



Meander Valley Council
Working Together

ORDINARY MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 8 October 2019

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Meander Valley Council held at the Council Chambers Meeting Room, 26 Lyall Street, Westbury, on Tuesday 8 October 2019 at 4.00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy-Mayor Michael Kelly, Councillors Stephanie Cameron, Tanya King, Frank Nott, Andrew Sherriff, Rodney Synfield and John Temple

APOLOGIES: Councillor Susie Bower

IN ATTENDANCE: Jonathan Harmey, Acting General Manager
Executive Assistant, Merrilyn Young
Dino De Paoli, Director Infrastructure Services
Matthew Millwood, Director Works
Lynette While, Director Community & Development Services
Justin Marshall, Acting Director Corporate Services
Patrick Gambles, Community Development Manager
Jo Oliver, Senior Strategic Planner
Krista Palfreyman, Development Services Co-ordinator
Marianne MacDonald, Communications Officer

170/2019 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Councillor King moved and Councillor Sherriff seconded, ***“that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 10 September, 2019, be received and confirmed.”***

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

171/2019 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Date :	Items discussed:
24 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Council website update• Northern Prison announcement outcomes• New land purchase options – Council Depot• Community Plan 2020-30 process• School intake areas update• Draft Cat Management Amendment Bill – Open for Public Comment• Review of Policy No. 34 – Real Estate Advertising Signage• Review of Council Policies No. 45 – Information Management and No. 86 – Industrial Development Incentive• Kerbside recycling collection and disposal service• GM Recruitment elected member discussion

172/2019 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

10 September 2019

Council Meeting – Westbury

13 September 2019

Queen's Birthday Honours Function – Government House, Hobart

17 September 2019

Meeting with Deloraine Football Club – Deloraine

20 September 2019

Farewell to General Manager – Westbury

Deloraine Football Club Annual Dinner – Deloraine

21 September 2019

Opening of Westbury Garden Club Spring Flower Show – Westbury

24 September 2019

Council Workshop – Westbury

30 September 2019

Northern Prison Announcement – Westbury

5 October 2019

NTFA Annual Dinner & B& F – Launceston

173/2019 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Frank Nott

On Thursday 3 October, I attended the Stepping Stones 3 Day Camp at Hagley Farm School for 11-14 year olds.

I spoke with participants and answered the questions on the role of a Councillor at Meander Valley Council.

Thanks to Vicki Jordan as the co-ordinator for the invitation and congratulations to those who attended and those who assisted in running this program.

174/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

- 185/2019 Deputy-Mayor Michael Kelly - Policy Review No. 86 – Industrial Development Incentive
- 188/2019 Deputy-Mayor Michael Kelly - Design & Construction of Bridges – Jackey’s Marsh Area
- 180/2019 Councillor Tanya King - 2019-2020 Community Incentive Grants Application Assessments

175/2019 TABLING AND ACTION ON PETITIONS:

Nil

176/2019 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – SEPTEMBER 2019

Nil

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – OCTOBER 2019

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – OCTOBER 2019

3.1 H. Hutchinson

- (a) A question was put to Councillors before the September meeting by a ratepayer and I want the Council to please advise me whether this question about declaring a climate emergency was taken to a council workshop, which authorities were consulted to provide information on the climate emergency, and whether the increasing likelihood of severe bushfires was taken into consideration given I believe there is still no budget allocation for addressing such events?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

The matter was discussed at the Council Workshop on 24 September 2019 under General Business. No external consultants were asked to provide input and at this point Council has not considered a climate emergency at a Council meeting.

3.2 Di Robinson - Westbury

Why has there been no public consultation prior to any proposal of a prison at Westbury?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

There was an announcement last Monday by the State Government about their preferred site for the Northern Prison.

Council did decide in December 2017 that it would write to the State Government and express interest for a Northern Correctional Facility to be built at the Ashley Detention Centre. The former Mayor formalised this in a letter to the Premier in February 2018. So, Council did write around that site. As Council we believe the Ashley site was not considered by the State due to the United Nations Convention which states "that every child that is deprived

of liberty shall be separated from adults”, which is taken to mean the youth detention and the adult detention will be kept separate. Currently there is a State Government consultation in progress for those that are interested in why the Ashley site was discounted by the State the question would be best placed to them.

As far as the conditions around why the State Government chose the site at Valley Central off Birralee Road there is some commentary in the media statements, where the State Government advise that they went through an assessment process and based on the conditions that they desired for a correctional facility, the preferred site off Birralee road best met those needs.

The question around the location of the preferred site will be for the State Government, the consultation they’ve advised us started last Monday. We are aware there are consultation sessions commencing this Thursday and the question around the preferred site and how they arrived at that particular property is a question for the State Government it’s not Council’s choice around their preferred site.

3.3 P Wright

As a ratepayer and new home builder in the township of Westbury I am concerned at the property values reducing or stagnating because of this impending bad planning of a prison.

Will the State Government or Meander Valley Council be liable to fund the difference in valuations?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

I cannot speak on behalf of the State Government but Council will not be liable for any change in property values if a correctional facility is constructed by the State Government at the Valley Central industrial area.

3.4 D Matthews

Council had a meeting re caravans in recreation grounds – how come they can allow Government to consider building a max prison in a beautiful historic town like Westbury without discussions with ratepayers in this town.

It is taking away “freedom of choice” of the people who vote for you?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

The Northern Prison proposal is a State Government project. They have established a dedicated website, email and phone number along with

community consultation sessions commencing this Thursday at Fitzpatricks Inn, Westbury. I encourage you to submit your feedback to the State so that it is considered in their process.

3.5 Rosemary McKinnon

My question is about clarity. What is the timeline and process that occurred when Meander Valley Council released its EOI to the State Government indicating that the preferred site for a prison be at Ashley?

This is in relation to finding the result of this EOI is a different site.

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

The former Mayor wrote to the Premier in February 2018 to express interest for a Northern Correctional Centre to be built next to Ashley Detention Centre. In September 2018 the State Government wrote to Council and requested assistance in facilitating contact between private land owners and the Department, or by providing information about the EOI to private land owners. As mentioned earlier we believe that the Ashley site had been removed from the State assessment process by that stage. In September 2018 Council's General Manager approached five private land owners to make them aware of the EOI process the State Government was undertaking. The EOI's submitted were not Council's but private land owner's EOI's.

3.6 L Howard

Who is the company recruiting for employment positions?

Has the council through about the reputation for Westbury long-term?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council is not aware of the recruitment company the State Government will use if a correctional facility is constructed by the State Government at the Valley Central industrial area.

The State Government announcement occurred last Monday 30 September, Council has been involved in many discussions in the past week about the effect of a correctional facility, if the State Government's preferred site at Valley Central is successful, however no actions have been determined at this time.

3.7 David Gibson

What are the community benefits of siting a prison providing regular day release for prisoners in our historic country town and opposite a major drug factory?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

I appreciate the point that is being made by the question; Council has not assessed the benefits at this stage. We anticipate more information will be provided by the State Government in the coming weeks and months.

3.8 Ian Robson

How many of the decision makers in the debacle live in or close to Westbury?

Is the Council, or has the Council, been made privy, or been given to the State Government business case or plan for the proposed facility, or is Council just proceeding blindly?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

It was clarified that Ian was referring to the decision makers in the State Government process and not the elected members of Meander Valley Council. Council has not been involved in the State Government's decision making process for the preferred site of the Northern Prison. Council has not been provided with a list of stakeholders involved in the decision and as such cannot answer the question.

Council has only seen the information that has been provided by the State Government on their website and media statements. There is a concept plan which provides a high level picture of the preferred site. We have not been provided with a business plan for the proposed facility at this stage, we expect this will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

3.9 D Swan

Council will be aware of the overwhelming opposition being expressed to the siting of the new prison.

Will these people who feel completely disenfranchised from the process and who will ultimately bear the major burden of the decision be allowed direct access to the planning process so they can express their view by way of formal written submission and what action will Council itself be taken to ensure their view are properly and publicly represented to the State Government?

Response by Senior Strategic Planner, Jo Oliver

The legislative process to assess the State Government's application for a planning scheme amendment, to facilitate the proposed Northern Prison, provides for a statutory public notification period whereby the public can make written representations. All representations, either objecting to, or in

support of the proposal, will be formally considered by Council as a Planning Authority and also by the Tasmanian Planning Commission, who are independent of Government, and make the final decision on planning scheme amendments. All representations made during the notification period are public documents and would be considered in a report at an ordinary Council meeting.

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

While the opinion of many community members at our meeting today is in opposition to the Northern Prison preferred site at Valley Central, Council has also received correspondence from members of the community that are in support of the preferred site.

3.10 Peter Wileman

Is the Council, or has the Council, been made privy, or been given access to the State Government's business case or plan for the proposed facility, or is Council just proceeding blindly and will they withdraw its application for this prison based on the State Government offering something other than that requested in 2017?

Has the Council factored in the projected decline in real estate values of existing businesses and future land sales for properties on the industrial estate site?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council did write to the State Government in February 2018 to express interest for a Northern Correctional Centre to be built next to Ashley Detention Centre. Council has not submitted an application for a prison, Council's General Manager assisted private land owners with making their own submission. Council has no application to withdraw. Council has not undertaken any work on property values at the industrial estate if a correctional facility is constructed by the State Government at the Valley Central industrial area since the State Government announcement last week.

3.11 Thomas Paterson

Was the land sold and is the sale subject to conditions?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council has not been involved in any negotiations for the sale of land at the preferred site for the Northern Prison. We are not aware that the land has been sold at this time. I personally expect that the parties would be in negotiation, or an agreement has been reached for the sale of land, if the prison is to be constructed by the State Government at the Valley Central industrial area.

3.12 H Gee – did not leave questions

3.13 Kate Bennett

Is the infrastructure (water, power, sewerage) going to be upgraded to cope with increased demand?

Are emergency services going to be increased to 24 hour availability in Westbury (Police, Fire Ambulance)?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

We have not been advised by the State Government of planned upgrades associated with a Northern Prison project. This will however be an important aspect if a correctional facility is constructed by the State Government at the Valley Central industrial area. There may be upgrades required to infrastructure such as the sewerage treatment plant to accommodate the additional connections. There may be improvements required in social services such as public transport to meet the needs. The State Government will have a role in the planning of service upgrades and Council would also need to consider if there are infrastructure requirements required to support the community.

3.14 C Donaldson

Was there an embargo, or other instruction or directive at any time, placed on Council by the State Government, to prevent information from being released by Council to the community about a prison at Westbury?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

There was a meeting with representatives from the State Government at the end of August. There were three Council officers and the mayor at that meeting, all of which were required to sign confidentiality agreements that required them to not release information discussed.

Response by Mayor, Wayne Johnston

As Mayor I was invited to come and sit with the Department of Justice and other representatives to receive information from them about their Northern Prison project. I was unable to enter the meeting room without signing a confidentiality agreement. I understand this is standard practice and the State Government were meeting with other representatives, at other Municipalities, where land owners had submitted EOI's for the Northern Prison site.

3.15 Linda Poulton

I note Council's manager approached landowners to see if they wanted to submit and EOI. It appears council's Manager was pro-active in approaching the landowner in question.

Did that occur?

Did Council's General Manager approach the landowner

***Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey
Council received a request from the State Government in September 2018 to assist in facilitating contact between private land owners and the State Government, or providing information about the EOI process to private land owners. The General Manager considered there were a numbers of properties in the municipality that could meet the requirements for such a development. I can see that the General Manager made contact with five private land owners to provide them with information about the State Government's process. The General Manager assisted two of these private land owners with submitting their EOI to the State Government in November 2018.***

3.16 M Dwyer

Respect and admiration for law-enforcers who keep us safe but why would a prison not be built in a secluded area. Crown land bush away from sight of town and passing motorists, eg Maryborough Queensland prison not visible. Old saying – ought of sight, out of mind.

Somewhere is expansion occurs it will not be a further eyesore to local residents.

***Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey
Council is not aware of all of the conditions the State Government established in the selection of their preferred site for the Northern Prison. It is expected that the services at the site and proximity to major traffic routes would be considered. You are correct that the State Government owns much land in remote areas and they will have considered this in their assessment process for the preferred site.***

3.17 D Fitzgerald

No written questions provided.

3.18 A Wennagel

No written questions provided.

3.19 L Delatour

How do we stop the prison from being built in our village?

I feel deceived by my local and state government and fear that their new found transparency has come too late, that my beloved Westbury Village, with its beautiful green and Town Common, its historical and heritage building and churches will be forever lost to the Prison town tag line.

Response by Councillor, Frank Nott

We were advised that there will be a community engagement process run by the Department of Justice, once the potential sites are listed. We had no knowledge at all, until last Monday officially and so, therefore don't blame Council. I feel deceived by the State Government.

Response by Mayor, Wayne Johnston

Council will have a role as a planning authority, we have no development application before us at this time. A Northern Prison project is not proposed to be on Council owned land.

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

The State Government is currently undertaking community consultation. There is a session being conducted at Fitzparicks Inn Westbury on Thursday and another next week, if you are unable to make this there is a dedicated website, email address and phone number. I encourage all of those interested parties in the community to provide their feedback through those channels so that all opinions are heard and considered by the State Government as they develop their Northern Prison project.

177/2019 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

1. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – SEPTEMBER 2019

1.1 Councillor John Temple

1. Within tourism circles in Europe, is a World Heritage Listed Site said to be worth a million tourists a year?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

There are likely to be many claims in European tourism promotion, this could certainly be one saying.

2. Does the Meander Valley Municipality have more natural World Heritage Listed Sites than any other municipality in either Australia, the Southern Hemisphere or the World?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

The Meander Valley Council area is well represented in the "Tasmanian Wilderness" World Heritage Listing, I cannot categorically confirm that it has more natural World Heritage Listed Sites than any other municipality in the World.

3. If so, (re question 2) why does the Meander Valley Municipality not market itself to tourism as having a wealth beyond measure in natural World Heritage Listed Sites?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

The Meander Valley municipality has many tourism operators that adopt a range of marketing strategies for their businesses. In 2015 the Great Western Tiers Tourism Association identified a strategy of "A drive of History and Mystery". In 2017 the Great Western Tiers and Meander Valley Destination Plan identified a strategy to "position the Meander Valley as the short walk destination of Tasmania".

4. Did the United States of America purchase, acquire, Louisiana from France in 1803; California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and parts Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico from Mexico in 1848; and Alaska from Russia in 1867?
5. If so, (re question 4) why would anyone be surprised when the U.S.A. expressed an interest in purchasing Greenland from Denmark last month?

6. Is it unlikely, but remotely possible, that we could wake up one morning and find that the U.S.A. is interested in purchasing the Meander Valley Municipality?
7. If the Meander Valley Municipality was sold to the United States, would we become the 51st State of the Union (we are approximately 20% larger than the State of Rhode Island), with our residents being dual citizens and Mayor Wayne Johnston being our first Governor?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

The above questions include opinion from the writer rather than questions that relate to the activities of Council.

8. Would the future Westbury International Airport have daily direct Boeing 787 "Dreamliner" flights to and from Los Angeles and San Francisco whereby the Meander Valley would benefit from a tourism boom?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council is not aware of any proposed Westbury International Airport.

9. Would our out of season fresh produce be on sale in Los Angeles and San Francisco? (re question 8)
10. With the strength of the U.S. National Parks Service behind us, would a road be put through to a point within reasonable walking distance of Meander Falls and would the Kubla Khan Cave be open to the public and become one of the world's "must see" caves?
11. Would there be an Air Base here and for us to no longer rely on, is it Darwin for our defence?
12. Would there be hard customs borders between us and neighbouring municipalities?
13. If we know the answer to that question (question 12), could we perhaps advise Great Britain on Brexit?
14. What are the extra, good new things we can do for ourselves in the event that we are not sold to the U.S.A.?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

The above questions include opinion from the writer rather than questions that relate to the activities of Council.

2. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – OCTOBER 2019

2.1 Councillor John Temple

1. Is Council aware that since the television news item several weeks ago regarding a potential prison that an average of six ratepayers a day have visited my gallery to talk about a potential prison of which only two have been in support and one even handed, the rest being totally negative?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council is now aware of the visitation to Councillor's Temple's gallery; I note these comments were made by Councillor Temple to the Examiner newspaper in the edition 1 October 2019.

2. Has the direction of Council ever gone beyond the minute of December 2017 namely; "that Meander Valley Council write to the State Government to express interest for a Northern Correctional Centre to be built next to Ashley Detention Centre"?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

In late 2017 the State Government announced that they were committed to finding an appropriate site for a new correctional facility in the north of the state. On 12 December 2017 Council decided to write to the State Government to express interest for a Northern Correctional Centre to be built next to Ashley Detention Centre. The Mayor formalised this letter to the Premier in February 2018. Council has not considered the Northern Prison process at a formal Council meeting since December 2017 but has continued communication on the matter since this time, as outlined in the answer to question 3.

3. Under whose direction did the then General Manager meet with DOJ in May last year, then prepare the EOI and to target some specific sites, then approach the landowner in September last year and to then have been working closely with them through the EOI assessment and due diligence process as first advised to Councillors on 12/09/19?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

It is common for Council employees to support private residents where they may need assistance in working toward, and through, regulatory processes. The General Manager was contacted by the State Government in September 2018 due to the previous decision of Council and letter from the Mayor, as outlined in the answer to question 2. Correspondence from the State Government (including Expression of Interest (EOI) details) were provided to the elected members in confidential Weekly Correspondence on 26 September

2018 and 15 October 2018. The project was noted in confidential Briefing Reports on 22 November 2018. The General Manager sent an email to all elected members on 27 September 2018 which provided an update on the Northern Prison project and noted he would approach private land owners in the municipality to see if they would like to submit an EOI. The General Manager discussed the EOI process with a number of land owners. The General Manager briefed the new Mayor on the project following his election in early November 2018. The EOI process closed on 22 November 2018. The General Manager sent an email to all elected members on 22 November 2018 notifying them of the EOI applications that had been submitted on behalf of land owners, with the assistance of the General Manager. The General Manager attached the submitted EOI documents to that email so that the elected members were aware of the land owners that were assisted through the EOI documentation.

4. Will the Meander Valley Council contact other councils in regional and rural Australia where prisons have been constructed to learn of their experiences?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

The Mayor and Acting General Manager attended the public announcement on the State Government's preferred Northern Prison site in Valley Central, just outside of Westbury, on 30 September 2019. Council is yet to determine any actions subsequent to the State Government announcement.

5. Will the State Government have a formal Community Consultation Process and if so in what form will this take?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Yes, the State Government have advised in their media statements that community consultation has commenced on 30 September 2019. Council has not been provided with details of their community consultation process, it is noted that a dedicated website has been set up (<https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/strategic-infrastructure-projects/new-northern-prison>) which provides opportunity to ask questions at email: northern.prison@justice.tas.gov.au, and phone: 0417 529 826.

6. What is the role of Council during the State Government's Community Consultation Process?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council will assist in creating awareness of the State Government process and assisting members of the community with providing their feedback to the State

Government. Council is yet to determine any further consultation actions subsequent to the State Government announcement.

7. What is the role for Councillors during the State Government's Community Consultation Process?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

It is expected that Councillors will assist in creating awareness of the State Government process and assisting members of the community with providing their feedback to the State Government.

8. Will the Meander Valley Council have its own Community Consultation Process and if so in what form will this take?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council is yet to determine any actions subsequent to the State Government announcement. The Northern Prison is a State Government project and they will be conducting community consultation.

9. What is the role for Councillors during the Meander Valley Council's Community Consultation Process?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council is yet to determine any actions subsequent to the State Government announcement and no Meander Valley Council's Community Consultation Process is currently planned. Councillors are aware however that they will have a role as members of the Planning Authority for any development application.

3. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – OCTOBER 2019

3.1 Cr John Temple

1. Why did the General Manager approach other land owners when the motion of Council related solely to the Ashley site?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council received a request from the State Government in September 2018 to assist in facilitating contact between private land owners and the State Government, or providing information about the EOI process to private land owners. The General Manager considered there were a numbers of properties in the municipality that could meet the requirements for such a development. I can see that the General Manager made contact with five private land owners

to provide them with information about the State Government's process. The General Manager assisted two of these private land owners with submitting their EOI to the State Government in November 2018. The elected members were advised in September 2018 that the General Manager would approach private land owners in the municipality to see if they would like to submit an EOI.

2. Since Council endorsed Ashley as a potential prison site 22 months ago has there been any community backlash?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

We received no formal correspondence from the community on the decision of Council from December 2017 until the State Government announced their preferred site for the Northern Prison on 30 September 2019.

3. Why has there been such a community backlash over the Westbury site?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

There has been much conversation in the community following the State Government announced their preferred site for the Northern Prison on 30 September 2019. There has been feedback in support of the site and also a number against the site at this stage. The concerns I have received are based on a range of positions including desire for more information about the proposed prison's operations, community members being able to have their position heard, security of a Northern Prison and perceived effect on an individual property's value.

4. Is it not time to look at the Ashley site again, perhaps even with the youth moved to another location?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

As I have previously advised Council did decide in December 2017 that it would write to the State Government and express interest for a Northern Correctional Facility to be built at the Ashley Detention Centre and the former Mayor formalised this in a letter to the Premier in February 2018. Council did write around the Ashley site. As Council we believe the Ashley site was not considered by the State due to the United Nations Convention which states "that every child that is deprived of liberty shall be separated from adults", which is taken to mean the youth detention and the adult detention will be kept separate. Any decision around the preferred site for the Northern Prison would be a decision for the State Government as the project is a State Government project.

5. Does the State Government simply see Westbury as being collateral damage in their desire for a northern prison?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

This question is best directed to the State Government, it does not relate to the activities of Council.

6. Will the State Government be opening the Westbury Police Station on a 24/7 basis? And will the regional police headquarters be moved from Deloraine to Westbury?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

This question is best directed to the State Government, we have not received any advice about police services since the State Government announcement of the preferred site on 30 September 2019.

7. Will property values go down and if so by what percentage?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council does not have an opinion on increases or decreases in property values if a Northern Prison is constructed in our Municipality.

8. Will the State Government provide residents with appropriate training to handle incidents such as lockdowns or prison escapes?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

This question is best directed to the State Government, it does not relate to the activities of Council.

9. What will the State Government compensation package be for business who wish to leave in an event of a downturn in their business?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

This question is best directed to the State Government, it does not relate to the activities of Council.

10. What will the economic benefits be for Westbury? What studies can the council cite to indicate that there will be a positive economic benefit for the community?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council has not undertaken any economic modelling since the State Government's announcement of the preferred site for the Northern Prison last week.

11. Will socio economic status of Westbury change? If so, in what way?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

The influence on the socio economic status of individuals in the community, if a Northern Prison is built in the municipality, is unknown at this early stage.

12. With the number of both Australian and American studies looking at the effects of prisons on small country towns, will the council indicate what studies it will be investigating to establish whether the socio-economic profile will be damaging to Westbury?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council has not made a decision on the studies it will be investigating at this time. If the preferred site for the Northern Prison at Valley Central does proceed, Council will be investigating the services we can provide to support the community.

13. What investigations have the council completed to research the possible impacts on trade for the industrial site?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

The State Government only announced their preferred site for the Northern Prison last week, no research on the impacts of trade have been completed since the announcement.

14. What is the estimated rise for insurance premiums in the Westbury area?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

Council has not sought any advice on insurance implications if the preferred site for the Northern Prison at Valley Central does proceed.

3.2 Cr Rodney Synfield

Would it not appear incongruous to the community that given at the December 2017 Council meeting a discussion (the background being that I, Councillor Synfield had suggested at that meeting, simply canvassing with the State Government that an investigation be undertaken, as to whether it was appropriate to locate a prison somewhere in the municipality and if so where? My colleagues did not agree with this approach and sought to limit the support to the Ashley Detention Centre site) was had and a vote taken by Councillors about writing to the State Government, showing support for a Northern Prison being established next to the Ashley Detention Centre, to then have the (former) General Manager of Council actively involved in providing support to an Expressions of interest (EOI) process, in respect of other sites in the municipality, in 2018?

Response by Acting General Manager, Jonathan Harmey

This may be a question for the community rather than Council. It appears from the number of community members in attendance at our Council meeting and the questions received that there is some concern, by those community members, around the State Government's preferred site.

178/2019 DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

179/2019 POLICY REVIEW NO. 34 – REAL ESTATE ADVERTISING SIGNS

1) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council confirm the continuation of Policy No. 34, with the suggested amendment as follows:

Policy Number: 34

Real Estate Advertising Signs

Purpose:

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Department:

Community and Development Services

Author:

Lynette While, Director

Council Meeting Date:

12 September 2017 8 October 2019

Minute Number:

196/2017 xx/2019

Next Review Date:

July 2018 September 2022

POLICY

1. Definitions

2. Objective

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3. Scope

The policy shall apply to all Council property and Council managed land other than property or land that Council is intentionally selling, leasing or letting.

4. Policy

It is policy that:

- Council not permit real estate advertising signs to be erected on Council property or Council managed land such as nature strips, reserves, etc,
- Council employees are authorised to remove any such signs illegally erected or placed on Council property or Council managed land.

5. Legislation

Land Use Planning and Approval Act 1993

6. Responsibility

Responsibility for the operation of this policy rests with the Director Community Development Services.

DECISION:

Cr Nott moved and Cr Sherriff seconded "***that Council confirm the continuation of Policy No. 34, with the suggested amendment as follows:***

Policy Number: 34

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The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

Councillor Tanya King left the meeting at 5.26pm

**180/2019 2019-2020 COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANTS
APPLICATION ASSESSMENTS ROUND 2 –
SEPTEMBER 2019**

1) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council endorse the recommendations of the Community Grants Committee and approves the following allocations:

Organisation	Project	Grant Recommended
Aged Care Deloraine Auxiliary	Kanangra barbeque	\$2,500
Deloraine District Pony Club	Showground arena upgrade	\$3,000
Deloraine Football Club	Fitness equipment	\$2,000
Deloraine House	MV Christmas Relief Appeal	\$700
Lions Club of Deloraine	Bike Park concept drawing	\$2,750
Meander Valley Community Radio	Conference & training	\$300
Meander Valley Suns FC	Trophy sponsorship	\$121
Rotary Club of Deloraine	Function Centre lighting	\$2,500
Tas. Country Music Foundation	Microphones & leads	\$2,110
Tas. Mountain Cattlemen's Association	Tiered outdoor seating	\$2,000
Westbury Cricket Club	Pitch roller	\$2,000
Westbury Pistol Club	Road & car parking upgrade	\$2,000
Westbury RSL Sub Branch	Enriching our historical archive	\$2,000
		\$23,981

DECISION:

Cr Cameron moved and Cr Sherriff seconded ***“that Council endorse the recommendations of the Community Grants Committee and approve the following allocations:***

Organisation	Project	Grant Recommended
Aged Care Deloraine Auxiliary	Kanangra barbeque	\$2,500
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Councillor Tanya King returned to the meeting at 5.28pm

1) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council receive the following financial reports for the period ended 30 September 2019:

- 1. Consolidated operating statement with accompanying operating statements for the key operational areas of Council.***
- 2. Capital works project expenditure to date.***
- 3. Capital resealing project expenditure to date.***
- 4. Capital gravelling project expenditure to date.***
- 5. A summary of rates outstanding.***
- 6. Cash reconciliation & investments summary.***

DECISION:

Cr Temple moved and Cr Nott seconded ***“that Council receive the following financial reports for the period ended 30 September 2019:***

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The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

182/2019 AUDIT REPORT - 2019 FINANCIAL YEAR

1) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council receive the Delegate of the Auditor-General's independent audit report on the 2019 Financial Report.

DECISION:

Cr Cameron moved and Cr Sherriff seconded ***“that Council receive the Delegate of the Auditor-General's independent audit report on the 2019 Financial Report.***

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

**183/2019 POLICY REVIEW NO. 45 – INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT**

1) Recommendation

***It is recommended that Council confirms the continuation of Policy No.45
– Information Management with amendments as follows.***

DECISION:

Cr Kelly moved and Cr Sherriff seconded ***“that Council confirms the continuation of Policy No.45 – Information Management with amendments as follows.***

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

184/2019 2019-2020 ANNUAL PLAN – QUARTERLY REVIEW
– SEPTEMBER 2019

1) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council receive and note the Annual Plan review for the September 2019 quarter as attached.

DECISION:

Cr Sherriff moved and Cr Nott seconded ***“that Council receive and note the Annual Plan review for the September 2019 quarter as attached.***

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

Deputy-Mayor Michael Kelly left the meeting at 5.31pm

185/2019 POLICY REVIEW NO. 86 – INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE

1) Recommendation

It is recommended that Council Confirms the continuation of Policy No.86 – Industrial Development Incentive with amendments as follows.

DECISION:

Cr Cameron moved and Cr King seconded ***“that Council confirms the continuation of Policy No.86 – Industrial Development Incentive with amendments as follows:***

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors, Cameron, Johnston, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

Deputy-Mayor Michael Kelly returned to the meeting at 5.33pm

ITEMS FOR CLOSED SECTION OF THE MEETING:

Councillor Sherriff moved and Councillor Nott seconded ***“that pursuant to Regulation 15(2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council close the meeting to the public to discuss the following items.”***

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

Council moved to Closed Session at 5.33pm

186/2019 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(Reference Part 2 Regulation 34(2) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

Confirmation of Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 September, 2019.

187/2019 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(Reference Part 2 Regulation 15(2)(h) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

188/2019 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES – JACKEYS MARSH AREA

(Reference Part 2, Section 15(2)(d) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015)

Council returned to Open Session at 5.46pm

Cr Nott moved and Cr Cameron seconded ***"that the following decisions were taken by Council in Closed Session and are to be released for the public's information:***

Award Contract No.205 - 2019-20 – Design and Construction of Bridge No's 1481, 2705 and 3485 to TasSpan Pty Ltd."

The motion was declared CARRIED with Councillors, Cameron, Johnston, Kelly, King, Nott, Sherriff, Synfield and Temple voting for the motion.

The meeting closed at 5.46pm

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Wayne Johnston
Mayor