

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Glenorchy City Council
held at the Council Chambers
on Monday, 26 September 2022 at 6.00pm**



Present (in Chambers): Alderman Bec Thomas (Mayor)

Present (by video link): Alderman Steven King (Deputy Mayor), Aldermen Peter Bull, Melissa Carlton, Jan Dunsby, Simon Fraser, Sue Hickey, Angela Ryan and Kelly Sims.

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) and Jill Sleiters (Acting Manager Community).

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

Date: Monday, 19 September 2022

Purpose: To discuss:

- Labor's economic team presentation

The meeting was live streamed on Council's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. The peak number of viewers watching the live stream was 24 viewers and two members of the public attended in person.

The meeting began with a prayer by Pastor Les Batchelor, Minister, Montrose Presbyterian 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 6.00pm.

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

Alderman Gaye Richardson

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:

RYAN/KING

1. Confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 29 August 2022.
2. Publish in the Open minutes the decision of the review of Council's Childcare Service report (Item 22)
3. Publish the General Manager's report as an attachment to the minutes, redacted at the General Manager's discretion.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

None.

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

Questions on notice – Sam Batchelor ASU (received 25 August 2022)

The Australian Services Union is the union representing educators at Glenorchy City Council. We are writing to you on behalf of our members and asking you to consider the following information in relation to the agenda item at the Glenorchy City Council Closed Meeting scheduled for Monday 29 August 2022. The service review of Council's education and care services was first raised with employees on Friday 22 April 2022, four months ago. A Council meeting on the 26 of April followed, where Council agreed to undertake a service review. Prior to this, the education and care services have endured years of reviews dating back to 1999. This constant cycle of review has resulted in a lack of commitment and investment in the services, and an enduring cloud of doubt for employees and families. Revolving reviews and delays in decision making negatively impacts on the services. Educators have been working under immense pressure, with excessive hours and an inability to take leave due to staff shortages. Failing to provide certainty to educators adds to a high level of workplace stress and will likely exacerbate the challenges. This may well result in further absences and educator illness. Alderman Hickey stated at the 26 April 2022 Council meeting that the next elected Council should not endure the "headache" or be "passed the buck" in making a decision and stated that this is an issue "so important" that an amendment was made to the motion to ensure a decision could be made prior to the October 2022 Council Elections. Educators are urging Council

to act at the meeting to provide certainty to employees and families alike regarding a decision on the Service Review by Council. Namely:

Q1. Will Council ensure that a decision is made at the Monday 29 August 2022 meeting in relation to the Service Review of education and care; considering the urgency discussed at the April 2022 Council meeting and will Council bring back to open session any resolutions of Council that occur in the closed session and the commissioned report? If a decision is not reached and Council will move to an Election Caretaker Period from 3 September 2022 through until 2 November 2022, what will be Council's new timeline and commitment to making a decision be if a resolution is not reached regarding the service review?

A: Council will be considering Child care Services Review in the closed section of the agenda for the meeting being held Monday, 29 August 2022. Prior to this item being discussed, Council cannot provide assurances that a decision will be made at the meeting.

A decision will not be brought back to the open session of the meeting due to the confidential nature of any outcomes and the requirement to inform all educators and families utilising the service in the first instance. This is scheduled to occur on the evening of Tuesday, 30 August 2022. Council will issue a media release on Wednesday, 31 August 2022.

Council may consider moving any decision into the Open minutes at the September Council meeting.

Q2. Education and care is only guaranteed up until 22 December 2022. Families and employees deserve to be provided with certainty. What measures will be in place for families and employees if a resolution is not reached noting Council's approach to staffing has not been sustainable. What immediate and future plans (depending on the outcome of a decision) do Council have to address staffing and ensure Educator's overall health, wellbeing and mental health is protected under the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (Tas)?

A: Council will provide an update on this question after the decision of the 29 August 2022 meeting is known however, in addressing the staffing shortages and educator's overall health and wellbeing, Council has temporarily closed the centres on Fridays weekly through until the 22 December 2022 to allow staff to take leave breaks and provide sufficient staffing across both centres Monday – Thursday.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Questions on notice – Jan Bryan, Montrose (received 19 September 2022)

Q1. At the August 2022 GCC Meeting, it was stated that the value of the Whitestone Point infrastructure transferred to Council was approximately \$16 million. Did Council contribute any funds or resources to the building of the Whitestone infrastructure? If so, how much was spent by Council?

A: Council did not contribute to any funds or resources to the building of the Whitestone infrastructure. Subdivisions transfer infrastructure to the Council ownership once completed.

Shane Alderton, Main Road Austins Ferry

Q1: The Claremont community has showed great interest in the Claremont Primary School site and the Montrose Bay development. On Wednesday, 31 August as Mayor you met with the Windermere Bay developer and architect. Are you able to share any detail regarding that meeting with the developer and do have any news for the community?

A: [Mayor] Yes, the General Manager, Director Reale and I met with the developer and the architect working on the Windermere Bay development project. Obviously COVID has had a significant impact on the building industry and the development sector and they have been reconsidering the scope of the project at Windermere Bay.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide us with an update and to advise the project is still being worked on, but potentially looking at reducing the number of dwellings compared to the original 315 proposed. Once they have more certainty around what the proposal will look like, they will communicate with us and the community.

The meeting came about because when we did our pop-up at Claremont Village, we received a lot of questions about what's happening at Claremont and a lot of concern was raised by community members who advised the site looks run down and asking if the developers could look at demolishing some of the dilapidated buildings and asking if Council could make this request.

Based on this feedback, I wrote to the developer on behalf of the community raising that there was concern from members of the community who would like to see something happen at the site and even if they're not planning to develop it in the immediate term, could they at least tidy it up and demolish some of the buildings.

In response, the developer reached out and offered to meet with us on site and take us through what is happening with the proposal and he also did give an undertaking that they would look into demolishing some of those dilapidated buildings in the short-term. I think this is positive news for the community.

Q2: Did you also take the opportunity to point out our concerns in regards to the potential fire hazard , the high grass and everything, was there any undertaking to address these concerns?

A: {Mayor} Yes, I did. There had been fire there just that weekend and he certainly was concerned that that had happened. He is also concerned about the community's perception and he wants to keep the community happy. He did give an undertaking that they will maintain the site more proactively and certainly we've issued abatement notices in the past to ensure that they do keep the grass down.

Q3: You mentioned there is going to be a reduced development in size, shape etc. this would need to go back through the GPA process wouldn't it? Does that mean it would go back through the entire process it went through with the previous application and what does this mean for that previous application, if a new application is submitted? Does that mean that the proposal is dead in the water and superseded? My understanding is planning matters don't have an expiry date?

A: [Mayor] Recipients of planning approvals need to substantially commence works within two years of a DA being issued. So effectively they have until March next year to commence works under the current planning scheme. There is no building permit as yet, however, the applicants can apply for an extension.

Q4: Therefore, the original monstrosity in my point of view that was approved, if nothing occurs in a two-year period then that plan is either finished, unless they seek an extension to it, it can't go ahead? They will need to go through the whole planning process again?

A: [Mayor] Correct, unless they do submit a new development application. One would expect that they wouldn't be following through with their original permit.

Q5: Would the new development application override the previous development application?

A: [Mayor] No, the other would still be valid for the life of the permit.

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:

KING/RYAN

That Council:

RECEIVE the report about the activities of Mayor Thomas during the period from Monday, 22 August to Sunday, 18 September 2022.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

9. HOUSING ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022

File Reference: Housing

Reporting Brief:

To present the annual Housing progress report to Council.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/KING

That Council:

RECEIVE and NOTE this 2021/22 annual report on action taken to progress its Statement of Commitment on Housing.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal: “Leading our Community”

10. UPDATED COUNCIL POLICIES

File Reference: Council Policies

Reporting Brief:

To present the Telecommunications Infrastructure on Council Property Policy for rescission.

Resolution:

RYAN/FRASER

That Council:

RESCIND the 2017 Telecommunications Infrastructure on Council Property Policy set out in Attachment 1.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

11. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2022

File Reference: Corporate and Financial Reporting

Reporting Brief:

To provide the monthly Financial Performance Report to Council for the period ending 31 August 2022.

Resolution:

FRASER/KING

That Council:

RECEIVE and NOTE the Financial Performance Report for the year-to-date ending 31 August 2022 as set out in Attachment 1.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

12. 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 18 August to 16 September 2022 and provide an update on external legal expenditure in accordance with the Ministerial Directions.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/BULL

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Procurement and Contracts Monthly Report for the period from 18 August to 16 September 2022;
2. NOTE the Minister for Local Government's letter dated 9 September 2022 advising that Council's reporting obligations under the Ministerial Directions are now complete.
3. APPROVE reversion to exception reporting to Council of procurement exemptions below \$250,000 in accordance with cl. 28(j) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*, noting that any exemptions above \$250,000 require explicit Council approval.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

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

Under the Council's Election Caretaker Policy, Aldermen will not 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/RYAN

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, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Fraser, Carlton, Sims and Hickey

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting was closed to members of the public and the live stream was terminated at 6.56pm.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Closed session commenced at 6.56pm.

14. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

Resolution:

KING/RYAN

That the minutes of the Council meeting (closed meeting) held on Monday, 29 August 2022 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

15. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Under the Council's Election Caretaker Policy, Aldermen will not 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/RYAN

That the meeting be moved back into open Council.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.59pm.

Confirmed,

CHAIR