



Meander Valley Council  
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# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Tuesday 11 February 2025**

**Time** 3.01pm

**Location** Council Chambers  
26 Lyall Street  
Westbury, Tasmania

**Phone** (03) 6393 5300

## Attendance

### Chairperson

Mayor Wayne Johnston

### Councillors Present

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron  
Councillor Ben Dudman  
Councillor Kevin House  
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader  
Councillor Rodney Synfield  
Councillor John Temple  
Councillor Daniel Smedley  
Councillor Christine Cronshaw

### Officers Present

Jonathan Harmey	General Manager
Krista Palfreyman	Director Development and Regulatory Services
Craig Davies	Director Corporate Services
David Murray	Director Infrastructure Services
Matthew Millwood	Director Works
Natasha Whiteley	Team Leader Town Planning – Agenda Item 12.1
John Chrispijn	Project Manager Waste Services – Agenda Items 13.3 and 14.2
Linda Coull	Executive Assistant

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# 1. Opening of Meeting and Apologies

Mayor Wayne Johnston opened the Meeting at 3.01pm.

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## 2. Acknowledgment of Country

I begin today by acknowledging the Pallitore and Panninher past peoples, the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we gather today and I pay my respects to Elders past and present. I extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

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## 3. Confirmation of Minutes

### Motion

That Council receives and confirms the Minutes of the last Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 January 2025.

<b>Moved</b>	Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
<b>Seconded</b>	Councillor Ben Dudman
<b>Votes For</b>	Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple and Councillor Daniel Smedley
<b>Votes Against</b>	Nil
<b>Did Not Note Vote</b>	Councillor Christine Cronshaw

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 023/2025**

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## 4. Declarations of Interest

Mayor Wayne Johnston declared an interest in Agenda Item 12.1 PA\25\0065 - 30A West Goderich Street, Deloraine and elected to leave the Chambers during discussion and voting on the Agenda Item.

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## 5. Council Workshop Report

*Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 8(2)*

### Topics Discussed – 28 January 2025

#### **Planning Applications for February Council Meeting**

*Councillors received an overview of the Planning Application to be presented to the February Council Meeting.*

#### **Climate Change Strategy Proposed Actions**

*Councillors discussed the development of a Meander Valley Council Climate Change Strategy and provided input and suggestions.*

#### **Expansion of FOGO Kerbside Service to Carrick**

*Councillors were informed of the outcomes of the consultation process for the proposed expansion of FOGO collection services to Carrick.*

#### **Meander Valley Landfill Strategy**

*Councillors received information regarding the proposed future of landfill operations in the Meander Valley and provided feedback.*

#### **Container Refund Scheme – Deloraine Proposal**

*Councillors received an update on a request for a container refund deposit area on the Council's land in Deloraine.*

#### **State Government Elected Member Model Guidelines**

*Councillors received the model guidelines.*

#### **Landmark Naming Request**

*Councillors considered a proposal from Councillor Temple regarding naming a local landmark after the United States President, Donald J Trump.*

#### **Community Member Statue Request**

*Councillors considered what action would be preferred to pursue following receipt of a request from a community member.*



### Items for Noting

#### **Organisational Culture Survey – December 2024**

*Councillors received the employee culture survey results for the Meander Valley Council for the six months to December 2024.*

#### **Review of Policy No. 94: Facility Sponsorship and Advertising**

*Councillors were asked to consider continuation of Policy No. 94: Facility Sponsorship and Advertising following internal review.*

## 6. Mayor and Councillors' Reports

### Councillors' Official Activities and Engagements Since Last Meeting

#### **Mayor Wayne Johnston**

*Attended the following events:*

- 22 January 2025 – met with Senator Jenny McAllister, Deloraine
- 24 January 2025 – attended and presented at the MVC 2025 Celebrating Community Event and Volunteer Awards and Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, Westbury
- 26 January 2025 – attended Australia Day Breakfast Celebrations, Westbury and Chudleigh

#### **Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron**

*Attended the following events:*

- 24 January 2025 – attended and presented at the MVC 2025 Celebrating Community Event and Volunteer Awards
- 22 January 2025 – met with Senator Jenny McAllister, Deloraine

#### **Councillor Kevin House**

*Attended the following events:*

- 24 January 2025 – attended and presented at the MVC 2025 Celebrating Community Event and Volunteer Awards

#### **Councillor Anne-Marie Loader**

*Attended the following events:*

- 22 January 2025 – met with Senator Jenny McAllister, Deloraine
- 23 January 2025 – attended the Westbury St Patricks Festival Meeting
- 24 January 2025 – attended and presented at the MVC 2025 Celebrating Community Event and Volunteer Awards
- 26 January 2025 – attended Australia Day Breakfast Celebrations, Westbury
- 30 January 2025 – attended the Opening of the State Library and Archives Tasmania, Launceston
- 5 February 2025 – participated in the Local Government Reform online Meeting
- 6 February 2025 – attended Christine Cronshaw's Declaration of Office
- 9 February 2025 - attended local artist Cindy Watkins' exhibition at The Hive, Ulverstone



### **Councillor Rodney Synfield**

*Attended the following events:*

- 24 January 2025 – attended the MVC 2025 Celebrating Community Event and Volunteer Awards
- 22 January 2025 – met with Senator Jenny McAllister, Deloraine
- 1 February 2025 – attended Pasifika & Timor Leste Cultural Showcase, Deloraine

### **Councillor John Temple**

*Attended the following events:*

- 24 January 2025 – attended the MVC 2025 Celebrating Community Event and Volunteer Awards
- 22 January 2025 – met with Senator Jenny McAllister, Deloraine
- 5 February 2025 – attended the Economic Development Forum, Westbury

### **Councillors' Announcements and Acknowledgements**

Councillor Rodney Synfield congratulated Council Officers for assisting in the Pasifika & Timor Leste Cultural Showcase event and estimated 500-600 people attended.

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron thanked all Council Officers involved in organising the 2025 Celebrating Community and Volunteer Awards and congratulated volunteer award winners.

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## 7. Petitions

No new Petitions or Actions on Previous Petitions were received as part of these Minutes.

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## 8. Community Representations

### Helen Hutchinson - Climate Change

This is a statement regarding the proposed closure of the Deloraine Tip. The Council has a climate change policy and I am concerned that any increased carbon emissions through transport to any proposed new site have not been taken into account. I am sure you are well aware that emissions are going up, that climate change is producing increased heat and we should take any possible means to reduce those emissions. Perhaps the Council has considered buying electric trucks.

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## 9. Public Question Time

### 9.1. Public Questions With Notice

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 31(1)*

*(Questions With Notice must be in writing and should be received by the General Manager at least seven days before the relevant Council Meeting).*

#### Question

*Danielle Farrow-Pryke, Deloraine – Compliance Issue and Housing Crisis – asked at the Council Meeting on 21 January 2025*

1. *Why would you waste tax payer funds for the Tasmania Police Service, two serving officers and two [Meander Valley Council] staff by intimidating me on a day I specifically said I was not going to be there [at my property]?*

**Krista Palfreyman (Director Development and Regulatory Services)** advised that the Council is required to undertake compliance functions as a regulatory authority under the *Building Act 2016* (the Act), this includes conducting compliance inspections to ensure building and plumbing works comply with the requirements of the Act. Whilst the Council makes every attempt to obtain consent from the property owner when arranging compliance inspections, unfortunately consent is not always achievable. In this case, the customer was provided notice that Council Officers would be attending the property to undertake an inspection and provided opportunity to organise an alternative mutually agreeable time, this did not occur, so the inspection went ahead as advised. Section 26 of the Act provides the Council's Permit Authority power to *at all reasonable times, enter any building, temporary structure or premises where building work, plumbing work or demolition work is being, is to be or has been, performed.*

The Council is obligated to provide employees a safe working environment under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*. Due to these obligations, the Council's Compliance Officers consider the unique factors of each inspection prior to attendance to determine the associated risk. Where risks are identified, additional support from Tasmania Police is requested.

2. *What is the Meander Valley Council proactively doing in the context of a very well known national housing crisis to open up accommodation?*

**Jonathan Harmey (General Manager)** advised that the Council is continually working with the State Government and other related agencies regarding the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, Regional Land Use Strategy, town structure plans, making assessment on planning, building and plumbing applications efficiently.

## 9.2. Public Questions Without Notice

### Question

*Leigh Wasserfall, Reedy Marsh - ABX Planning Application and Community Consultation*

1. *Has there been an update on the ABX planning application, including from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)?*

**Jonathan Harmey, General Manager, advised that** the Meander Valley Council asked for an update from the State Government on their assessment process. The Council was advised there would be a meeting in March to consider the way they were progressing with their process. Hopefully the Council will receive an update from the EPA after they have held that meeting.

2. *In light of the council's response to the motion passed at the December AGM, as outlined at the January council meeting minute 15.3, that the council recognises the value of community engagement, can we expect proactive engagement with regard to the ABX planning application, for example letting the representors know when the application is received back from the EPA?*

**Jonathan Harmey, General Manager, advised that** the applicant undertook their own consultation. The Council is aware that the applicant has met with some members of the community. I know that was probably not at the level that some members of the public thought was appropriate. The Council did receive a high level of representation for the application. As a Council, there is not any planned consultation opportunities coming up relating to that application and it is not the Council's standard practice to do so but depending on what advice is received from the EPA and what the planning assessment process looks like, additional consultation may be considered. At this stage, the Council has not made a decision on that issue and therefore I am not in a position to advise you of any firm dates but it is something our officers will consider over the course of the next two to three months.

**Mayor Wayne Johnston added that** he would like to encourage Leigh to continue to inform the Council on issues he feels the Council should potentially be looking at going forward, he would be interested to receive emails for the Council to consider.

## Question

*Ian Mackenzie, Bracknell - Landfill Strategy*

1. *When, where and how were the community engaged in the closure of the Westbury Waste Facility prior to this Recommendation [Landfill Strategy in today's Agenda] being presented to Council?*

**Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that** the Council has elected representatives who sit around the table and make decisions on behalf of those who elected us. From his point of view, the Council has been looking at this item since 2018, including the report received last month and are looking at a proposal in the Agenda today that is four months away. There are some items that will come out of that potentially and there will possibly be some change.

**Jonathan Harmey, General Manager, advised that** the Council has been considering this item since February 2016 when the first waste strategy was adopted. There have been many points in time when different bits and pieces have been considered, including mail outs considering extension of kerbside collection areas which included areas around Cluan. Engagement has been conducted over an extended period of time. Council reviewed and updated its waste strategy in August 2024. Originally, the landfill area at Cluan (that is almost at capacity according to the EPA permit) was due to close on the 1 July 2024. In the lead up to that date, Council extended that date to make best use of the airspace but a point has now been reached where estimates indicate Cluan tip is at its capacity. The Council has sought advice from two consultants over the last 12 months around what the landfill future will be, particularly around the environmental condition of the Cluan landfill.

2. *[In regards to Council only having the choice of two sites, Dulverton or Launceston, owning neither] what control does the Council have over the fees, costs and charges and what guarantees or controls are in place to stop them increasing them by 10%, 20%, 30% or even 50% annually?*

**Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that** if we look at the State Government Waste Levy, it has increased over time and there is the possibility it will continue to increase. That is a cost which unfortunately has to be shared with residents and rate payers. Looking at Dulverton, it is owned by four Councils who are wanting more capacity to make the landfill more productive. Most of the northern Councils currently send their waste to either Launceston or Dulverton. So, there are no guarantees that charges won't go up in that scenario, but if the Council planned to maintain the current landfill sites there would certainly be cost increases associated with that also.

**Jonathan Harmey, General Manager, advised that** this is a topic that Council has struggled with over the course of ten years, it's a very complex area and an area that is managed in accordance with environmental standards. The EPA standards have changed significantly over the last ten years but also over the last 30-40 years of the life of our existing landfill areas. The control that Councils once thought they had around those areas has changed substantially. The cost of construction has increased significantly, the cost of other contractors engaged in the processing of waste has also increased significantly. The period of time that landfills need to be managed after closure has increased to thirty years, which certainly wasn't the case when they were constructed. The management of leachate (the water that comes out of landfill) has changed significantly over that period of time too. These are all examples of things Council probably thought at one point in time they had a level of control over. The comparison that our Council has been doing recently is between whether it's viable for us to construct a new landfill area in Meander Valley (if it were to be able to receive a permit from the State Government, which isn't a given) and comparing that against the cost to transport to a regional facility. So when we talk about what the gate fee is at a regional facility and what control Council have, Council may be able to negotiate a contract over a period of time, five or ten years perhaps or an annual gate fee. The Council is a price taker, which I believe is your point. But when comparing that against the cost of constructing a new landfill, because our landfills are almost full, the Council is considering the future for Meander Valley residents and we have only a limited amount of control over that too. We can see looking at the financial estimates today that it is going to be far more cost effective for us to transport to a regional facility than to construct our own new landfill. That is the comparison that our Councillors have been struggling with. So while it's true that the Council will only be able to lock in the cost of the contract for a certain period of time, there is also a greater level of uncertainty around constructing our own landfill, if we were able to receive a permit to do so.

### **Question**

*Shanna Souvlis, Deloraine - Development and Privacy*

1. *Why is the privacy of residents in multiple dwelling developments considered more important and valuable than their neighbours? Units must be six metres apart but can be less than half that distance from neighbouring properties.*

**Jonathan Harmey, General Manager, advised that** in assessing planning applications the Council is bound by the State Planning Scheme, the Regional Land Use Strategy and the Local Provisions for Meander Valley. There are various permitted and discretionary pathways within the legislation that applicants need to abide by and the Council needs to consider and make decisions in accordance with that legislation when acting as a planning authority.

## Question

*Neville Scott - Development and Privacy*

1. *After reading the Agenda I noted that Council is closing both tips and going to three transfer stations, one at Mole Creek, Meander and Deloraine. What is the eastern end of Meander Valley to do with their rubbish?*

**Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that** currently most of the rubbish for the eastern end of the municipality flows through to Launceston.

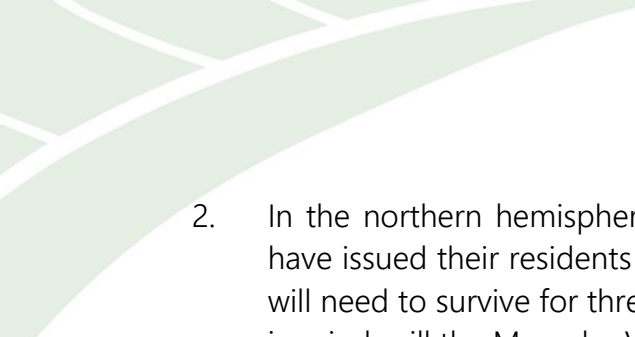
**Jonathan Harmey, General Manager advised that** Council has considered the location of transfer stations and reasonable travel distance where adjoining municipalities have transfer stations. Since 2016, Council workshop discussions have included, for example, the Birralea and Rosevale area and it's proximity to the Exeter transfer station, the proximity of the Longford transfer station, as well as what a waste transfer station could look like for Westbury. As the Mayor has outlined, there are around 5,500 people living at Prospect Vale, 1,200 in Blackstone Heights who would have access to a Deloraine transfer station but may elect to go to the regional facility at Remount Road because it's closer for them. We provide tip tickets that can be redeemed at Remount Road also, but we do have a large area of our eastern catchment that has access to a kerbside collection, which isn't necessarily the case for those who live in the western end of the municipality.

## Question

*Helen Hutchinson, Western Creek - Homelessness and Climate Change*

1. *As both TasCoss and Anglicare report that the numbers of the homeless are rising, would the General Manager please provide details of the steps that the Meander Valley Council has taken to provide temporary or permanent accommodation for the homeless in the Meander Valley?*

**Jonathan Harmey, General Manager** Council is not a provider of housing, it is a State Government responsibility and there are low cost housing providers that are active in this space. Council is not aware of any other Council in Tasmania that plays an active role in providing housing for those who are homeless or displaced. It's obviously sad and disappointing to see people experiencing homelessness in our municipality and Council has discussed the issue twice in the past six months during workshops. From an operational perspective we have had discussions about what our processes are for managing people who are camping in our parks and reserves due to homelessness but essentially Council is not a housing provider and we don't provide areas or housing for those who are homeless.

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2. In the northern hemisphere some countries (eg. Norway, Denmark and Finland) have issued their residents (all of them) with booklets that detail exactly what they will need to survive for three days in the event of a sudden catastrophe. With that in mind, will the Meander Valley Council:
- (a) erect public notice boards with the details of public centres that will always accept people dislocated by sudden extreme climate or other emergencies. People need to know where to come *before* it happens, *before* authorities are overwhelmed.
  - (b) consider the compilation of a booklet similar to those provided (eg. in Norway) to help people prepare for themselves in case of emergency.

**Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that** this question will be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 11 March 2025.

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## 10. Councillor Question Time

### 10.1. Councillors' Questions With Notice

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 30*

*(Questions With Notice must be in writing and should be received by the General Manager at least seven days before the relevant Council Meeting).*

#### **Question**

*Councillor John Temple – Naming of Landmark - Question Taken on Notice at the Council Meeting 21 January 2025*

- 1. In recognition of Donald J Trump being inaugurated as the 47th President of the United States of America and hence perceived by many as the leader of the Free World and as he is likely to be the greatest agent for change, will the Meander Valley Council this Tuesday, as an urgent item, consider naming a suitable landmark within the Meander Valley in his honour and wish him well for his term of leadership?*

**Jonathan Harmey (General Manager)** advised that Councillors discussed the request at the January Workshop and provided guidance to the General Manager that naming of a landmark will not be pursued at this time.


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### 10.2. Councillors' Questions Without Notice

#### **Question**

*Councillor Anne-Marie Loader – Commercial Vehicle Noise Concerns – asked at Council Meeting 11 February 2025*

- 1. It has been brought to my attention that logging in the Weegen area is causing disruption to residents of the Rural Living Zone. My understanding is that for Rural Living Zones, there are restrictions on operation for industry including commercial vehicle movements. Operating hours must be between 8.00am - 6.00pm on weekdays and commercial vehicle movements between 7.00am - 5.00pm. The resident is reporting that noise from harvesting begins at 5.00am and truck movements are commencing at 6.00am. Calls to the forestry companies haven't been helpful. I am told that the resident has been in touch with Council about this matter and the resident reports that Council was advised that the forestry operation was to cease two weeks ago, but it is continuing. I believe that this operation has also caused another delay to the scheduled road works on Dynan's Bridge Road.*
  - (a) Have the Council's operations been delayed due to forestry operations in this area?*
  - (b) Can the Council implement monitoring of the noise levels and operation times of forestry operations, and if so place limitations and penalties for non-compliance?*



**Matthew Millwood (Director Works)** advised the question will be taken on notice and summarised some of the issues highlighted, including that the Council's road works on Dynan's Bridge Road have not been delayed due to forestry operations.

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## **11. Councillor Notices of Motion**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 16*

No Notices of Motion have been received as part of this Agenda

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## 12. Planning Authority Reports

### 12.1. PA\25\0065 - 30A West Goderich Street, Deloraine

<b>Proposal</b>	Multiple dwelling (3x staff accommodation)
<b>Report Author</b>	Jana Rockliff Town Planner
<b>Authorised By</b>	Krista Palfreyman Director Development and Regulatory Services

Mayor Wayne Johnston left the meeting at 3:39 pm.

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron assumed the chair at 3.39 pm.

#### Motion

That Council receives the Agenda Item tabled for PA\25\0065 and resolves to approve the application.

Refer to *Details* below for further specification of Council's decision and any conditions or notes.

<b>Moved</b>	Councillor Ben Dudman
<b>Seconded</b>	Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
<b>Votes For</b>	Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw
<b>Votes Against</b>	Councillor John Temple
<b>Abstained</b>	Councillor Rodney Synfield

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 024/2025**

## Details

Council must take qualified advice before making a decision, and ensure that its reasons for any planning decisions are (a) minuted and (b) based on the Planning Scheme.

See *Local Government Act 1993*: section 65, *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*: Regulation 25(2) and *Land Use and Approvals Act 1993*: sections 57-59.

After receiving qualified advice about this planning application and its compliance with the Planning Scheme, Council resolved as follows:

### Recommendation

This application by Woolcott Land Services, for Multiple dwellings (3x staff accommodation), on land located at 30A West Goderich Street, Deloraine (CT 167659/1) is recommended for approval generally in accordance with the Endorsed Plans and recommended Permit Conditions and Permit Notes.

### Endorsed Plans

- a. Engineering Plus; Dated: 28.11.2024; Drawing No: 1422024; Sheets: A01-A10; Rev: C (to be amended).

### Permit Conditions

1. Prior to the commencement of works, amended plans must be submitted for approval to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and must show:
  - (a) the correct location of the lateral sewer connection to 32 West Goderich Street on all sheets.
  - (b) A permanently fixed screen to the southern side of the entrance porch of unit 2 to a height of not less than 1.7m above finished floor level with a uniform transparency of not more than 25%. Refer to Note 1.
2. Prior to the commencement of use, the following must be completed to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner:
  - (a) the construction of a permanently fixed screen to the southern side of the porch for unit 2 as required in condition 1.(b); and
  - (b) Four dedicated car parking spaces along the northern side of the existing northern West Goderich Street access driveway must be line marked or otherwise physically delineated. Spaces must be clearly dedicated through line marking or incidental signage to a particular dwelling, with one space dedicated to visitor parking.

3. Stormwater runoff from the building areas is to be captured and directed to the existing stormwater connection point within the property boundary so that concentrated or nuisance flows do not cross the property boundaries to adjoining land to the satisfaction of the Council's Plumbing Surveyor.
4. The development must be in accordance with the Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater (TWDA 2024/01246-MVC (attached)).

### Permit Notes

1. The location of the stairs to the porch on unit 2 may need to be relocated to the western side of the porch to enable the construction of the screen to maintain privacy to unit 1.
2. Any other proposed development or use (including amendments to this proposal) may require separate planning approval. For further information, contact the Council.
3. This permit takes effect after:
  - a. The 14-day appeal period expires; or
  - b. Any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) is determined or abandoned; or
  - c. Any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
4. Planning appeals can be lodged with TASCAT Registrar within 14 days of the Council serving notice of its decision on the applicant. For further information, visit the TASCAT website.
5. This permit is valid for two years only from the date of approval. It will lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. The Council has discretion to grant an extension by request.
6. All permits issued by the permit authority are public documents. Members of the public may view this permit (including the endorsed documents) at the Council Offices on request.
7. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works:
  - a. all works to cease within delineated area, sufficient to protect unearthed or possible relics from destruction;
  - b. presence of a relic must be reported to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania; and
  - c. relevant approval processes for State and Federal Government agencies will apply.

## 13. Infrastructure Services

### 13.1. Review of Policy No. 94: Sponsorship and Advertising

<b>File Reference</b>	S13-11-002
<b>Report Author</b>	Karl Boss-Walker Team Leader Community Facilities and Recreation
<b>Authorised By</b>	David Murray Director Infrastructure Services

Mayor Wayne Johnston returned to the meeting at 4:09pm.

#### Motion

That Council endorses continuation of Policy No. 94: Facility Sponsorship and Advertising:

**Policy No. 94** Facility Sponsorship and Advertising

**Purpose** The purpose of this Policy is to define factors to be considered when determining a request from sporting, recreational and community groups for the Council's consent to enter into a naming rights sponsorship agreement for the Council's owned facilities.

**Department** Infrastructure Services  
**Author** Karl Boss-Walker, Team Leader Community Facilities and Recreation

**Council Meeting Date** 11 February 2025  
**Minute Reference** 025/2025

**Next Review Date** February 2029

<b>POLICY</b>
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#### 1. Definitions

*Community Group* Any group that is a user of a Council owned facility under the terms and conditions of an ongoing hire agreement or lease.

<i>Community Facility</i>	Any building, playing field, associated infrastructure or any specified part of a facility owned by the Meander Valley Council.
<i>Naming Rights</i>	The exclusive right for a Sponsor to name or brand a Council Facility or part of a Council Facility with signage for a specified period.
<i>Sponsor</i>	Any form of private organisation seeking a Sponsorship arrangement.
<i>Sponsorship</i>	The exchange of money, goods, services or <i>in-kind</i> support from a Sponsor to a Community Group where there are specific obligations on the Community Group for a return to the Sponsor.

## **2. Objective**

The objective of this Policy is to define factors to be considered when determining a request from sporting, recreational and community groups for the Council's consent to enter into a Naming Rights Sponsorship agreement for the Council's owned facilities.

## **3. Scope**

This Policy applies to a proposal to assign Naming Rights to a Council Facility or part of a Council Facility.

## **4. Policy**

1. The Council acknowledges that sponsorship can provide significant benefits to community groups, sponsors and the wider community. In considering an application to approve a sponsorship agreement, including naming and related advertising rights, the Council will consider the following:
  - 1.1. Facility Naming Rights may be permitted on the Council's owned sports grounds, pavilions or public buildings or a specific area within a sporting precinct or reserve.
  - 1.2. a Sponsorship proposal must be made by a Community Group operating under the terms and conditions of an ongoing hire agreement or lease arrangement unless the Sponsorship request relates to a facility directly controlled and managed by the Council.
  - 1.3. a written sponsorship agreement must be executed between the Community Group and Sponsor. Any such agreement must be consistent with the Council's policy and the terms of any hire or lease agreement.



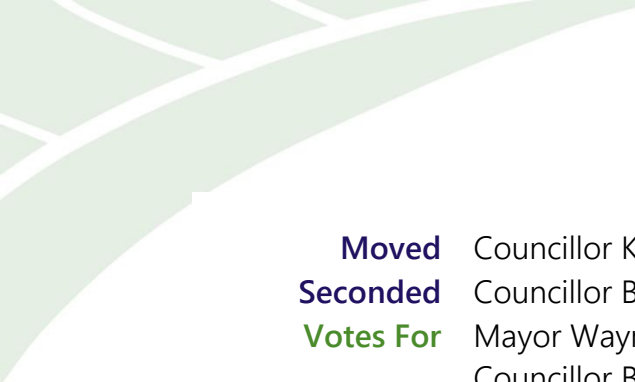
- 1.4. where use of a Council facility is shared, then other users of the facility must be consulted by the applying Community Group. Any identified issues and proposed solutions must be raised in the proposal.
  - 1.5. a Sponsorship and/or Naming Rights proposal must be consistent with community and the Council's values and be cognisant of history relating to the facility and its location. Without limiting its discretion, the Council is to consider the reputation and brand of a proposed Sponsor, the nature of the business of the sponsor, restrictions on the general amenity or operation of the facility and risks to the reputation of the Council or the community.
  - 1.6. sponsorship proposals that promote tobacco, alcohol, gambling, adult services, any activity prohibited by law, or otherwise deemed inappropriate by the Council, will not be accepted.
  - 1.7. any Sponsorship and related promotion through Naming Rights or other activity must not imply the Council's endorsement of a brand, product or organisation.
2. A sponsored Council Facility with assigned Naming Rights may be referred to by its sponsored name in community group communications, competitions, promotions and marketing. The Council will continue to use the existing building or reserve name in official or public documents.
  3. Sponsor signage must be in accordance with the conditions stated in the Council's hire agreement or lease documentation. Any new signage structure will be subject to relevant planning requirements and approval in advance by the Council.
  4. A Naming Rights proposal will be considered on a case by case basis and approved by the Council. Any proposed Sponsorship agreement which affects a Council Facility is to be provided to the Council for review before execution by the General Manager.
  5. No actions (ie. installation of signage) will be undertaken until formal approval is provided by the General Manager or as required by the Council.

## **6. Legislation and Related Standards**

*Local Government Act 1993*

## **7. Responsibility**

Responsibility for the operation of this Policy rests with the Director Infrastructure Services.



**Moved** Councillor Kevin House  
**Seconded** Councillor Ben Dudman  
**Votes For** Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron,  
Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, Councillor  
Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor  
John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor  
Christine Cronshaw  
**Votes Against** Nil

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 025/2025**

### 13.2. Review of Program Budgets 2024-25

<b>File Reference</b>	S12-02-002
<b>Report Author</b>	David Murray Director Infrastructure Services
<b>Authorised By</b>	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

#### Motion

That Council, by absolute majority, pursuant to section 82(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, approves variations to the Budget Estimates and Capital Works Program 2024-25 (as provided in Attachment 1) noting additional grant revenue of \$20,000 and no overall to the value of the Capital Works Program.

<b>Moved</b>	Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
<b>Seconded</b>	Councillor Ben Dudman
<b>Votes For</b>	Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw
<b>Votes Against</b>	Nil

**Motion carried by absolute majority**

**Minute Reference: 026/2025**

### 13.3. Expansion of FOGO Kerbside Service to Carrick

<b>File Reference</b>	S29-23-023
<b>Report Author</b>	John Chrispijn Project Manager Waste Services
<b>Authorised By</b>	David Murray Director Infrastructure Services

#### Motion

That Council notes the outcome of the public consultation process and approves the expansion of FOGO collection services to Carrick commencing 30 June 2025.

<b>Moved</b>	Councillor Ben Dudman
<b>Seconded</b>	Councillor Kevin House
<b>Votes For</b>	Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw
<b>Votes Against</b>	Nil

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 027/2025**

## 14. Governance and Community Wellbeing

### 14.1. Declaration of Office - Councillor Christine Cronshaw

**File Reference** S13-08-013

**Authorised By** Jonathan Harmey  
General Manager

#### Motion

That Council:

1. notes the Certificate of Election issued to the Meander Valley Council by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission on 28 January 2025; and
2. acknowledges that Christine Cronshaw made her Declaration of Office at the Council Chambers, 26 Lyall Street, Westbury on Thursday, 6 February 2025.

**Moved** Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

**Seconded** Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Votes For** Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw

**Votes Against** Nil

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 028/2025**

## 14.2. Landfill Strategy

**File Reference** S11-03-008

**Report Author** Jonathan Harmey  
General Manager

### Motion

That Council:

1. notes the completed assessment of a potential new landfill facility in the Meander Valley, which indicates a higher cost and higher risk, when compared to transportation of landfill waste to a regional waste facility;
2. directs the Council's Officers to implement the closure of the Westbury Waste Facility from 30 June 2025 and to communicate the required service changes with the community and the contract facility manager;
3. upon closure of the Westbury Waste Facility, opens the Deloraine Waste Facility seven days per week; and
4. directs the Council's Officers to implement the transportation of landfill waste collected at the Deloraine Transfer Station to a regional waste facility, when the current Deloraine Landfill area is full.

**Moved** Councillor Ben Dudman

**Seconded** Councillor Kevin House

**Votes For** Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw

**Votes Against** Councillor Rodney Synfield

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 029/2024**

## 15. Close of Meeting

Mayor Wayne Johnston closed the Meeting at 5:18pm.

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**Mayor Wayne Johnston**  
**Chairperson**