



Meander Valley Council
Working Together

ORDINARY MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 9 June 2020

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Meander Valley Council held virtually from the Westbury Function Centre, Franklin Street, Westbury, on Tuesday 9 June 2020 at 4.00pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy-Mayor Michael Kelly, Councillors Susie Bower, Stephanie Cameron, Tanya King, Frank Nott, Andrew Sheriff, Rodney Synfield and John Temple.

APOLOGIES

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE

John Jordan, General Manager
Merrilyn Young, Executive Assistant
Dino De Paoli, Director Infrastructure Services
Jonathan Harmey, Director Corporate Services
Matthew Millwood, Director Works
Lynette While, Director Community & Development Services
Jo Oliver, Senior Strategic Planner

102/2020 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Councillor Nott moved and Councillor Temple seconded, ***“that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 12 May, 2020, be received and confirmed.”***

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Bower, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

103/2020 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

| Date | Items discussed: |
|-------------|---|
| 19 May 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation – Tasmanian Walking Company• Presentation – Country Club Tasmania• Councillor pop-up Schedule• Westbury Residential Growth Strategy |
| 26 May 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Manager’s Performance Review |
| 2 June 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Incentive Grants Policy Review• Proposed Annual Plan 2020-21• Operating Budget Estimates & Financial Overview |

104/2020 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Tuesday 12 May 2020

Council Meeting – Westbury

Friday 15 May 2020

Meeting with Deloraine Football Club – Deloraine

Tuesday 19 May 2020

Meeting with Bracknell Hall Committee – Westbury
Council Workshop – Westbury

Friday 22 May 2020

Meeting with Deloraine Squash Club – Westbury

Monday 25 May 2020

Meeting with Minister Guy Barnett MP - Westbury

Tuesday 26 May 2020

Council Workshop – Westbury

Tuesday 2 June 2020

Council Workshop - Westbury

105/2020 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Susie Bower

Tuesday 19 May 2020

Meeting with Bracknell Hall Committee – Westbury

Friday 22 May 2020

Meeting with Deloraine Squash Club – Westbury

106/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

111/2020 Mayor Wayne Johnston – Support of Meander Valley Potato Farmers & Processors

116/2020 Mayor Wayne Johnston – NTDC Partnership Agreement

107/2020 TABLING AND ACTION ON PETITIONS

“Petition in relation to Birralee Road as Preferred Site for Prison”

As per Section 59 of the Local Government Act, Council is currently verifying signatures on the petition with the Tasmanian Electoral Commission 2018 Meander Valley Election Roll to determine compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Act. The petition contains a number of duplicate signatures and representations from people outside the Meander Valley Council local government area. Subject to this the petition will be presented to the next Council meeting for consideration.

Action

The requested action from the petition is that “We the undersigned hereby petition the Meander Valley Council to hold a public meeting to discuss the State Government’s proposal to locate the Northern Regional Prison at Birralee Road.”

108/2020 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – MAY 2020

Nil

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – JUNE 2020

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – JUNE 2020

Nil

109/2020 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

1. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – MAY 2020

Nil

2. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – JUNE 2020

Nil

3. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – JUNE 2020

3.1 Councillor Tanya King

Is Council aware that in the Public Notices of the Examiner dated Saturday 6 June that the Trustees of the Diocese of Tasmania have several properties listed for sale, including the Church of the Good Shepherd 59 Main Rd, Hadspen?

Response by John Jordan, General Manager
No not specifically aware.

Is Council aware that there is a cemetery included in this sale?

Response by John Jordan, General Manager
No we are not.

Given this is a potential example of a church and cemetery being sold it introduces the prospect of future development. How does Council's planning scheme treat any future development of such properties and in particular the protection and ongoing management of cemeteries?

Response by Jo Oliver, Strategic Town Planner

It doesn't deal with it at all. The only potential interaction between any development application and the protection of the cemetery would be if it is subject to a State Heritage listing in which case any development application would have to be referred to the Heritage Council for a decision. They may or may not approve any development application put forward. If they refuse Council must refuse.

Response by Jonathan Harmey, Director Corporate Services

The Burial and Cremation Act also provides guidance for the management of cemeteries.

3.2 Councillor John Temple

- a) Is there any update on the proposed prison since the last council meeting?

Response by John Jordan, General Manager

No there is not.

- b) If council were to receive a socio-economic impact study relating to a proposed prison would it start to verify and assess that document before it received a rezoning or development application or would council wait until after such an application was received?

Response by John Jordan, General Manager

I would think it would be prudent to wait for the application to be received so that we know the basis of assessment.

3.3 Councillor Frank Nott

Question to the General Manager in relation to the proposed works on the intersection of Country Club Avenue and Las Vegas Drive.

Is there a reason why the plans and details were sent to the resident on 15 May (A letter was written to the GM on 11 May seeking to improve safety at this intersection)?

When I received this information on 29 May and the Mayor and remaining Councillors received this information today.

Question taken on Notice

110/2020 DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

111/2020 NOTICE OF MOTION - SUPPORT OF MEANDER VALLEY POTATO FARMERS AND PROCESSES POTENTIALLY IMPACTED BY SUBSIDISED POTATO IMPORTS.

Councillor Bower moved and Councillor Temple seconded *“that, by absolute majority, Council agrees that:*

- 1. pursuant to Regulation 8 (6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 (Tas), to deal with his matter, being one that was not included on the published Agenda; and*
- 2. notes the advice of the General Manager in respect of the reason it was not possible to include this matter on the Agenda and that the matter is urgent, that advice having been provided to the Councillors by email on 5 June 2020 and the report attached to this matter.*

*The motion was declared **CARRIED** with Councillors Bower, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.*

Mayor Johnston declared a conflict of interest in respect of 111/2020 and left the meeting at 4.25pm

Deputy Mayor Michael Kelly took the Chair.

1) Recommendation

It is recommended that Meander Valley Council:

- 1. Acknowledges the potential detrimental impact on Meander Valley farmers of cheap imported potato products (chips), particularly in the challenging season experienced in 2020.***
- 2. Writes to the Federal Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Simon Birmingham and the Tasmanian Premier, Deputy Premier and Minister for Primary Industries and Water Hon Guy Barnett to express Council support for a buy local campaign and action to protect Tasmanian and Australian farmers and food processes from dumped cheap subsidised potatoes (chips).***

- 3. Request the Local Government Association of Tasmania to raise, as a state wide issue, the need to support buying Tasmanian and buying Australian made as an essential element of protecting our economy from further loss after the COVID-19 Disease Emergency.**
- 4. Request Council officers to consider and report back to Council on a campaign to promote local produce and buying as a means to support business and the local economy to recover and prosper after the impacts of COVID-19.**

DECISION:

Cr King moved and Cr Bower seconded ***“that Meander Valley Council:***

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- 2. Writes to the Federal Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Simon Birmingham and the Tasmanian Premier, Deputy Premier and Minister for Primary Industries and Water Hon Guy Barnett to express Council support for a buy local campaign and action to protect Tasmanian and Australian farmers and food processes from dumped cheap subsidised potatoes (chips).**
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- 4. Request Council officers to consider and report back to Council on a campaign to promote local produce and buying as a means to support business and the local economy to recover and prosper after the impacts of COVID-19.**

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Bower, Cameron, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

Mayor Johnston returned to the meeting at 4.30pm

Mayor Johnston took the Chair.

112/2020 REVIEW OF BUDGETS FOR THE 2019-20 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

1) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approves the following project budget changes to the 2019-20 Capital Works Program noting no overall change to the Capital Works Budget allocation:

| Project Name | Current Budget | Proposed Budget Variation | Revised Budget |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Capital Asphalt Resealing Budget | \$364,000 | -\$87,400 | \$276,600 |
| Country Club Ave / Las Vegas Intersection - Prospect Vale | \$80,000 | \$85,000 | \$165,000 |
| Panorama Rd Stormwater - Blackstone Heights | \$150,000 | -\$20,800 | \$129,200 |
| Beefeater St, Deloraine – Stormwater upgrade | \$0 | \$14,000 | \$14,000 |
| Peyton St Upgrade, Westbury - Subdivision Contribution | \$0 | \$14,556 | \$14,556 |
| Weegen Rd Reconstruction – Weegen | \$120,000 | -\$42,800 | \$77,200 |
| Folk Museum - Rising Damp Corrective Works | \$100,000 | -\$37,500 | \$62,500 |
| Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre - Foyer Improvements | \$145,000 | \$37,500 | \$182,500 |
| Railton Rd Reconstruction – Kimberley | \$200,000 | -\$25,000 | \$175,000 |
| Hagley Recreation Ground - Septic Tank & Pump Upgrade | \$20,000 | \$25,000 | \$45,000 |

DECISION:

Cr Nott moved and Cr Sherriff seconded ***“that Council approves the following project budget changes to the 2019-20 Capital Works Program noting no overall change to the Capital Works Budget allocation:***

| <i>Project Name</i> | <i>Current Budget</i> | <i>Proposed Budget Variation</i> | <i>Revised Budget</i> |
|--|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <i>Capital Asphalt Resealing Budget</i> | <i>\$364,000</i> | <i>-\$87,400</i> | <i>\$276,600</i> |
| <i>Country Club Ave / Las Vegas Intersection - Prospect Vale</i> | <i>\$80,000</i> | <i>\$85,000</i> | <i>\$165,000</i> |
| <i>Panorama Rd Stormwater - Blackstone Heights</i> | <i>\$150,000</i> | <i>-\$20,800</i> | <i>\$129,200</i> |
| <i>Beefeater St, Deloraine – Stormwater upgrade</i> | <i>\$0</i> | <i>\$14,000</i> | <i>\$14,000</i> |
| <i>Peyton St Upgrade, Westbury - Subdivision Contribution</i> | <i>\$0</i> | <i>\$14,556</i> | <i>\$14,556</i> |
| <i>Weegena Rd Reconstruction – Weegena</i> | <i>\$120,000</i> | <i>-\$42,800</i> | <i>\$77,200</i> |
| <i>Folk Museum - Rising Damp Corrective Works</i> | <i>\$100,000</i> | <i>-\$37,500</i> | <i>\$62,500</i> |
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The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Bower, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

Summary of Discussion:

Councillors noted unders and overs in relation to projects. While some projects had explanative cost overruns, others were under budget allowing the program of works to be achieved within the overall budget allocation.

ITEMS FOR CLOSED SECTION OF THE MEETING:

Councillor Sherriff moved and Councillor Bower seconded ***“that pursuant to Regulation 15(2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council close the meeting to the public to discuss the following items.”***

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors Bower, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

Council moved to Closed Session at 4.35pm

113/2020 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(Reference Part 2 Regulation 34(2) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

114/2020 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(Reference Part 2 Regulation 15(2)(h) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

115/2020 TAMAR ESTUARY & ESK RIVERS (TEER) PROGRAM FUNDING

(Reference Part 2 Regulation 15(2)(d) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

116/2020 NORTHERN TASMANIA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2020 TO 2022

(Reference Part 2 Regulation 15(2)(d) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

117/2020 TOURISM NORTHERN TASMANIA FUNDING AGREEMENT 2020 TO 2022

(Reference Part 2 Regulation 15(2)(d) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

118/2020 COMPLETION OF GENERAL MANAGER'S PROBATION

(Reference Part 2 Regulation 15(2)(a) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

Council returned to Open Session at 5.13pm

Cr Sherriff left the meeting at 5.14pm

Cr Sherriff returned to the meeting at 5.16pm

Cr Bower moved and Cr Sherriff seconded ***"that the following decisions were taken by Council in Closed Session and are to be released for the public's information:***

Tamar Estuary and Esk Rivers (TEER) Program Partnership

Approves Council's continued participation in the Tamar Estuary and Esk Rivers (TEER) Program Partnership for the period 2020-2024.

Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) Members Agreement

Approves Council committing to the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) Members Agreement for the three year term of the Agreement (2020-23), subject to review after twelve months.

Tourism Northern Tasmania (TNT) Funding Agreement

Approves Council committing to the Tourism Northern Tasmania (TNT) Funding Agreement for 2020-21 only.

Completion of General Manager's Probation

Council endorse the satisfactory performance of Mr John Jordan as General Manager during the period of probation and confirm the continuation of his position."

The meeting closed at 5.18pm

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Wayne Johnston
Mayor