

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Glenorchy City Council
held at the Council Chambers
on Monday, 24 October 2022 at 6.00pm**



Present (in Chambers): Alderman Bec Thomas (Mayor), Alderman Steven King (Deputy Mayor), Aldermen Peter Bull, Melissa Carlton, Gaye Richardson, Jan Dunsby, Simon Fraser and Sue Hickey.

In attendance (in Chambers): Tony McMullen (General Manager), Jenny Richardson (Director Corporate Services), Emilio Reale (Director Infrastructure and Works), David Ronaldson (Executive Manager Stakeholder Engagement), Tina House (Chief Financial Officer), Marina Campbell (Manager Community) and Robbie Shafe (Manager Customer Service).

In attendance (by video link): Marian Maclachlan (Executive Assistant to the General Manager) and Andy Watson (Executive Assistant to the Mayor)

Leave of Absence:

Workshops held since last Council Meeting No workshops held due to Caretaker period

The meeting was live streamed on Council's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. The peak number of viewers watching the live stream was 31 viewers and three members of the public attended in person.

The meeting began with a prayer by Pastor Dave Morse from Your Church.

The Chair acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the original and traditional owners and continuing custodians of the land and their elders, past, present and emerging.

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.02pm.

The Chair read a statement noting that the meeting would be recorded and live streamed to members of the public, and about work health and safety at the Council meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Aldermen Angela Ryan and Kelly Sims.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution:

BULL/KING

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 26 September 2022 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mayor Thomas made the following announcement:

Tonight is the last meeting of this current term of Council and I will take this opportunity to briefly reflect on some of the notable activities of Council during its almost five-year term between January 2018 and October 2022.

Overall, the term was geared towards rebuilding the trust and faith of the community coming out of a period of significant dysfunction as documented in the 2017 Board of Inquiry report.

Council recently received correspondence noting the completion of the requirements under the Ministerial Directions issued by the Minister for Local Government in 2018 following the Board of Inquiry investigation, demonstrating a return to sound governance practices.

In terms of financial performance, Council returned a \$2m surplus in 2021/22, representing a significant turnaround from the ten out of twelve deficits in preceding years.

Other notable activities of the outgoing council include:

- addressed legacy project challenges from the previous Council period, including completion of the KGV sports and community hub and finalisation of lease negotiations with tenants, and negotiating close out of the Derwent Park Stormwater Harvesting Project with the agreement of the Federal Government
- signed the Hobart City Deal and secured \$20m Federal funding for the expansion of the Derwent River Ferry Service through joint advocacy by the Greater Hobart Councils
- secured \$1.5m Federal funding to upgrade 10 playspaces across our municipality and \$100,000 for a new commercial kitchen at the multicultural hub
- provided input into the Greater Hobart Plan
- introduced a FOGO service, diverting a significant amount of waste from landfill
- completed flood repair projects for O'Briens Bridge, Grove Road Bridge and Molesworth Road following the May 2018 flood event
- upgraded public toilets at Montrose Bay Foreshore, Glenorchy Bus Mall and in Moonah CBD
- completed the City's first fully functional dog park

- negotiated a sale agreement to sell the DEC and Wilkinsons Point to the Tasmanian Government
- adopted a COVID-19 Assistance Package to support our community through the pandemic
- established the Glenorchy Jobs Hub, a Council-led, State Government funded initiative to get local people into local jobs
- completed the \$5.8m CBD revitalisation project
- received Tasmanian Planning Commission approval for the Glenorchy Local Provisions Schedule
- finalised the Tolosa Park Master Plan and negotiated co-funding of Stage A for the Tolosa Park Dam Reintegration Works
- completed construction of a new waste disposal cell at the Jackson Street landfill to extend the landfill's life to between 2030 and 2038
- completed project planning and commenced procurement for a \$8.96 million federally funded Junior Soccer Hub at North Chigwell and \$3.84 million upgrades to the existing facilities at KGV Football Park, including a replacement synthetic pitch, lighting upgrades and refurbished change room facilities
- completed a new \$1.18m Federal, State and Council funded project to build a new sports facility building for Glenorchy Stags Rugby Union Football Club, Wellington Cricket Club and Glenorchy Knights football club
- increased investment in asset renewal to catch up on a backlog of much needed infrastructure upgrades in roads, footpaths and stormwater assets
- commenced a targeted service review with the aim of improving financial sustainability and focusing on a "back to basics" delivery of priority Council services for the Glenorchy community
- after a service review, resolved to retain and invest in its childcare service
- improved safety with a security presence in the Glenorchy CBD; and
- increased community engagement through community yarns and pop-up chats.

These highlights are in addition to the core roads, rates, rubbish and recreation and other business as usual activities of the Council.

On behalf of the community, I wholeheartedly thank all other 11 people who served alongside me on Council during the 2018 – 2022 term, as well as the Council staff who supported us during this time.

I appreciate and admire the courage and commitment of my fellow Aldermen in serving our community and end with a particular thanks to those not re-contesting this election – Aldermen Simon Fraser, Gaye Richardson, Melissa Carlton, Peter Bull and Angela Ryan. Best wishes to you all.

The Mayor provided the opportunity for any of the alderman to say a few words due to the Council's term coming to an end.

Aldermen Fraser, Bull, Richardson, Hickey and King all spoke and thanked their fellow aldermen and Council staff for the support that they had received during their term at Council.

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

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

No interests were declared.

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

None.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Questions on notice – Janiece Bryan

The Glenorchy City Council disposal of public land policy states Council will be open and transparent in how it undertakes the sale of Council land and transparently demonstrate the achievement of best value for the community, any transaction can be justified, if questions are asked about market testing and competition, so that's the policies in the policy statement.

Q: At the conclusion of the s. 178 legislative process, who authorises the final sale or lease price?

A: [General Manager] On recent events it has been delegated to the General Manager to take all necessary steps, once the section 178 process has been completed and the disposal of the property has been approved by Council.

Q: I understand in the Local Government Act that Council cannot delegate any of that power to anyone else, so it rests with the full Council and an absolute majority. So how is that happening then?

A: [General Manager] Essentially the decision to dispose of the land is made by the full Council. It is not delegated.

Q: Anything to do with the disposal of land, the delegation sits with Council and absolute majority, and that's in the Act. So I think you need to go back and have a look at the Act.

A: [Mayor] As the General Manager said the decision to dispose of the land through the term of this Council, has always been a Council decision. The delegation provides for the General Manager to act on behalf of Council to dispose of the land.

Q: My understanding is that under the delegations it cannot be delegated. I think that the sale price and the details around the sale of public land or the lease of public land should be open and transparent to the community.

A: [Mayor] Council will provide you with a written response explaining the land disposal process and provide a record of that response in next month's agenda.

Questions on notice – Shane Alderton (received 24 October 2022)

My questions relate to item.8 Activities of the Mayor. seeking some greater transparency please.

Q1: Do all the items listed relate to activities undertaken representing council in the role of Mayor?

Q2: if the answer to question 1 is no can you please explain why any private or campaigning matters would be listed in item 8 Activities of the Mayor.

The following questions relates to some individual events you attended.

Sunday Sept 25 Collinsvale Market

Saturday October 1 Thoroughbred Annual Awards and Dinner.

Monday October 3 Jack Jumpers Game.

Sunday October 9 Jack Jumpers Game.

Saturday October 15 Caulfield Cup Luncheon .

Q3: Were you Representing Council in your role as Mayor when attending any or all of these events ?

Q4: If yes to any could you please advise at which events you represented council?

Q5: What do you believe were the benefits to council and our community by attending these events ?

Q6: Did attending any of these events occur any costs to council?

Q7: If yes, could there have been any cost savings made by not attending these events?

A: As Mayor I consider that the community has an expectation that I am representing them and the Council with the highest level of decorum and integrity wherever I am. Therefore, whether I am attending an event or meeting in an official capacity or not, I consider myself to always be representing Council and the community.

Attendance at community events and participation in stakeholder meetings is crucial to developing and maintaining strong relationships with local industry representatives, businesses and community organisations and, of course, residents and ratepayers. It is a time-consuming but rewarding part of the role of an elected representative and often comes at a personal cost both financially and in sacrificing time that would be otherwise spent on self-care or with family. However, these relationships are essential to achieving outcomes for our City and its people.

For the record, there is no legislative requirement to report on the Activities of the Mayor. However, in the interests of openness and transparency the monthly 'Activities of the Mayor' report is tabled for Council to receive an update on the recent activities undertaken by the Mayor. The content of the report is up to the discretion of the Mayor, and if in doubt as to the relevance of a meeting or event to Council and the community I tend to include rather than exclude items, again in the interests of openness and transparency.

Attendance at these events did not incur any cost to Council.

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

None.

COMMUNITY

Community Goal: "Making Lives Better"

8. ACTIVITIES OF THE MAYOR

File Reference: Mayoral Announcements

Reporting Brief:

To receive an update on the recent activities undertaken by the Mayor.

Resolution:

BULL/FRASER

That Council:

1. RECEIVE the report about the activities of Mayor Thomas during the period from Monday, 19 September to Sunday, 16 October 2022.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

9. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT 2021/22

File Reference:

Reporting Brief:

To provide an annual Customer Service report to Council on the progress of the Customer Service Strategy 2020-25, the level of service provided to the community, and the number and nature of complaints received against Council for the 2020/21 financial year, as required under section 339F(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

Resolution:

HICKEY/RICHARDSON

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Customer Service Report 2021/22 at Attachment 1.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

10. TASMANIAN HOUSING STRATEGY DISCUSSION PAPER SUBMISSION

File Reference: Housing

Reporting Brief:

To seek Council's endorsement of a submission on the Tasmanian Government's Tasmanian Housing Strategy Discussion Paper.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/RICHARDSON

That Council:

1. MAKE a submission on the Tasmanian Housing Strategy Discussion Paper in the terms set out in Attachment 3.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

11. MULTICULTURAL HUB STATE GOVERNMENT SUBMISSION

File Reference: Multicultural Hub

Reporting Brief:

To brief Council on a funding opportunity for continued support for the Multicultural Hub operations.

Resolution:

HICKEY/RICHARDSON

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE this report on the submission for recurrent Multicultural Hub Funding made to the 2023/24 State budget process.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal: “Leading our Community”

12. CAPITAL WORKS STATUS REPORT

File Reference: Capital Works

Reporting Brief:

To provide a quarterly capital works status update report to Council for the period ending 30 September 2022.

Resolution:

BULL/KING

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the capital works status report to the end of the September quarter.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

13. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

File Reference: Corporate and Financial Reporting

Reporting Brief:

To provide the monthly Financial Performance Report to Council for the period ending 30 September 2022.

Alderman Bull left the meeting at 7.12 pm.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/FRASER

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Financial Performance Report for the year-to-date ending 30 September 2022 as set out in Attachment 1.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton and Hickey

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

14. PROCUREMENT AND LEGAL - 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 17 September to 17 October 2022 and provide an update on external legal expenditure.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/KING

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Procurement and Legal Monthly Report for the period from 17 September to 17 October 2022.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton and Hickey

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

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

None.

Under the Council's Election Caretaker Period Policy, Aldermen are not to submit Notices of Motion or submit a Question without notice to a Council meeting.

There were no question on notice submitted for this meeting.

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 Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton and Hickey

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting was closed to members of the public and the live stream was terminated at 7.17pm.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Closed session commenced at 7.18pm.

16. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

Resolution:

DUNSBY/KING

That the minutes of the Council meeting (closed meeting) held on Monday, 26 September 2022 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton and Hickey

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

17. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

None.

Alderman Bull returned to the meeting at 7.19 pm.

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal: “Leading our Community”

18. 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).

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

None.

Under the Council’s Election Caretaker Period Policy, Aldermen are not to submit Notices of Motion or submit a Question without notice to a Council meeting.

There were no question on notice submitted for this meeting.

Resolution:

RICHARDSON/FRASER

That the meeting be moved back into open Council.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.22pm.

Confirmed,

CHAIR