that time but Council Officers will contact Department of Parks and Wildlife to understand whether an upgrade to the road is programmed.

d) MVC contributions to Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre/Yarns

During the past several years the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre/Yarns Museum has received significant subsidy from Council. Could Council please supply for, say, the last 3 years, of the cost to Council, year on year, including wages and on-costs, overheads, including rates equivalents, depreciation and electricity?

Question taken on Notice

3.2 Cr Andrew Connor

Can Council officers respond to reports of horses and carts being allowed to operate on the Town Common.

I have been advised that this has caused damage to the surface, killed wildlife and is not provided for in the Town Common strategic plan?

Question taken on Notice

Can Council officers update the community on the unexpected closure of the Meander Valley Enterprise Centre in the last week?

Response by Rick Dunn, Director Economic Development & Sustainability

The Director, Economic Development & Sustainability, was advised last week that the MVC Board made the decision to close the Centre in two weeks time. The Deed of Agreement with the State Government will be managed by Council and Cradle Coast Innovations will provide support to businesses as per their contractual obligations.

75/2016 DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

76/2016 NOTICE OF MOTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

- 81/2016 SECURITY CAMERAS – DELORAINE & WESTBURY – CR BOB RICHARDSON
- 82/2016 DELORAINE NETBALL COURTS PRIORITY PROJECT IN LYONS – DEPUTY MAYOR MICHAEL KELLY
- 87/2016 USE OF GLYPHOSATE BY MEANDER VALLEY COUNCIL – CR DEB WHITE

Cr King moved and Cr Richardson seconded ***“that 77/2016 be brought forward on the Agenda.”***

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

77/2016 FORMER MEANDER SCHOOL DECISION PROCESS

The Mayor invited Tanya Cavanagh from Teen Challenge to address the Council meeting.

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine the next steps in the process to decide on the future use for the former Meander School site.

2) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council:

- 1. Make the record of questions and answers of the public meeting held on 21 March 2016 available to the public***
- 2. Make the summary of the record of meeting attendance available to the public indicating the township or city of origin of attendees***
- 3. Nominate three Councillors to work with Council Officers and an independent research specialist to develop and commission a verifiable survey of Meander residents to provide additional information to assist Council to determine a decision on a future use of the former school site***
- 4. Offer the three project proponents the opportunity to submit a detailed business plan for their specific proposals, before close of business on 20 April 2016.***

DECISION:

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

- 1. Make the record of questions and answers of the public meeting held on 21 March 2016 available to the public***
- 2. Make the summary of the record of meeting attendance available to the public indicating the township or city of origin of attendees***
- 3. Nominate Councillors Synfield, Kelly and White to work with Council Officers and an independent research specialist to develop and commission a verifiable survey of Meander residents to provide additional information to assist Council to determine a decision on a future use of the former school site***
- 4. Offer the three project proponents the opportunity to submit a detailed business plan for their specific proposals, before close of business on 10 May 2016.***
- 5. That a report based upon this process be prepared by Council Officers for a Council decision at the June 2016 meeting of Council.”***

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

78/2016 BUILDING SURVEYING SERVICES

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to start a process to close down Meander Valley Council's Building Surveying Service.

2) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council:

- 1. Ceases taking certificate applications for building work on 31 May 2016***
- 2. Continues to engage a subcontractor Building Surveyor until all existing and open applications are finalised and completed***
- 3. Communicate to our community in regard to the ceasing of building surveying services and the implementation of a building compliance officer.***

DECISION:

Cr Connor moved and Cr White seconded ***"that Council***

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- 2. Continues to engage a subcontractor Building Surveyor until all existing and open applications are finalised and completed***
- 3. Communicate to our community in regard to the ceasing of building surveying services and the implementation of a building compliance officer."***

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

79/2016 FUNDING OF GREEN ARMY PROGRAM

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to defer Annual Plan targets in order to reallocate budget funds to the Green Army Project.

2) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council:

1. amends the Annual Plan to defer the targets for the following projects:

- Westbury Road, Prospect Vale – Urban Design***
- Westbury Townscape Design***

2. Amends the Development Services operational budget as follows

Project Name	Original Budget	Variation	New
Westbury Road, Prospect Vale – Urban Design	\$32,500	(-\$30,000)	\$2,500
Westbury Townscape Design	\$15,000	(-\$15,000)	\$0
Green Army Project	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000

DECISION:

Cr Richardson moved and Cr White seconded ***“that Council***

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Green Army Project	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000

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

80/2016 REVIEW OF POLICY NO 73 – MANAGING PUBLIC APPEALS

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to review Policy No 73 – Managing Public Appeals.

2) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council adopt the amended Policy No 73 – Managing Public Appeals, as follows:

POLICY MANUAL

Policy Number: 73

Managing Public Appeals

Purpose:

To inform Council's involvement in public appeals in support of individuals, families and/or communities in emergency or disaster situations.

Department:

Governance & Community Services

Author:

Patrick Gambles, Community Development Officer

Council Meeting Date:

~~14 May 2013~~ 12 April 2016

Minute Number:

~~85/2013~~

Next Review Date:

June ~~2016~~ 2020

POLICY

1. Definitions (~~Emergency Management Australia – EMA~~)

Public Appeal

A coordinated request for public donations in response to an accident, incident, emergency or disaster, excluding illness

Accident

A sudden event in which harm is caused to people, property or the built or natural environment

Incident

An event, accidentally or deliberately caused, which requires a response from one or more of the statutory emergency response agencies

Emergency

An event, actual or imminent, which endangers or threatens to endanger life, property or the environment, and which requires a significant and coordinated response

Disaster

A serious disruption to community life which threatens or causes death or injury in that community and/or damage to property which is beyond the day-to-day capacity of the prescribed statutory authorities and which requires special mobilisation and organisation of resources other than those normally available to those authorities

Management Committee

The Management Committee is responsible for the operational management of the disaster public appeal within agreed policies. Its members will represent the interests of donors, recipients and support services

2 Objective

To clarify Council's involvement in public appeals

3. Scope

This policy applies to the councillors, management, employees, contractors and volunteers in their involvement in the management of public appeals that may arise within their work roles.

4. Policy

Statements:

- I. The Meander Valley Council will assist the management of public appeals, alongside other key agencies, in support of individuals,

families and/or communities in emergency or disaster situations. This shall be done according to Emergency Management Australia guidelines. Source: Economic and Financial Aspects of Disaster Recovery (Manual 28 p10-19 – EMA).

- II. Should ~~Meander Valley~~ Council wish to instigate a public appeal, it shall be done through consultation and partnership with the Northern Regional ~~Community Social~~ Recovery Committee and other key agencies. In this event, Council's role would be to act as a contributing rather than lead agency.
- III. ~~The Meander Valley~~ Council shall not manage public appeals independently.
- IV. Council may contribute to an existing ~~public~~ appeal through a discretionary 'Mayor's Donation'. This contribution shall be no more than \$500. Donations above \$500 are to be referred to Council for a decision.

Principles (EMA):

- The Management Committee must involve input from persons from the emergency /disaster affected area.
- ~~Public~~ appeal funds should be distributed in a manner that is accessible, equitable and timely.
- Eligibility guidelines should be well publicised and accessible.
- The Management Committee should ensure that distributions from the ~~public~~ appeal fund support the recovery of both individuals and the local community.
- Every effort should be made to disburse all moneys collected.
- Where there is a number of organisations conducting ~~disaster public~~ appeals, they should be coordinated and, where possible, combined.
- Disbursements from ~~public~~ appeal funds should take account of other assistance available to victims.
- Public appeal funds must not be used to make loans but should be given as grants for assistance. Loans carry an expectation of repayment, and this is contrary to the desire of donors for their assistance to be made directly available to those affected by the disaster.
- Eligibility conditions for grants ~~from public appeal funds~~ should not act as a disincentive to people taking out normal insurance.
- Taking into account assistance from all sources, applicants should not gain a financial advantage ~~out of their disaster experience~~ ~~from a public appeal~~.
- The Management Committee should represent the interests of both the donors and recipients.

- Distribution of funds should only be made available to persons lodging a written application form (assistance may be provided).
- Subject to a trust deed or legislation, the Management Committee has the responsibility to determine the criteria and priority for the allocation of grants from the public appeal.
- A report of the operations of the public appeal fund, incorporating the financial accounts, should be published.

5. Legislation and Related Council Policies

Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

6. Responsibility

The General Manager is responsible for the application of this policy.

DECISION:

Cr Mackenzie moved and Cr Connor seconded ***“that Council adopt the amended Policy No 73 – Managing Public Appeals, as follows:***

POLICY MANUAL

Policy Number: 73

Managing Public Appeals

Purpose:

To inform Council’s involvement in public appeals in support of individuals, families and/or communities in emergency or disaster situations.

Department:

Governance & Community Services

Author:

Patrick Gambles, Community Development Officer

Council Meeting Date:

12 April 2016

Minute Number:

80/2016

Next Review Date:

June 2019

POLICY

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A serious disruption to community life which threatens or causes death or injury in that community and/or damage to property which is beyond the day-to-day capacity of the prescribed statutory authorities and which requires special mobilisation and organisation of resources other than those normally available to those authorities

Management Committee

The Committee responsible for the operational management of the public appeal within agreed policies. Its members will represent the interests of donors, recipients and support services

2 Objective

To clarify Council's involvement in public appeals.

3. Scope

This policy applies to the councillors, management, employees, contractors and volunteers in their involvement in the management of public appeals that may arise within their work roles.

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Statements:

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- II. Should Council wish to instigate a public appeal, it shall be done through consultation and partnership with the Northern Regional Social Recovery Committee and other key agencies. In this event, Council's role would be to act as a contributing rather than lead agency.
- III. Council shall not manage public appeals independently.
- IV. Council may contribute to an existing public appeal through a discretionary 'Mayor's Donation'. This contribution shall be no more than \$500. Donations above \$500 are to be referred to Council for a decision.

Principles:

- The Management Committee must involve input from persons from the emergency /disaster affected area.
- Appeal funds should be distributed in a manner that is accessible, equitable and timely.
- Eligibility guidelines should be well publicised and accessible.
- The Management Committee should ensure that distributions from the public appeal fund support the recovery of both individuals and the local community.
- Every effort should be made to disburse all moneys collected.
- Where there is a number of organisations conducting public appeals, they should be coordinated and, where possible, combined.
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- The Management Committee should represent the interests of both the donors and recipients.
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- Subject to a trust deed or legislation, the Management Committee has the responsibility to determine the criteria and priority for the allocation of grants from the public appeal.
- A report of the operations of the public appeal fund, incorporating the financial accounts, should be published.

5. Legislation and Related Council Policies

Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

6. Responsibility

The General Manager is responsible for the application of this policy.

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

**81/2016 NOTICE OF MOTION – SECURITY CAMERAS
DELORAINE AND WESTBURY – CR BOB
RICHARDSON**

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a Notice of Motion from Cr Bob Richardson concerning a proposal to introduce closed-circuit television (CCTV) into Deloraine and Westbury as a business security initiative.

2) Recommendation (Cr Bob Richardson)

It is recommended that Council uses up to \$10,000 from accumulated funds to install CCTV surveillance equipment at up to three identified strategic points in each of Deloraine and Westbury.

DECISION:

Cr Richardson moved and Cr Connor seconded ***“that Council uses up to \$10,000 from accumulated funds to install CCTV surveillance equipment at up to three identified strategic points in each of Deloraine and Westbury.”***

As an amendment Cr White moved and Cr Youd seconded ***“that in the event of the Meander Valley Business Association receiving a Safer Streets Grant then the \$10,000 be re-allocated to Westbury businesses only.”***

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

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

**82/2016 NOTICE OF MOTION – DELORAINE NETBALL
COURTS PRIORITY PROJECT IN LYONS –
DEPUTY MAYOR MICHAEL KELLY**

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a Notice of Motion from the Deputy Mayor Michael Kelly concerning a request from Deloraine Devils Netball Club to provide new netball infrastructure for Deloraine and to add this to the priority projects list for the Lyons electorate in the upcoming federal election.

2) Recommendation (Deputy Mayor Michael Kelly)

It is recommended that Council include in the Lyons federal election project list a request for funding of \$300,000 for the construction of three netball courts at the Deloraine Community Complex consistent with initial community input to the Deloraine ODP.

DECISION:

Cr Kelly moved and Cr Mackenzie seconded ***“that Council include in the Lyons federal election project list a request for funding of \$300,000 for the construction of three netball courts at the Deloraine Community Complex consistent with initial community input to the Deloraine ODP.”***

As an amendment Cr Synfield moved and Cr Richardson seconded ***“that Council advise the Deloraine Devils Netball Club that Council will revisit this issue subsequent to the finalisation of the Deloraine Outline Development Plan.”***

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

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

Cr Kelly left the meeting at 3.00pm

Cr Kelly returned to the meeting at 3.04pm

83/2016 ANNUAL PLAN – QUARTERLY REVIEW – MARCH 2016

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the March quarterly review of the Annual Plan.

2) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council receive and note the Annual Plan review for the March 2016 quarter.

Cr Kelly moved and Cr King seconded ***“that Council receive and note the Annual Plan review for the March 2016 quarter.”***

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

The Council meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.06pm
The Council meeting resumed at 3.21pm

84/2016 COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL INDEPENDENT MEMBER APPOINTMENT

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to appoint an Independent Audit Panel Member to fill the current vacancy on the Meander Valley Council Audit Panel.

2) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council appoint Mr Chris Lyall of Hadspen, as an Independent Audit Panel Member to fill the current vacancy on the Meander Valley Council Audit Panel.

DECISION:

Cr Connor moved and Cr White seconded ***“that Council appoint Mr Chris Lyall of Hadspen, as an Independent Audit Panel Member to fill the current vacancy on the Meander Valley Council Audit Panel.”***

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

85/2016 FINANCIAL REPORTS TO 31 MARCH 2016

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present Council's financial reports for the period ending 31 March 2016.

2) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council receive the following financial reports for the period ended 31 March 2016:

- i. Consolidated operating statement with accompanying operating statements for the key operational areas of Council.***
- ii. Exception and trends report.***
- iii. A detailed list of capital works project expenditure to date.***
- iv. A detailed list of capital resealing project expenditure to date.***
- v. A detailed list of capital gravelling project expenditure to date.***
- vi. A summary of rates outstanding.***
- vii. Cash reconciliation & investments summary.***

DECISION:

Cr Mackenzie moved and Cr King seconded ***“that Council receive the following financial reports for the period ended 31 March 2016:***

- i. Consolidated operating statement with accompanying operating statements for the key operational areas of Council.***
- ii. Exception and trends report.***
- iii. A detailed list of capital works project expenditure to date.***
- iv. A detailed list of capital resealing project expenditure to date.***
- v. A detailed list of capital gravelling project expenditure to date.***
- vi. A summary of rates outstanding.***
- vii. Cash reconciliation & investments summary.***

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

86/2016 MEANDER VALLEY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the updated Meander Valley Emergency Management Plan (MVEMP) – Issue 5 – January 2016.

2) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council endorse the Meander Valley Emergency Management Plan, Issue 5 – January 2016 and forward the Plan to the State Emergency Management Controller for approval.

DECISION:

Cr White moved and Cr Richardson seconded ***“that Council endorse the Meander Valley Emergency Management Plan, Issue 5 – January 2016 and forward the Plan to the State Emergency Management Controller for approval.”***

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

87/2016 NOTICE OF MOTION – USE OF GLYPHOSATE BY MEANDER VALLEY COUNCIL – CR DEB WHITE

1) Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a Notice of Motion from Cr Deb White regarding use of glyphosate by Meander Valley Council.

2) Recommendation (Cr Deb White)

It is recommended that Council monitors current research into the effects of glyphosate and explores the use of available non-toxic alternatives.

DECISION:

Cr White moved and Cr Kelly seconded ***“that Council monitors current research into the effects of glyphosate and explores the use of available non-toxic alternatives.”***

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

ITEMS FOR CLOSED SECTION OF THE MEETING:

Councillor Connor moved and Councillor King seconded ***“that Council move to Closed Session to discuss the following items.”***

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

The meeting moved into Closed Session at 4.05pm

88/2016 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH, 2016.

89/2016 LEAVE OF ABSENCE
(Reference Part 2 Regulation 15(2)(h) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

90/2016 GENERAL MANAGERS PERFORMANCE REVIEW
(Reference Part 2 Regulation 15(2)(g) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

91/2016 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
(Reference Part 2 Regulation 15(2)(a) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

Cr Connor moved and Cr Kelly seconded ***“that Council move out of Closed Session and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Session.”***

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

The meeting re-opened to the public at 5.02pm

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm

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CRAIG PERKINS (MAYOR)