

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Glenorchy City Council
held at the Council Chambers
on Monday, 24 February 2020 at 6:00 pm**



Present: Alderman Kristie Johnson (Mayor), Bec Thomas (Deputy Mayor), Peter Bull, Jan Dunsby, Steven King, Gaye Richardson, Simon Fraser, Melissa Carlton, Kelly Sims

In attendance: Tony McMullen (General Manager), Marian Maclachlan (Executive Assistant to the General Manager) Janina Gauden (Executive Assistant), Bryn Hannan (Executive Officer), Jenny Richardson (Director Corporate Services) Ted Ross (Director Infrastructure and Works), Tracey Ehrlich (Manager Corporate Governance), Samantha Fox (Director Strategy and Development), David Ronaldson (Director Community and Customer Services).

Leave of Absence:

**Workshops held since
last Council Meeting**

Date: Monday, 3 February 2020

Purpose: To discuss:

- Community Yarns debrief
- 2020 Budget process
- Economic Development Strategy update – consultation and final draft

Date: Tuesday, 11 February 2020

Purpose: To discuss:

- Waste Management

Date: Monday, 17 February 2020

Purpose: To discuss:

- DEC / Wilkinsons Point Update

Sixteen (16) members of the public attended the open part of the Council Meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Alderman Ryan.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution:

BULL/RICHARDSON

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 January 2020 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

None.

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

The Chairperson 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

James Bryan - 14 England Avenue, Montrose

- Q:** Under the *Local Government Act* it is the responsibility of Aldermen to notify the Council in writing of any interests that they have declared at Council meetings and the responsibility of the General Manager to ensure that the interest is recorded in the minutes if the meeting and kept in a register. I've got a copy of the register of interests declared by the current Aldermen. I asked to view it and was offered it in an email. On a search of the minutes of Council meetings and extra or special Council Meetings, there appears to be 23 interest declarations by Aldermen. There are less than that on the register.
- A:** The Mayor explained that the information requested by Mr Bryan requires a substantial amount of work to be undertaken by Council staff and is still being collated. The response will be held-over until the next Council meeting.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Shane Alderton – 296 Main Road, Austins Ferry

- Q:** At the Council Workshop held on 17 February 2020, an item discussed related to the sale of Wilkinson Point. When will general public receive an update on the sale?
- A:** [Mayor] As I advised the media today, the State government and LK Group are progressing with negotiations. We will be advertising in tomorrow's edition of the Mercury that a Special Council meeting will be held on Friday, 28 February at 12:00 noon. The public will be provided with an update after that meeting.

Q: When will an update be provided on the remediation works being undertaken at Tolosa Dam?

A: [Mayor] As you would be aware last year, the Council held discussions with TasWater and MONA about different options for remediation of that site. We are progressing those discussions with MONA and TasWater and have engaged a contractor for further design work to be undertaken. An update should be provided in the next few months.

Q: In relation to the grant funding which was received for the building of the skateboard park, can you please provide an update on the progress of the building of the skateboard park?

A: [Mayor] Yes, the consultation concluded at the end of last year, we are collating the information and liaising with our consultants. I understand a report will be issued in March.

Q: I live at Austins Ferry and have a question about FOGO. There is a lot of confusion around the odds and evens collection by Veolia and this is causing problems. Is Council aware of it and does council have any suggestions on how to remediate this confusion?

A: [Mayor] Veolia has liaised with Council on how they best see fit to do the collection. They are the experts in this area and they also collect our recycling and general waste. Veolia has provided us with advice on how they would like to roll-out collection of those particular bins and the Council has written to each individual household and provided advice on when their bins will be specifically needed to put out for collection. The best advice is to read the material the Council has sent out to each individual household around collection.

Q: I spoke with Customer Service about FOGO and it was alluded to me the cost would be approximately \$80 per annum commencing next year. When will the Council make a decision on the cost of FOGO to ratepayers?

A: The Council sets its fees and charges in May of each year and I expect to see an item coming up round the May agenda in relation to all our fees and charges.

Q: Why are Customer Service staff providing that \$80 figure to ratepayers if no decision has been made about the cost?

A: I will follow that up, but I assume it is an estimation of what the cost is likely to be. As I said, nothing will be set until May as is the case with all of our fees and charges.

James Bryan – 14 England Avenue, Montrose

Q: During my search for Pecuniary interest declarations, I found that there were three Glenorchy Planning Authority meetings minutes which were not on the GCC website November and December 2018 and December 2019. To me this is an issue of accountability and when will they be made available?

A: The question was taken on notice.

Q: In the Glenorchy Planning Authority minutes on February 2017 concern was raised on page 11 by the Planning Authority on whether sufficient limitations were in place in the new standards on the Wilkinson Point SAP to control the use of land for large drive-thru bottle shops. What safeguards will be in place to prevent the Derwent Entertainment Centre becoming a new gaming facility and a hub for advertising this industry? Table for Precinct 'C' Derwent Entertainment Precinct at the February Planning Authority meeting it adds a discretionary use for 'Hotel Industry', when comparing this against the use permitted in Table for Precinct A – Sports and Entertainment precinct, it states permitted use is for 'Hotel Industry' but with the following exclusion 'not for the use of gaming machines'. Does this mean sports betting will be possible for these precincts?

A: The question was taken on notice.

Janiece Bryan – 14 England Avenue, Montrose

Q: On 15 March 2017 David Bartlett stated the Glenorchy City Council made a massive investment into basketball. When Alderman voted to dispose of our community facility, were they advised that a significant investment had been made by the Council to support basketball?

A: [Mayor] We are not responsible Mr. Bartlett's statements to media or assumptions he makes about Council's expenditure. All Alderman were well across issues regarding the Derwent Entertainment Centre and were across the budget and expenditure.

The following questions without notice were received from Mrs Bryan in writing at the Council meeting:

Q: Council please supply the amount of money spent on supporting Basketball at the Derwent Entertainment Centre including funds spent from the Capital Works Budgets?

Please include the amount spent on:-

- **Partnership agreement between the Glenorchy community and the Telstra Hobart Chargers negotiated by the Glenorchy City Council in 2016;**
- **New Curtaining System;**
- **New Court;**
- **Corporate Boxes Infrastructure**
- **Electronic Scoreboard for Basketball**
- **Any other improvement not identified such as:-upgrade to bar facilities, extensive upgrade to kitchen, new carpets and flooring, painting, electrical upgrades, new doors, new signage, roof repairs, external storage, consultants, advertising, travel, rebates on fees and charges, repairs to sea wall etc.**

Q: At the meeting on 9th July 2018 when it was voted to dispose of the DEC there was a question by Alderman Fraser as follows:-

Question - Fraser: "We've got the figures here regarding the losses in 16/17, do we have an update on that for 17/18?"

Answer- Ronaldson: The officers.....worked very hard over the last twelve months to reduce ongoing costs of the DEC. We haven't got the final figures for the last annual period. I would be very comfortable in saying that they are less than they were for the 16/17 financial year but not significantly less.

Were Aldermen aware of the significant spending on basketball in these costs before they voted to dispose of our valuable and valued community facility?

Eddy Steenberg, Mary's Hope Road, Rosetta

Q: In relation to the Glenorchy and Hobart Mayors' Public Transport Challenge, given you and Anna Reynolds have both been taking the bus, I wondered what have you learnt from the exercise?

A: [Mayor] The bus challenge between the Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds and myself, aims to highlight the public transport that is available in our city. We would like more people to use it and to encourage a travel behavior shift: Instead of taking their cars to take the bus. I have had some very positive experiences and have learned a lot. For example, as I mentioned on ABC radio today, the 'turn and go' option, where you turn up on the main road and catch a bus in 10-minutes between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday – is a fantastic experience.

However, I have also had some challenges, an example being when I had to be at an Aldermanic workshop at 8.30am on Saturday. I live 1.9 kms away and to catch a bus here I would have had to have left the night before. There are some serious challenges, if you need to travel outside business hours.

A major aim for the challenge is to call on the government to increase public transport funding and to look at better coordination across Southern Tasmania. It is significantly under invested in, we spend approximately three times less on public transport than any other state or territory.

Q: Will there be a follow up with this exercise?

A: [Mayor] Yes, the challenge goes for the month of February. The Lord Mayor and I in March are meeting Ministers to discuss what we found and will highlight this issue. We have made a public transport submission to the State government budget process in November and we will continue to liaise with the government and push our submission for greater funding for public transport.

Q: Can you please advise about the masterplan for KGV precinct?

A: [Mayor] The Council is undertaking a masterplan for KGV, as the Federal government has announced a significant amount of funding for soccer in particular. We need to make sure we maximise this opportunity for our community out of the funding we have secured.

We have a number of users of the KGV site (cricket, football, soccer) on that site. We have YMCA co-located and we want to make sure facilities we set up are not just for current users but incorporate the needs of future users and that we make good use of the Australian government funding.

We will engage with all of the stakeholders on site to ensure we cover-off on facilities such as female change rooms, accessibility to grandstands etc. This is an exercise we are currently undergoing.

Q: In regard to the masterplan for Montrose Bay for the Destination Regional Playground: Is the site plan for the whole Montrose Bay area?

A: [Mayor] We have been lucky to receive a \$2 million grant from the Federal Government towards two Destination Regional playgrounds – one at Giblyns Reserve and one at the Montrose Bay foreshore. We need to plan the site to ensure we make good use of the money we receive.

Apart from the \$2M, we will also be contributing funds towards these projects. The masterplan will ensure we deliver a quality outcome for our residents and taxpayers. We also need to look at the existing facilities. We have recently upgraded toilets, GASP has facilities there and the site needs to be well planned.

Q: What area of Montrose Bay does it cover?

A: [Mayor] Where the playground is, the car park, Montrose Bay yacht club, rowing club and the pontoon area to ensure it is well-structured and utilised.

Q: Will there be consultation on the master plan?

A: Yes, there will be.

Q: Are negotiations ongoing regarding the proposed land swap of the Mill Lane carpark? and how close to resolution is the Council?

A: Yes, negotiations are ongoing. I received an update this morning and we hope to have an outcome shortly.

Q: Can you advise what the outstanding issues are or are they commercial in confidence?

A: They are commercial in confidence.

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

None.

ECONOMIC

8. GLENORCHY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

File Reference: Economic Development Strategy Project 2019/2020

Reporting Brief:

To present Council with the final *Glenorchy Economic Development Strategy 2020 – 2025* for endorsement.

Resolution:

FRASER/RICHARDSON

That Council:

ENDORSE the Glenorchy Economic Development Strategy 2020-2025 in the form of Attachment 1.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

ENVIRONMENT

9. REVIEW OF WASTE SERVICES POLICY

File Reference: Waste

Reporting Brief:

To recommend that Council adopts an updated version of its Waste Services Policy incorporating amendments to include the introduction of the new kerbside FOGO service (Food Organics Garden Organics).

Resolution:

BULL/THOMAS

That Council:

ADOPT the updated Waste Services Policy in the form of Attachment 1.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston, Richardson,
Fraser, Carlton and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

GOVERNANCE

10. APPOINTMENT OF ALDERMEN TO COMMITTEES

File Reference: Committees

Reporting Brief:

To recommend that Council appoints Aldermen to fill the vacant committee and Audit Panel positions created as a result of the resignation of Ald. Matt Stevenson.

Resolution:

KING/BULL

That Council:

1. NOTE that a single nomination was received for each of the vacant positions on the Glenorchy Planning Authority, Audit Panel and General Manager's Performance Review Committee respectively, and
2. APPOINT the nominees to the vacant committee positions as follows:
 - (a) Alderman Ryan to the Glenorchy Planning Authority
 - (b) Alderman Ryan to the Audit Panel, and
 - (c) Alderman Thomas to the General Manager's Performance Review Committee,for the remainder of the current Council term.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

11. QUARTERLY REPORT

File Reference: Corporate Reporting

Reporting Brief:

To provide Council with the Quarterly Report for the quarter ending 31 December 2019.

Resolution:

THOMAS/KING

That Council:

RECEIVE and NOTE Council's Quarterly Report and the Quarterly Annual Plan Progress Report for the quarter ending 31 December 2019.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

12. MID YEAR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

File Reference: Finance

Reporting Brief:

To provide the Mid-Year Financial Performance Review to Council for the seven months ending 31 January 2020, together with the forecast result for the financial year ending 30 June 2020.

Resolution:

RICHARDSON/DUNSBY

That Council:

RECEIVE and NOTE the Mid-Year Financial Performance Report for the period ended 31 January 2020 and forecasted result for the year ended 30 June 2020.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston, Richardson,
Fraser, Carlton and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

13. 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 15 January 2020 to 11 February 2020 and provide updates on other relevant procurement matters.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/RICHARDSON

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Procurement and Contracts Monthly Report for the period from 15 January 2020 to 11 February 2020
2. RESOLVE pursuant to Regulation 27(i) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015* that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for the purchase of Microsoft licences because of an unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, and
3. APPROVE Council entering into a contract and granting a procurement exemption for Microsoft licensing estimated at \$560,000 over 3 years from the 2020-21 and two subsequent budgets, after obtaining quotations in accordance with the Code for Tenders and Contracts.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

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

Question on notice - Alderman Fraser (4 February 2020)

- Q.** Does the Council have a consistent rate charged to each sport to use council facilities? In answering this question, could the General Manager please also inform the Council on:
1. Council capital expenditure towards each sport played in the municipality over the past five years
 2. An estimate of recurrent annual Council expenditure towards each sport (including in-kind)

An estimate of Council expenditure per player by sport.

The Chair advised that Alderman Fraser had submitted a question on notice about funding for sporting facilities, which was accidentally omitted from the agenda.

It was quite a detailed question so we will hold that the answer over until next month.

**Question taken on notice – Alderman Richardson
(from 28 January 2020 Council Meeting)**

- Q. Does Council have a policy or protocol in place as to how to manage Rostered Days Off (RDOs) so as not to interrupt business and that the public is not inconvenienced and do we have a standardised communication procedure around RDOs?**
- A.** The provisions around Rostered Days Off (RDOs) are set out in Clause 3.7 of Council's Enterprise Agreement, which provides as follows:

Clause 3.7 ROSTERED DAY OFF

- 3.7.1 The hours of work of full-time Employees are arranged in accordance with a Rostered Day Off (RDO) system.
- 3.7.2 The RDO system operates on a fortnightly basis.
- 3.7.3 Schedule A Employees work 75 hours (8.33 hours per day) for the first nine days of the fortnight with a RDO to be taken on the 10th day. Schedule B and C Employees work 76 hours (8.5 hours for 8 days and 8 hours for 1 day) for the first 9 days of the fortnight with a RDO to be taken on the 10th day.
- 3.7.3 Upon commencement the Employer shall advise the Employee which day the RDO is to be taken each fortnight. If due to operational requirements the Employer requires the Employee to change their RDO they shall be given 28 days notice.
- 3.7.4 Council will look at ways of making RDO's more flexible in order to better meet the needs of customers, the community, Council and Employees. Council will ensure appropriate customer service coverage for each work area.
- 3.7.5 When a public holiday occurs on a day on which an Employee is on their fortnightly RDO the Employee shall be entitled to a substitute day taken on the next business day unless an alternative agreement is reached in advance with the Employee's Supervisor or Manager.

Practically speaking, the task of managing RDOs falls to area supervisors (Coordinators, Managers and Directors). RDOs are timed to ensure there is as little interruption to normal operations as possible. For example, if there are two officers performing similar roles, their RDOs will be scheduled to fall on opposite weeks so that there was always one officer available.

RDOs are typically taken on Fridays, however some staff take them on Mondays

(or occasionally other days) where this is not practical. Supervisors have the discretion to manage their staff's RDOs to ensure business continuity and service delivery, provided it is consistent with the enterprise agreement.

There is no formal standardised communication procedure around RDOs, however staff are expected to manage their absence in the same way that they would with normal leave (i.e. setting an out of office email reply, performing appropriate handovers of key tasks and diverting phone calls).

Question without notice - Alderman Fraser

Q: After the Deputy Mayor vote on 28 January 2020, the Mercury reported Alderman Thomas had become the new Deputy Mayor but the article insinuated (and I am not suggesting this came out of the Deputy Mayor's mouth), that the Deputy Mayor was solely or individually responsible for the development of the Chapel Street Dog Park and I wondered if the Deputy Mayor or the General Manager would like to correct the record?

A: [Mayor] As the Council spokesperson for the media, we did issue a media statement advising we had elected a new Deputy Mayor included in that was some context about who the Deputy Mayor is and what her passions and interests are and it did include a statement about her involvement in the dog park. It certainly didn't credit the facility to Alderman Thomas but did indicate it was a passion of hers. There are a number of projects each of us champion and I think every alderman has a passion for different things within the city, which is a great outcome as it provides a diversity of projects reflecting our community. It didn't credit Alderman Thomas solely but did acknowledge it was a passion of hers, it was a team effort delivered by our Capital Works program.

I do acknowledge that everyone contributed to the dog park and other capital work projects.

A: [Deputy Mayor] I appreciated the Mayor's words on this matter and thank Alderman Fraser for raising your concern and for asking the question. I do appreciate it and yes, while the dog park is something I am very passionate about and advocated heavily for prior to be elected and post, it is not something I individually take credit for by any means and I do want to correct the record. It is not something I say, I am solely responsible for and I value the support of my fellow alderman and council staff. It was not something that came to council as it was done within existing Council budget, so it is the council officers who are responsible for delivering it and the community who lobbied for it and well before my time.

I do not take credit for it, it is unfortunate it was printed in that light.

Resolution:

KING/FRASER

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 Bull, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston, Richardson,
Fraser, Carlton and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

15. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

Resolution:

RICHARDSON/THOMAS

That the minutes of the Council Meeting (closed Meeting) held on Tuesday, 28 January 2020 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

16. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

None.

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

Resolution:

KING/FRASER

That the operation of regulation 20 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* be suspended for 30 minutes.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston, Richardson,
Fraser, Carlton and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

Alderman Sims left the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Alderman Sims returned to the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Resolution:

KING/BULL

That Council move back into open Council.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston, Richardson,
Fraser, Carlton and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting closed at 7.53 p.m.

Confirmed,

CHAIR