

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Glenorchy City Council
held at the Council Chambers
on Monday, 23 December 2019 at 6.00 p.m.**



Present: Aldermen Kristie Johnston (Mayor), Matt Stevenson (Deputy Mayor), Melissa Carlton, Jan Dunsby, Steven King, Gaye Richardson, Kelly Sims and Bec Thomas.

In attendance: Tony McMullen (General Manager), Jenny Self (Director Corporate Services), David Ronaldson (Director Community and Customer Services), Samantha Fox (Director Strategy and Development), Alex Woodward (Manager Property, Environment and Waste), Marina Campbell (Manager Community), Alli Coombe (Acting Property Assets Coordinator), Kate Whitbread (Child Care Delivery Coordinator) and June King (Mayoral and Executive Support Officer).

**Workshops held since
last Council Meeting**

Date: Monday, 2 December 2019

Purpose: To discuss:

- Public Places and Infrastructure By-Law 2019
- CBD Bus Mall Relocation

Date: Monday, 9 December 2019

Purpose: To discuss:

- Id Profile Training (Glenorchy Demographics)
- Strategic Land Purchase – 2 Anfield Street

Date: Monday, 16 December 2019

Purpose: To discuss:

- Skate Park Consultation update and Land Disposal Framework
- CBD Public Art
- Community Yarns

Eighteen (18) members of the public attended the open part of the Council Meeting.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Peter Clark, Claremont Baptist Church.

The Chair acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of the land.

The Chair read the following two statements:

Statement 1:

In relation to work health and safety at the Council meeting.

Statement 2:

In relation to the Audio Recording of the Council Meeting under regulation 33 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* and Council's 'Audio Recording of Council Meetings' policy.

1. APOLOGIES

Aldermen Simon Fraser and Peter Bull.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution:

RICHARDSON/KING

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 25 November 2019 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

The Mayor invited Deputy Mayor, Matt Stevenson, to speak in relation to his forthcoming resignation from Council. Deputy Mayor Stevenson read the following statement:

As most will already now be aware with the announcement last month, I will be resigning as both Deputy Mayor and Alderman on the 31st of December. I have decided to be closer to family in NSW, which will bring to close my nearly 10 years on the Council.

My time on Council has been demarcated by three major periods. The start, the period of turbulence, and the last two years of 'righting the ship'.

By me resigning, a new Alderman will be elected on count back to Council. In thinking about this I want to leave with my fellow Aldermen a picture of the contrast between the advice I received, and the reality of situation with which most of you were presented coming in on January 2018.

The Mayor at the time, and several other Aldermen gave me this (or similar) advice:

"You need to learn a lot in this role, you are young, and it would be wise if you spent your first 12 months just being pretty quiet getting to know the Council"

That was rubbish advice. And an indication of the culture of local government that needs to change from the top.

With six new Aldermen coming aboard in January 2018 it has been important that you have contributed from the start, and I have watched with great admiration the contribution that has been made without any hinderance or inference, that you need to earn your stripes first.

Be there to support the new Alderman through the formalities, but you will have a new perspective around the table in January. Take the time to appreciate their input.

The role of Deputy Mayor will also need to be resolved.

Those of you around the table considering your application letter over January, I would like to provide you my view on what the role deserves. It is a simple task:

- Be honest
- Be Frank
- But be a team by being united by the values that you hold together

It's an easy position to use as a stage if you're integrity does not hold up. Go home at night knowing you're driving the Council forward, and not your own agenda.

I value the small role I have played as part of the leadership of this Council by being there for the Mayor as a sounding board and an honest and frank opinion. It has allowed us to remain united in driving this council forward, and for that I am tremendously proud.

In assessing your application letter, please take the time to reflect upon the past two years of progress, and then take the time to understand how this very council, and others around the state, have been provided a disservice by self-interest in the past by the role and interplay between the Deputy Mayor and the Mayor.

The next phase of my time on Council is marked in the history books for all to see. It is important to acknowledge the staff who wore the major bruises of this period. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your willingness to persist. Your commitment to our community, and your integrity in standing up, or staying standing while the Council was in meltdown.

This period is recorded in history in the Board of Inquiry report, in an Auditor General's report, and in an Integrity Commission report. For those still willing to say it is still in conjecture and a matter of opinion if the Council was being maladministered, you are wrong.

And while I don't want to dwell on this period, there are significant learnings that the broader sector can take in supporting Councillors trying to bring to light a poor performing administration.

It was clear from the start that we were on our own. A division of local government wanting to brush the issues under the carpet, and industry body in

LGAT who not once provided any support, despite our reaching out. It was a symptom of this level of government plagued with the unwillingness to change due to the risk it held for its mates.

To our Aldermen, be part of the change in the culture that our sector needs. Don't accept the mate's approach. Who wants to be mates with people who protect people who do the wrong thing anyway.

Our Council has now ticked every single box that was placed on it from the Minister for Local Government, a burden more than any other Council has had to endure. We have grown and developed in the past two years, we have addressed the structural budget issue, we have address past project failures, we are addressing environmental constraints, we are progressing with a change in culture and responsiveness of our own team. Importantly we are attracting investment into this City, something that is long overdue and will be the backbone of our capacity to deliver for our community into the future.

This is a remarkably different outlook than at any other time in the nearly ten years I have been on Council. We're not there by any stretch of the imagination but has occurred is driving cultural change and that takes time and therefore it takes patience. Make your decisions based on carefully considered evidence, stay the course, support each other, and support our staff as you grow.

There are many people I need to thank who have supported me along my time at Glenorchy City Council, and I will do that directly with them. However, there are two people who I would like to mention tonight.

General Manager, Tony McMullen: Tony is a person of great integrity and ability, he is considered and has a strong sense of self reflection. Tony was as closer than anyone to the eye of the storm and was placed in many situations of great pressure prior to the suspension of the former General Manager. He has built trust amongst his colleagues and has risen to the challenge of being in a position he never sought, and has done this with great judgement, tact and skill.

When people talk about an employee who takes pride in their workplace, Tony is the epitome that employee. I have valued Tony's support and Counsel over the last five years and have a tremendous respect for the high levels of integrity and care he has shown.

Mayor Kristie Johnston: The size and scale of the mountain climbed to get to where we are now is something that some people may not appreciate, and to continue to talk about it adds little value to continuing the journey we are now on. But while I have the time, and the floor, I do want to acknowledge my personal appreciation and respect for the role that Kristie has played in this Council.

Had Kristie not stood up, and then stood up to the ongoing pressure, Glenorchy City Council would not be in the position it is now, being in a position to be able to capitalise on some very exciting opportunities.

Kristie is intelligent, caring, and has been extremely adept at navigating the political environment.

But what I have been most impressed with is her transition from the “investigator” and “prosecutor” to “administrator”. She has led with integrity, and a love and care for the community in which she serves. Being able to balance the pressures of leading a changing culture within Council, to support a new team, and to continue ensure the community is at the centre of what we do is something you should be very proud of.

I am extremely appreciative to have been here as part of the team that has allowed this to occur.

To wrap things up, I would like to thank the community who have allowed me to be a part of this administration. I love your diversity and character, and the pride you have in our place. It has been a privilege to have served you. I hope I have been able to show the care and pride I have in you in the way I have gone about my role.

I will leave you with my final thoughts for the Council: Make decisions for the right reasons with an informed position. Work on making sure we are financially sustainable and govern with integrity. But actively acknowledge that a council has resources constraints and needs to make genuine decisions between competing demands and understand this will cause tension. This is your job, be resilient, and enjoy the challenge it creates.

Put “policy before politics”, and know that ultimately you will be making a genuine difference to the people you represent.

The Mayor responded by thanking Deputy Mayor Stevenson for his service to Council and the Glenorchy Community and wishing him well for his future.

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

The Chair asked if any Aldermen had, or were likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any items on the Agenda.

No interests were declared.

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

**Question Taken on Notice – James Bryan, 14 England Avenue, Montrose
(from Council Annual General Meeting, 2 December 2019)**

Q. On page 76 of the Annual Report, Council has reported that it has a land tax expense of \$466,000. The State Government is exempt from paying Council rates but still charges Council for land tax. I note that several months ago when Council was investigating selling Council properties, one of the reasons given for doing that was to save on land tax. How many properties in the Glenorchy municipality does Council own which land tax is payable on? Is it all Council owned properties or only some?

A. The State Government is not fully exempt from paying Council rates. The list of property classification in respect of which the State is exempt from rates is set out in section 87(b) and (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council is required to pay State Government Land Tax on all Council owned properties in the municipality. This is in the order of approximately 450 properties.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Questions on notice:

John Jessop, 1/29 Marys Hope Road, Rosetta
(received on 16 December 2019)

Mr Jessop submitted the following questions regarding Council's process of investigating the potential sale or disposal of various parcels of Council owned land:

1. The strategic decision-making process:
 - When was this much land last disposed of by Council? What percentage of public land does this represent of total public free open space in the city?
 - When did Council make the decision to dispose of all unneeded land? What was the strategic reason behind this large land sell off?
 - There appears to have been next to no community consultation in the development of the Asset Management Strategy. What consultations were done? What did the initial consultations about the land disposal reveal, why have these not been reported?
 - How does the process used to formulate this strategy align with the Council's Community Consultation policy?
- A. Council's *Open Space Strategy (the Strategy)* was prepared in 2015. It analysed public land within Glenorchy and made several recommendations to improve and plan for public land. One key recommendation in the Strategy was to dispose of public land that does not meet Council's requirements for safe, useable and well-connected places. The properties currently being investigated for potential disposal have been identified within the Strategy and through further fit-for-purpose assessments against the principles adopted in the Strategy.

In-terms of the percentage of land, Council will determine this and advise at (or before) the 23 December Council meeting.

In adopting its 2019/20 Annual Plan, Council made the decision to commence investigations into potential land disposals. The potential benefits of the disposal of surplus land include providing capital to invest in improving sport and recreation infrastructure across the City, investment in other areas of open space, reducing the demand to maintain areas of underutilised open space, and the ability to repurpose land to assist in growing our community.

All consultation undertaken as part of the disposal of land has been in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy and associated framework.

In terms of the Asset Management Strategy, Council receives ongoing feedback from the community and this is at the core of ensuring that that strategy meets

the needs of the community. Council's levels of service are informed not only through customer service requests and community surveys but through feedback from sporting and community groups.

2. The assessment of the 'value' of the land up for sale

- **What were the criteria used to determine the value of the land and its suitability for disposal?**
- **How has Council determined the "long-term" impacts on this land disposal on the community – what are the benefits?**
- **What assessment of future infrastructure upgrades or expansions has been given during assessment that might need to be considered?**
- **How were each parcel of land assessed – what was the actual process?**
- **Has each parcel been assessed from the view of 'why not sell it' rather than what might its other values be? Who should set these values and how should this be done?**
- **Is Council acting fairly and transparently by not detailing all issues with all parcels?**

- A. Through the Strategy, all land was analysed looking at the purpose and value the land currently contributes to Glenorchy's community, and, further, what its value may be in the future in relation to surrounding land use, potential for development, connectivity to other community spaces and its location relative to nearby open space.

There is a hierarchy of open space, and within that hierarchy there are varying categories of open space from social and family spaces, sport and trails to the conservation of values. From the Strategy, a fit-for-purpose assessment criteria is used to evaluate each property against a number of criteria.

With regards to the public land at Barclay Crescent, if Council decides to dispose of this land, a rezoning application would be required and any future development would need to comply with the *Glenorchy Interim Planning Scheme, 2015* (or its replacement).

3. The Community Consultation process

- **Why is some Council land being sold outside of the Community Engagement process?**
- **Will Council initiate a proper Community Engagement process about the use and value of Council land that abides by its own policy?**
- **In good faith should not the current sale process be halted until proper consultations that genuinely engage the Community can be undertaken?**
- **Will one Alderman move a motion to halt the current process to test the importance of proper community engagement to the whole of Council?**

- A. The disposal by Council of any public land must follow the process set out in section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. This includes a formal 21-day

public exhibition period. Council has added the additional step of consulting with the communities affected by any potential disposal before deciding whether to start the section 178 process. This is over and above the statutory requirements. An administrative error did occur with the mail out to residents surrounding Barclay Crescent. This was corrected and residents affected by the potential sale of this property were provided with the opportunity to provide feedback.

Following the initial consultation, all feedback is taken back to Council to decide whether to proceed with the section 178 process or not.

The community consultation and formal advertising for disposal are important steps in the process, as they allow Council to make an informed decision in the best interests of the whole community when deciding on the sale of any parcel of public land. The section 178 process also allows for an appeal against a decision of Council by any person who submitted an objection.

**Judy Drew and James Loxton, 31A Marys Hope Road, Rosetta
(Received 16 December 2019)**

Re: 9 Barclay Crescent – intention to dispose of land

The information Council has made public regarding the Barclay Crescent Reserve suggests that a development of 10 housing units would be possible however:

- Q. The one access point to the Barclay Reserve from Barclay Crescent is narrow with residential fencing running along both sides. Not only would this restrict vehicle access but also create a traffic hazard due to the one entry point being situated where the street starts to corner. What would happen if this one access point became obstructed? Large emergency vehicles would also struggle to gain access.**
- A.** Satisfying town planning and any other regulatory requirements is the responsibility of any potential purchaser of this, or any other, parcel of land. It is up to the purchaser to carry out appropriate due diligence as part of any investigations into whether to purchase the property. Council would assist in providing any relevant information necessary for a purchaser to conduct due-diligence investigations.
- Q. There is major pipework that runs the length of the one access pathway/driveway which is also uneven and unsealed. How would a new access road be constructed without causing damage or blocking access to these pipes? There is also other major pipe work running along 2 boundaries of the Barclay Reserve.**
- A.** As with the previous answer, it is a matter for a purchaser to conduct due diligence as part of any pre-purchase investigations and determine whether they are prepared to purchase the property and whether it is suitable for the type of development they propose (if any).

Q. Could Council information be construed as misleading for a potential developer who may be severely constrained when wanting to build due to poor access and pipework etc. Could Council planning regulations potentially prevent a high-density development on the Barclay land?

A. No. Council has not yet decided whether to sell the Land and it has not been offered for sale. If, and when, it is offered for sale, Council will make all relevant information available.

Further, the site is currently zoned as Open Space. If Council does ultimately decide to dispose of 9 Barclay Crescent, it is Council's intention to apply for the land to be re-zoned to General Residential before it is offered for sale. It would be a matter for a purchaser to then carry out appropriate due-diligence as part of their pre-purchase investigations to determine whether the land is suitable for the type of development they propose (if any).

Q. Does the Council pay land tax for the 9 Barclay Crescent land?

A. Yes.

Alderman Stevenson left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Stevenson returned to the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Questions without notice:

Kaye Smith, Constance Avenue, Glenorchy

Q. Council has said that it is continuing to work with other southern Councils to get a composting process (for FOGO waste) closer to Hobart. Who are the other Councils, how much closer to Hobart, and where is Council currently at with this process?

A. (Mayor) I can't disclose all of the other Councils as some of the others are currently considering this issue in closed meetings. However, I can disclose that we are working closely with Hobart, Kingborough and Clarence. I also understand that Derwent Valley and Brighton are considering the issue.

Q. Council says that the FOGO waste will be broken down by a natural process. What is this natural process?

A. The question was taken on notice.

Q. Council is saying that when you know where this final product is being used you will let the ratepayers know. Is the company receiving the FOGO waste already receiving garden and food waste from other sources, and, if so, why doesn't Council know where they are currently being used?

- A. (Mayor) My understanding is that the company is already processing organic material at the site. With the increased amount that they are receiving from Hobart and Glenorchy there will be more that they can distribute. It will go back into agricultural use, which is one of the key platforms of our FOGO philosophy (returning those valuable nutrients back into our agricultural industry), but we can provide more information about where they will go within the agricultural industry.
- Q. **Council is saying that the survey sent out on FOGO received more than 1,400 responses. Yet the document presented to Council some months ago said 1,339 responses. Which is correct?**
- A. (Mayor) I'll take that on notice, but I suspect that there might have been two different kinds of responses.
- Q. **As per my email to Aldermen dated 20 December 2019 regarding wording on the Council agenda, relating to the AGM on page 29 that I alleged that Hobart City Council had provided a free FOGO service to their ratepayers. I alleged no such thing, so when will that wording be corrected?**
- A. (Mayor) Our records show that that was the case on that occasion and on other occasions as well, so that's why that was included; to make it clear and to clarify any confusion that Hobart is not offering a free service and has actually charged for its FOGO service it through their green waste process.

Shane Alderton, 296 Main Road, Austins Ferry

- Q. **On 4 December 2019 you attended a meeting with representatives of the Glenorchy Ratepayers Association. I have been advised by that group that it is a closed group and attendance at meetings is by invitation only. Could you share what the meeting was about and what was discussed?**
- A. (Mayor) Yes, I can. I try to get out to as many community groups as possible and meet with all sorts of community organisations. When I last met with the Glenorchy Ratepayers Group they wanted to discuss the Derwent Entertainment Centre and Wilkinsons Point Foreshore land in particular. They also wanted to talk about FOGO and to touch base about a whole range of things that are happening at Council at the moment (including community consultation, community yarns etc.), so it was a good opportunity for a general catch up, which I would gladly do with any community group that would like to invite me to one of their meetings.
- Q. **On page 27 of your agenda, regarding the FOGO contracts, it states: *"The contract [for disposing and composting of organic material] is based on the organic waste generated from 20,000 dwellings. Any change to the exemption criteria which significantly reduced the number of dwellings serviced would impact on the volume of waste diverted."***

In relation to that, if a significant number of ratepayers pay the FOGO fee but choose not to partake in the service by not putting their FOGO bins out, what impact will this have on the viability of the service, and will this impact on the amount of waste being generated?

A. The question was taken on notice.

Q. On page 29 you refer to the contractual arrangements for kerbside collection, and state that if the number of dwellings was to decrease by 4,000 then this would increase the cost to Council under the contract by 20%. Once again, if significant number of ratepayers chose to pay the FOGO service fee but not put their bins out, what impact would this have on the viability of that contract.

A. The question was taken on notice.

Q. Regarding the purchasing of FOGO bins, Council is purchasing 19,500 x 240 litre bins, 100 x 360 litre bins and 500 x 140 litre bin lids. Can I ask what will the 100 x 360 litre bins be used for?

A. (Mayor) The 360 litre bins are for unit developments, which also have a larger general waste bin and a larger recycling bin.

Q. How are the 360 litre bins going to be managed? Who will move them from the complex to the kerbside for collection?

A. (Mayor) There are different arrangements for each unit development. We are in the process of contacting each unit complex with shared bin arrangements individually to help determine the best arrangements for them and their circumstances.

Q. Would Council potentially offer ratepayers who can demonstrate that they do not need a 240 litre bin a smaller bin prior to the roll out in February, saving a considerable cost in swapping these bins over later?

A. (Mayor) We are rolling out 240l bins for our residents. I will take the question on notice and get back to you.

Q. Agenda items are discussed at Council meetings. Are these items also discussed at Council workshops and passionately debated prior to actually voting on them at Council meetings?

A. (Mayor) We have a workshop almost every week at 3:30 pm on a Monday. As you will see at the beginning of each Council agenda, we do outline what the purpose of each workshop was. So on tonight's agenda you will see that there have been three workshops in December. These are opportunities for our staff to present to us ideas, concepts and plans to get our feedback. Some of these items then go to Council in the form of a report on the agenda. While we do discuss them broadly, no decisions are made at a workshop (this is very important to note) but it is an opportunity for Aldermen to provide feedback on plans, policies, strategies and issues and to workshop them vigorously.

You will see that sometime items are brought back to several workshops as they are refined further.

Q. Would it be fair to say that this is why we sometimes we don't have a large intense level of debate on some subjects or motions, because this has been done at workshops?

A. (Mayor) We certainly pride ourselves on working collaboratively, particularly with the staff members around particular issues. Staff come to us with informed and expert advice around issues and then provide a report back to Council. I wouldn't take the lack of any discussion around the table as any indication that we haven't robustly discussed things, nor would take it as a lack of interest in any particular topic. There is absolutely no need for everyone to speak to each particular item when we agree with one another. It is important that we keep the meeting moving. There are also certainly differences of opinion around the table, and you will see this with the FOGO issue

Q. When will Glenorchy ratepayers be advised of the outcome of the DEC/Wilkinsons Point agenda item that you are discussing in the closed meeting tonight?

A. (Mayor) Depending on the outcome, we will issue a media statement first-thing tomorrow morning. Depending on this there will be more information to come out in the new year once the State Government has returned to normal business.

Eddy Steenbergen, Marys Hope Road, Rosetta

Q. In your Announcements by the Mayor (item 5 on the agenda) you mentioned that you attended a meeting of the LGAT Charitable Rates Exemptions Steering Committee. Is LGAT looking at the whole business of how we rate charities?

A. (Mayor) I have been elected to LGAT's Charitable Rates Steering Committee. The committee is looking specifically at the rating of independent living units. You might be aware that there was a recent High Court decision in regards to the rating of independent living units. Some Councils had been charging full rates for these units, however the court's decision ruled that they could not do this, and this was an anomaly, the result of the way the relevant section in the Local Government Act was drafted. LGAT has been working with the sector to look at reviewing and reforming the Act to fix that anomaly, to ensure that residents who live in their own homes in the broader community are charged the same rates as residents in independent living units. At the moment there is a 2-tier system, where if you are lucky enough to live in an independent living unit, you still get the same services that Council provides, but you don't pay rates because it is deemed to be 'charitable'. But if you are a pensioner living in your own home, you still have to pay rates. I sit on that committee with the Mayor of Kingborough, the General Managers of Hobart and Brighton and the CEO and President of LGAT.

Q. In relation to Council's Community Yarns (of which we have had two), in-terms

of numbers, how many members of the public attended those events?

- A. (Mayor) I understand that there were 12 at the first one at Claremont, which was a daytime event, and around 20 for the second event which was held in the evening.

Q. What happens to the information from these sessions?

- A. (Mayor) This goes on our website and we will use it to inform our discussions about a range of topics. We will hold a workshop in the new year to discuss the information received and issues raised, as well as the yarns themselves and how they were facilitated etc.

Q. Do we have any information about the free tip days, and whether these were well used and more so than usual?

- A. (Mayor) They were incredibly well used and were an absolute credit to our staff. Despite the doomsday predictions that it was going to be a disaster, it worked incredibly well. We had fantastic and smooth traffic and about 2,500 people attended, which is significantly higher than usual. The feedback from the tollbooth staff has been positive.

Q. Is Council planning more free tip days?

- A. (Mayor) I'm sure we will. We have some lessons to learn from these ones, and we will discuss it further as part of the preparations for our next budget.

Q. In relation to the Child Care Connections policies on tonight's agenda and particularly the Immunisation Policy, it appears that unimmunised children can still attend child care if their parents or guardians sign a statutory declaration stating that they are conscientious objectors. I find this most peculiar. Why is this the case?

- A. (Child Care Delivery Coordinator) Yes, that's correct, children can still attend if they are un-immunised. However they are excluded from care if there is a communicable disease in the centres. This has to be understood by the family at the time of registration. Some families simply prefer not to immunise their children.

Q. Would Council consider removing that exemption when you discuss this item later?

- A. (Mayor) As a Council we take public health and immunisation very seriously. We run a number of immunisation clinics for children and adults and encourage members of the public to be immunized.

Simon Vout, 15 Bourneville Crescent, Claremont

- Q. In relation to the proposed sale of Lot 2, Bourneville Crescent, Claremont, a letter that I received alludes to the fact that the adjacent Claremont Bowls Club has approached the Council with a proposal. The letter states:**

“...this triggered Council to commence an assessment of the land we own next door. If Council approved the disposal of this property, it will allow Council to work with the bowls club on a joint re-zoning and reconfiguration of the foreshore access to be retained from Bourneville Crescent.”

- Q. When are we going to hear about what that proposal is?**

- A. (Mayor) We are still gathering further information about this, and as you correctly state we are still in the proposal stage at the moment. There is a process that we need to go through in these matters and we will be in constant contact, particularly with adjoining neighbours, but also with the broader community to see what that might look like as we go through that process. This will happen in the new year. There is no report on tonight's agenda about this particular proposed disposal, but we are targeting February for being able to provide more information.

John Jessop, 1/29 Marys Hope Road, Rosetta

- Q. Many of the questions and statements about the proposed disposals of Council land (and particularly the land at 9 Barclay Crescent) talk about assessing the land as it currently is, rather than the potential for what it might possibly be, and engaging with the community to explore those possibilities. What has Council been thinking about in relation to expanding its community engagement process to explore the potential future use of the land?**

- A. (Mayor) We have two different consultation processes. The first is an informal one which is not a statutory requirement under the Local Government Act, but Council does it as an additional step. This is where we go and talk to the community more broadly about what they think of the proposed disposal. Through that process we have received some excellent feedback about what people think about the current use of the land and also ideas about what people would like to see that land used for in the future.

The second is the statutory process under section 178 of the Act, which gives limited ability for people to be able to make representations. So the initial stage of consultation is better for flushing out ideas and thoughts.

Q. I understand that the proposed disposal of 9 Barclay Crescent will be considered at Council's February meeting?

A. (Mayor) Yes, that's correct, and the Bourneville Crescent property as well. I understand that Council officers have met with a number of residents about these properties today and that there have been a number of ideas put forward about the future uses of those sites. That feedback will help our officers draft the report for the February Council meeting.

Q. In relation to the proposed disposal of the land that includes the Berriedale BMX track, I've noticed in meetings that you were going to instruct the General Manager to talk with the BMX committee about their future. Does the BMX club want to relocate?

A. (Mayor) The relocation has been contemplated by the BMX club for a number of years (both myself and the two previous mayors had been approached by the club to seek to relocate to Tolosa Park). We are taking their views (received through representations) on board tonight and we have had discussions with the club to make sure that their interests are protected so that we don't disadvantage them in any decision that we might make. This is an ongoing discussion and we are very mindful of their needs. The club is heavily involved in the steering committee for the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park Masterplan so they can have their say about opportunities that might affect them at Tolosa Park in particular.

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

None.

COMMUNITY

Community Goal: “Making Lives Better”

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

File Reference: Mayoral Announcements

Reporting Brief:

To receive the announcements of events by the Mayor for the period from 19 November to 16 December 2019.

Resolution:

THOMAS/RICHARDSON

That Council:

RECEIVE the announcements about the Mayor’s activities during the period from 19 November to 16 December 2019.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

9. CHILD CARE CONNECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

File Reference: Child Care Connections

Reporting Brief:

To recommend that Council adopts eight (8) updated Child Care Connections Policies and Procedures.

Resolution:

SIMS/RICHARDSON

That Council:

1. ENDORSE the following revised Child Care Connections Policies and Procedures:
 - a) Design Building and Grounds Maintenance Policy
 - b) Educational Program and Practice Policy
 - c) Educator Training and Professional Development Policy
 - d) Enrolment and Orientation Policy
 - e) Environmental Sustainability Policy
 - f) Excursion Policy
 - g) Food and Nutrition Policy
 - h) Immunisation Policy

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

10. GLENORCHY ARTS AND SCULPTURE PARK (GASP) ANNUAL REPORT

File Reference: GASP

Reporting Brief:

To present the Annual Report of the Glenorchy Art and Sculpture Park (**GASP**) for 2018-19 to Council for noting.

Resolution:

THOMAS/RICHARDSON

That Council:

RECEIVE and NOTE the Glenorchy Art and Sculpture Park (GASP) Annual Report for the 2018-19 financial year.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

ENVIRONMENT

Community Goal: “Valuing our Environment”

11. FOOD AND GREEN WASTE (FOGO) EXEMPTION CRITERIA REVIEW

File Reference: Waste Management Strategy

Reporting Brief:

To consider a motion passed at Council’s 2019 Annual General Meeting for Council to review its decision on the current FOGO opt out policy and consider following the guidelines as set out by the City of Hobart in relation to their FOGO Policy.

Resolution:

THOMAS/RICHARDSON

That Council:

1. NOTE the following motion moved by Kaye Smith and passed at Council’s Annual General Meeting on 2 December 2019:
That Council, at its next ordinary Council meeting, review its decision on the current opt out policy and follow the guidelines as set out by the HCC in relation to their FOGO Policy on behalf of the over 1400 signatories on the petition for an unconditional opt-out.
2. RECEIVE and NOTE the information contained in the report to Council on the current status of the implementation of Council’s green and food waste (FOGO) kerbside service and the comparison between Council’s and Hobart’s FOGO exemption criteria, and
3. Having considered the information contained in the report, REAFFIRM its decision made on 30 September 2019 to adopt criteria for residents to become eligible for a service review of their FOGO service, without further alteration.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST: Alderman Dunsby.

The motion was CARRIED.

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal: “Leading our Community”

12. INVESTIGATION INTO THE DISPOSAL OF A PORTION OF COUNCIL LAND AT 671 MAIN ROAD, BERRIEDALE

File Reference: Disposal of Council Land Public Consultation 2019

Reporting Brief:

To report back to Council on the outcomes of the community engagement process around the future use and potential long-term disposal of a portion of the Berriedale Foreshore Reserve at 671 Main Road, Berriedale, in accordance with Council’s resolution at its meeting on the 30 September 2019 and recommend that Council:

- proceeds with the public land disposal process for part of the land under section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (**the Act**)
- endorses further consultation with the sporting clubs affected by the potential disposal, and
- explores, in greater detail, the optimal location for a BMX facility into the future.

Resolution:

RICHARDSON/SIMS

That Council:

1. FORM an intention under section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to dispose of public land, being the part of the Berriedale Foreshore Reserve at 671 Main Road, Berriedale outlined in red in Figure 1 in the report to Council (**the Land**)
2. AUTHORISE the General Manager to take all actions necessary to complete public notification of Council’s intention to sell the Land in accordance with section 178 of the Act and Council’s Disposal of Council Land Policy
3. AUTHORISE the General Manager to consider and acknowledge any objection received pursuant to section 178(6) of the Act and report to a future Council meeting, and

4. INSTRUCT the General Manager to undertake further consultation with the sporting clubs at Berriedale in relation to:
 - (a) the optimal location for a BMX park, and
 - (b) identification of suitable arrangements to ensure continuity of use of BMX facilities within the City.
5. INSTRUCT the General Manager to provide a report to Council addressing clause 4 as part of the section 178 process.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston,
Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

13. ADOPTION OF 2020 COUNCIL AND GPA MEETING DATES

File Reference: Council Meetings

Reporting Brief:

To recommend that Council adopts Council and Glenorchy Planning Authority meeting dates and times for the 2020 calendar year.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/KING

That Council:

1. ADOPT the meeting dates and times for Council and the Glenorchy Planning Authority for the 2020 calendar year that are set out in the Schedule in Attachment 1, and
2. NOTE that the General Manager will ensure that a public notice containing the times and places of the ordinary Council meetings and Glenorchy Planning Authority meetings is published in accordance with regulation 7(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

14. MINISTERIAL DIRECTIONS UPDATE REPORT

File Reference: Ministerial Directions

Reporting Brief:

To inform Council of the progress towards completing the action items out of the Ministerial Directions Implementation Plan for the period ending 17 December 2019.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/KING

That Council:

NOTE the Minister's letter acknowledging and thanking the Council's elected members and staff in implementing and satisfying the Ministerial Directions.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

15. PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS - MONTHLY REPORT

File Reference: Procurement

Reporting Brief:

To inform Council of exemptions that have been applied to procurements under Council's Code for Tenders and Contracts for the period 14 November to 12 December 2019 and provide updates on other relevant procurement matters.

Resolution:

THOMAS/RICHARDSON

That Council:

RECEIVE and NOTE the Procurement and Contracts Monthly Report for the period from 14 November to 12 December 2019.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

16. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 30 NOVEMBER 2019

File Reference: Corporate and Financial Reporting

Reporting Brief:

To provide the monthly Financial Performance Report to Council for the period ending 30 November 2019.

Resolution:

SIMS/RICHARDSON

That Council:

RECEIVE and NOTE the Financial Performance Report for the year-to-date ending 30 November 2019 in the form of Attachment 1.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

17. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE

Question without notice – Ald. Thomas

- Q.** In two motions that we have moved this year, one in relation to climate change and one in relation to single-use plastics, we included a resolution that we write to LGAT and the State and Federal Government in relation to the decisions on these items. Has this been done?
- A.** The question was taken on notice.

Question without notice – Ald. Dunsby

- Q.** There was planned to be a green waste disposal day at the Jackson Street Landfill after the general waste day. Did that go ahead and why wasn't it advertised as much?
- A.** (Mayor) Yes, it did go ahead and it was advertised on our Facebook page, the Waste Starts With U website and was also notified to users as part of the promotion of the free general waste weekends.

Resolution:

KING/CARLTON

That the meeting be closed to the public to allow discussion of matters that are described in Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

18. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

Resolution:

RICHARDSON/DUNSBY

That the minutes of the Council meeting (closed meeting) held on Monday, 25 November 2019 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston,
Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

19. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal: "Leading our Community"

17. AUDIT PANEL MINUTES

This item is to be considered at a closed meeting of the Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Regulation 15(2)(g) (Information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the Council on the condition it is kept confidential).

22. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE (CLOSED)

STEVENSON/CARLTON

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Thomas, Dunsby, King, Stevenson, Johnston, Richardson, Carlton and Sims.

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.

Confirmed,

CHAIR