



Meander Valley Council
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MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 12 December 2023

Time 3.00pm

Location Council Chambers
26 Lyall Street
Westbury, Tasmania

Phone (03) 6393 5300

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Meeting Open - Attendance & Apologies

Meeting opened at 3:04 pm.

Chairperson Mayor Wayne Johnston

Councillors present Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Apologies Councillor Lochie Dornauf

Officers present	Jonathan Harmey	General Manager
	Wezley Frankcombe	Manager Governance & Performance (Minute-Taker)
	Dino De Paoli	Director Infrastructure Services
	Craig Davies	Director Corporate Services
	Matthew Millwood	Director Works
	Krista Palfreyman	Director Development & Regulatory Services
	Natasha Whiteley	Team Leader Town Planning
	Thomas Wagenknecht	Senior Strategic Planner
	Madeline Mckinnell	Team Leader Environmental Health
	Brenton Josey	Town Planner

Acknowledgment of Country

The Chairperson acknowledged the Pallitore and Panninher past peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather for the Council Meeting, paid respects to elders past and present and extended those respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples present.

Confirmation of Minutes

Motion Receive and confirm minutes of the last Ordinary Council Meeting held 14 November 2023

Moved Councillor Kevin House

Seconded Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Nil

Abstained Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 279/2023

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Councillor Kelly

Agenda item Closed Meeting

Contract No. 256-2023-24 - Western Creek, Montana Road Bridge - Design and Construction

Action Councillor Kelly elected to leave Chambers during discussion and voting on the agenda item.

Councillor Councillor Dudman

Agenda item Closed Meeting
Australia Day Awards 2024

Action Councillor Dudman elected to leave Chambers during discussion and voting on the agenda item.

Councillor Councillor Loader

Agenda item Closed Meeting
Australia Day Awards 2024

Action Councillor Loader elected to leave Chambers during discussion and voting on the agenda item.

Councillor Deputy Mayor Cameron

Agenda item Open Meeting
Appointment of Members to Special Committees of Council

Action Deputy Mayor Cameron elected to leave Chambers during discussion and voting on the agenda item.

Council Workshop Report

Topics Discussed – 28 November 2023

External Presentation: Deer Management Program

Review of LUPAA Delegations

Deloraine Caravan Park EOI

Notice of Motion Cllr Anne-Marie Loader: Livestreaming of Council Meetings & Agenda Delivery Discussion

Review of Policy No. 81 and No. 86

Council meeting dates and times 2024

Council committee representation 2024

Proposed Meander Valley branding project

Westbury Recreational Vehicle Waste Dump Point

Deloraine Recreation Precinct: Concept Masterplan

Swimming pools and natural swimming sites review - Consultant reports

Items for Noting

Montana Road Bridge Renewal: Western Creek

New Works Depot Update

Waste Management Activities Update

Review of Policy No.90 Mobile Food Vehicles

Mayor & Councillor Report

Councillor Official Activities and Engagements Since Last Meeting

15 November 2023

Meeting: Rotary Club of Westbury – Berried in Tas Site Visit

Attended by:

Cr Dudman

16 November 2023

Meeting: Mole Creek Progress Association Meeting and AGM

Attended by:

Cr Loader

17 November 2023

Community Event: The Young Irishers

Attended by:

Cr Loader

18 –19 November 2023

Community Event: Westbury Bicentenary Weekend

Attended by:

Mayor Johnston

Cr Dudman

Cr House

Cr Loader

22 November 2023

Meeting: Selbourne Community Meeting

Attended by:

Cr Loader

Cr Dudman

23 November 2023

Meeting: Municipal and Social Recovery Committee

Attended by:

Cr Kelly

24 November 2023

Meeting: Short Walks Consultative Committee

Attended by:

Cr Loader

25 November 2023

Community Event: Deloraine Show

Attended by:

Cr Loader

Cr Dudman

26 November 2023

Meeting: LCFC Annual General Meeting

Attended by:

Cr Dudman

Cr House

27 November 2023

Community Meeting: Westbury and Districts Historical Society Meeting

Attended by:

Cr Dudman

Community Meeting: St Patrick's Festival Committee Meeting

Attended by:

Cr Dudman

29 November 2023

Meeting: Great Western Tiers Tourism Association

Attended by:

Cr Loader

Cr Dudman

30 November 2023

Meeting: Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre End of Year Party

Attended by:

Cr Dudman

06 December 2023

Meeting: Blackstone Heights Community News

Attended by:

Cr Loader

Meeting: Rotary Club of Westbury Annual General Meeting

Attended by:

Cr Dudman

07 December 2023

Meeting: Westbury Backyard Bandicoots

Attended by:

Cr Loader

10 December 2023

Community Event: Mole Creek Community Shed BBQ

Attended by:

Cr Loader

11 December 2023

Meeting: Westbury Primary School Grade 6 Assembly

Attended by:

Cr Dudman

12 December 2023

Meeting: Carrick Community Meeting

Attended by:

Cr Dudman

Councillor Announcements & Acknowledgements

Nil.

Petitions

Nil Recieved.

Community Representations

Nil requests received.

Community representations are an opportunity for community members or groups to request up to three minutes to address Council on a topic of particular interest.

Requests received at least fourteen days prior to a Council Meeting will be considered by the Chairperson. For further information, contact the Office of the General Manager on (03) 6393 5300 or email ogm@mvc.tas.gov.au.

Public Question Time

This Month's Public Questions With Notice

Question 1: *Helen Hutchinson (taken on notice at the November 2023 Council Meeting)*

What strategies is Meander Valley Council considering to protect its ratepayers from extreme heat events?

Jonathan Harmey, General Manager advised that Meander Valley Council has made a sun protection policy relevant to addressing heat concerns for our employees. Meander Valley Council is a member of the Northern Tasmanian Alliance of Resilient Council who will be looking a coordinated approach to issues of this nature in the future. The Tasmanian Government's Renewable, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania are also working on statewide projects with the assistance of the Local Government Association of Tasmania. Meander Valley Council does not have a strategy to protect its ratepayers from extreme heat events and is not currently developing an extreme heat event strategy.

Question 2: *Sean Manners, Westbury (via website)*

Policy Number: 91 Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation is due to reviewed in March 2024.

The present 425 word policy uses words and sentences such as "supports the Australian and State Governments acting to contribute to global climate change mitigation" and "Meander Valley Council recognises that while the specific local impacts of climate change are uncertain, it makes sense to minimise pollution and related environmental impacts and adapt to emerging and future risks arising from climate change."

The only paragraph (para 4) that says that MVC may do anything is "Meander Valley Council will within the limits of its capacity work with governments of all levels, neighbouring regional councils, industry and the community to reduce greenhouse emissions and manage the economic, social and environmental risks from climate change."

Nowhere does it say that MVC is actually going to do anything to reduce its carbon footprint or environmental impact itself.

Will the review ensure that MVC actually commits to doing something to reduce its carbon footprint and environmental impact? and will the review have community input?

Jonathan Harmey, General Manager advised that Policy 91 'Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption' has a next review date of March 2024, Council will assess any appropriate changes to the existing Policy during this review period. Council has not determined the

level of community input to this review but has already been receiving questions from community members at Council Meetings and email correspondence in recent months.

Question 3: *Sean Manners, Westbury (via website)*

Policy Number: 91 Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:

3. Scope

This policy applies to all Meander Valley Council operations, practices, services and community facilities; including the management of natural areas.

Responses and specific actions to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change will be progressed in line with this policy through normal planning and risk management systems.

When in the last twelve months has Policy 91 been used?

Jonathan Harmey, General Manager advised that Council regularly refers to the concepts identified in Policy 91 'Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption' in its operational activities. Council's Infrastructure and Works teams were recently recognized at the IPWEA awards for Excellence in Public Works for the work undertaken on the Deloraine Suspension Footbridge that was enhanced by reconstructing it, raising the footbridge by a meter in height following the October 2022 flood events in Deloraine. Council has also worked in our waste management functions implementing strategies to reduce waste to landfill such as the introduction of Food Organics Garden Organics kerbside collection bins in the eastern end of the municipality and recently purchasing a weighbridge to better report on the waste volumes collected at our landfill sites in the future.

This Month's Public Questions Without Notice

Question 1: Robin Badcock, Exton

The Deloraine prison proposal as it is currently being prosecuted by the liberal state government department of justice, will the receipt of the draft impact assessment formalisation of the many numerous community changes identified by the consultants, Is the council happy for Deloraine to become a prison town?

Jonathan Harmey, General Manager advised that the question is taken on notice.

Question 2: Robin Badcock, Exton

What is the total sum of rates and disbursements the council is expecting to receive annually from a \$289 million dollar prison development?

Jonathan Harmey, General Manager advised that the question is taken on notice.

Question 3: Kerin Booth, Westbury

Will this Council, now before it is too late, rescind the decision to support a prison in our municipality? you do not need to rescind the motion, you are able to make a new decision and would only need a majority?

Jonathan Harmey, General Manager advised that Council has not rescinded that decision and Council may choose to do that in future, but currently do not have plans to do so. There are different provisions under the *Local Government Act 1993* and meeting regulations that provide for different ways of treating that if we wanted to consider it in the future.

Question 4: Kerin Booth, Westbury

Will Council agree to conduct a rate payer poll and a public meeting to help determine the support or otherwise of a prison and not just continue with the previous Council's decision to impose this development on or community?

Jonathan Harmey, General Manager advised that Council hasn't formed a decision to do that, we will take your recommendation on board, and Council can consider that at a Workshop.

Question 5: Sean Manners, Westbury

Did any Councillors and/or staff attend the recent NTARC workshops on Tasmanian Councils & Healthy Resilient Communities? If so which department or departments?

Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that he did not attend, and are not aware if other Councillors or staff did.

Question 6: Sean Manners, Westbury

Declaring a climate emergency means having a plan; or having a set of defined strategic actions or projects. When will Meander Valley Council have a set of defined strategic actions to actively measure and reduce its own carbon footprint, and help the Meander Valley community, that it is supposed to represent, mitigate theirs?

Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that Councillors are reviewing the policy in the first quarter of next year and we also have got a strategic plan coming into place, since that statement was made, we also had the COVID emergency that came through, while you may think we are sitting on our hands, I assure you, that we are not.

Question 7: Helen Hutchinson, Western Creek

What was the outcome of the council workshop on verbatim real time broadcasting of MVC Sessions?

Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that in our agenda today we have a motion on the table which has been put forward by Councilor Loader and we are looking at live streaming meander Valley Council Meeting.

Question 8: Helen Hutchinson, Western Creek

Will the council investigate the possibility of providing public accessible cool areas for at risk residents, who are those, over 65, frail elderly and the very young.

Jonathan Harmey, General Manager advised that the question is taken on notice.

Question 9: Linda Poulton, Westbury

In relation to the proposed legislation that going to be coming before parliament next year to have development assessment panels to assess some projects and whether council has a position on whether the prison be one such project that you might consider abdicating responsibility for assessment.

Jonathan Harmey, General Manager advised that no we dont have a position but we did provide feedback on the legislation.

Question 10: Linda Poulton, Westbury

Does council plan to actually come up with a view or lobby safeguard in respect of that position?

Jonathan Harmey, General advised that not at this point in time, we haven't formed a decision that, that is an appropriate way forward.

Councillor Question Time

This Month's Councillor Questions With Notice

Nil received.

This Month's Councillor Questions Without Notice

Question 1: Councilor Temple

I'd like to ask my usual question, is there any update on the proposed prison?

Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that I spoke to Michelle from department of Justice on the morning before the social impact study came out advising that it would be coming out, prior to it being made public and I released a media statement on the Tasmanian Government's social impact assessment report.

Planning Authority Report

350-364 Westbury Road Prospect Vale

- Proposal** General Retail and Hire (Carpark grocery collection area)
- Report Author** George Walker
Town Planner - Consultant
- Authorised by** Krista Palfreyman
Director Development & Regulatory Services
- Application reference** PA\24\0097
- Motion** Council receives the agenda report tabled for PA\24\0097 and resolves to approve the application.
- Refer to "Details" below for further specification of Council's decision and any conditions or notes.
- Moved** Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
- Seconded** Councillor Ben Dudman
- Votes for** Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple
- Votes against** Nil
- Abstained** Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 280/2023

Details

Council must take qualified advice before making a decision, and ensure that its reasons for any planning decisions are (a) minuted and (b) based on the Planning Scheme.

See *Local Government Act 1993: s65*, *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s25(2)* and *Land Use and Approvals Act 1993: ss57-59*.

After receiving qualified advice about this planning application and its compliance with the Planning Scheme, Council resolved as follows:

Recommendation

This application by P English obo Woolworths Ltd for General Retail and Hire (Carpark grocery collection area), on land located at 350-364 Westbury Road, Prospect Vale (CT: 169734/1), is recommended for approval generally in accordance with the Endorsed Plans, and recommended Permit Conditions and Permit Notes.

Endorsed Plan

- a) Site and proposal plans by TRG; Date: August 2023; Project No: 23353; Drawing No: TP00 – TP07; and
- b) Traffic & Transport Assessment Report by Stantec; Date: 3 October 2023; Revision D01.

Permit Conditions

1. The under awning and awning fascia lighting must be turned off daily between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am.
2. Exterior lighting and security lighting is to comply with the Australian Standard AS4282 'Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting' or any subsequent versions.

Permit Notes

1. Fit-out of a food premises (or part thereof) must comply with the National Construction Code TAS Part 14 Food Premises, or any subsequent versions of this document.
2. Any other proposed development or use (including amendments to this proposal)

may require separate planning approval. For further information, contact Council.

3. This permit takes effect after:
 - a. The 14-day appeal period expires; or
 - b. Any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) is determined or abandoned; or
 - c. Any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
4. Planning appeals can be lodged with TASCAT Registrar within 14 days of Council serving notice of its decision on the applicant. For further information, visit the TASCAT website.
5. This permit is valid for two years only from the date of approval. It will lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. Council has discretion to grant an extension by request.
6. All permits issued by the permit authority are public documents. Members of the public may view this permit (including the endorsed documents) at the Council Office on request.
7. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works:
 - a. All works to cease within delineated area, sufficient to protect unearthed or possible relics from destruction;
 - b. Presence of a relic must be reported to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania; and
 - c. Relevant approval processes for state and federal government agencies will apply.

Planning Authority Report

19 Weetah Road, Deloraine

Proposal	Extension to Single dwelling, Extension to Residential outbuilding (garage) & Demolition of Residential outbuilding (garden shed)
Report Author	Brenton Josey Town Planner
Authorised by	Krista Palfreyman Director Development & Regulatory Services
Application reference	PA\24\0114
Motion	Council receives the agenda report tabled for PA\24\0114 and resolves to approve the application. Refer to "Details" below for further specification of Council's decision and any conditions or notes.
Moved	Councillor Michael Kelly
Seconded	Councillor Ben Dudman
Votes for	Mayor Wayne Johnston Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron Councillor Ben Dudman Councillor Kevin House Councillor Michael Kelly Councillor Anne-Marie Loader Councillor Rodney Synfield Councillor John Temple
Votes against	Nil
Abstained	Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 281/2023

Details

Council must take qualified advice before making a decision, and ensure that its reasons for any planning decisions are (a) minuted and (b) based on the Planning Scheme.

See *Local Government Act 1993: s65*, *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s25(2)* and *Land Use and Approvals Act 1993: ss57-59*.

After receiving qualified advice about this planning application and its compliance with the Planning Scheme, Council resolved as follows:

Recommendation

This application by G Plunkett for an Extension to Single dwelling, Extension to Residential outbuilding (garage) & Demolition of Residential outbuilding (garden shed), on land located at 19 Weetah Road Deloraine (CT: 124427/1), is recommended for approval generally in accordance with the Endorsed Plans, and recommended Permit Conditions and Permit Notes.

Endorsed Plan

- a) Development plans drawn by Gayle Plunkett Architect – Job No. EA-23.01 – Dated 31 October 2023 – Drawings CD.00 – CD.05 (6 pages); and
- b) Photos of location of works and demolition from applicant – Not dated – 2 pages.

Permit Conditions

1. The use of the extension to the Residential outbuilding (garage) is not permitted for human habitation and is limited to residential storage and related residential activities only.
2. When undertaking the demolition of Residential outbuilding (garden shed) and the extension to the Residential outbuilding (garage), the actions and recommendations of the Wetlands and Waterways Works Manual (Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania) are to be applied.

Permit Notes

1. No construction is to occur over the existing onsite wastewater management system.
2. Any other proposed development or use (including amendments to this proposal) may require separate planning approval. For further information, contact Council.
3. This permit takes effect after:
 - a. The 14-day appeal period expires; or
 - b. Any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) is determined or abandoned; or
 - c. Any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
4. Planning appeals can be lodged with TASCAT Registrar within 14 days of Council serving notice of its decision on the applicant. For further information, visit the TASCAT website.
5. This permit is valid for two years only from the date of approval. It will lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. Council has discretion to grant an extension by request.
6. All permits issued by the permit authority are public documents. Members of the public may view this permit (including the endorsed documents) at the Council Office on request.
7. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works:
 - a. All works to cease within delineated area, sufficient to protect unearthed or possible relics from destruction;
 - b. Presence of a relic must be reported to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania; and
 - c. Relevant approval processes for state and federal government agencies will apply.

Councillor Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion - Livestreaming of Council Meetings

Report Author Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor

Authorised by Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Motion That Council:

1. Direct Council officers to establish livestreaming of all Ordinary Council Meetings, Special Council Meetings and Annual General Meetings;
2. Prepare a new draft "Council Meetings Policy" for adoption to cover Council Meeting protocols and the use of livestreaming for all Council Meetings, no later than July 2024, which will be in place prior to the first meeting being livestreamed; and
3. Livestream the first Council Meeting following the adoption of the new "Council Meeting Policy".

Moved Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Seconded Councillor Kevin House

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Councillor Michael Kelly

Abstained Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 282/2023

Mayor Wayne Johnston left the meeting at 4:06 pm. Deputy Mayor Cameron took the position as chair of the meeting.

Development & Regulatory Services

Review of Policy No. 90 - Mobile Food Vehicles

Report Author Madeline McKinnell
Team Leader Environmental Health

Authorised by Krista Palfreyman
Director Development & Regulatory Services

Motion That Council confirms the continuation of Policy No. 90 – Mobile Food Vehicles, as amended in Attachment 1.

Moved Councillor Michael Kelly

Seconded Councillor Ben Dudman

Votes for Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Nil

Abstained Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 283/2023

Infrastructure Services

Review of Budget Estimates 2023-24

Report Author Dino De Paoli
Director Infrastructure Services

Authorised by Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Motion That Council:

1. Approves, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 82(4), adjustment to the following individual items following receipt of grant funding contributions towards current capital works projects, as follows:
 - a. Grant revenue from Local Government of Tasmania Open Spaces Grant Round 1 of \$130,000 and corresponding capital works project expenditure of \$70,000 for existing project 6529 'Carrick Recreation Ground Public Toilets Upgrade' and \$60,000 for new project 8013 'Carrick Recreation Ground Playground Upgrade';
 - b. Grant revenue from Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group Best Practice Waste Transfer Stations of \$90,909 and corresponding capital works project expenditure for project 6619 'Deloraine Landfill Site Improvements'; and
 - c. Grant revenue from Department of Natural Resources and Environment Landfill Readiness Grant Program of \$86,632 and corresponding capital works project expenditure for project 6619 'Deloraine Landfill Site Improvements'.
2. Approves, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* Section 82(4), variations to the 2023-24 Capital Works Program, as per Attachment 1, noting an increase of \$307,541 to the value of the program;

3. Notes, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993 Section 82(6)*, the capital works project budget variation approved by the General Manager; and
4. Approves, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993 Section 82(4)*, a new operating budget project allocation of \$175,000 for 'Meander Valley brand strategy', noting that this is funded from a favorable Financial Assistance Grants allocation result for the 2023-24 financial year.

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman

Seconded Councillor Kevin House

Votes for Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Nil

Abstained Nil

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Motion carried by absolute majority

Minute reference: 284/2023

Mayor Wayne Johnston returned to the meeting at 4:14 pm.

Infrastructure Services

Receipt of review of Council swimming pools and natural swimming sites

Report Author Dino De Paoli
Director Infrastructure Services

Motion That Council receives the report titled Meander Valley Swimming Pools and Natural Swimming Sites Review Report October 2023 and associated supporting documentation prepared by consultant Leisure Management Excellence as attached to this report.

Moved Councillor Michael Kelly

Seconded Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Nil

Abstained Nil

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Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 285/2023

Governance

Council Meeting Dates 2024

Report Author Wezley Frankcombe
Manager Governance & Performance

Authorised by Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Motion That Council:

1. Approves the schedule of Ordinary Meetings for 2024 in Attachment 1, to be convened by the Mayor at the Council Chambers in Westbury at 3.00pm on each nominated date; and
2. Notes that in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, a notice of the time and dates of meetings will be placed in the Examiner newspaper and placed on the Council website.

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman

Seconded Councillor Kevin House

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield

Votes against Councillor John Temple

Abstained Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

Motion carried by absolute majority

Minute reference: 286/2023

Governance

Councillor Representation - Committees & External Organisations

Report Author Wezley Frankcombe
Manager Governance & Performance

Authorised by Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Motion Council nominates and appoints representatives to Council committees and external organisations as listed in Attachment 1 titled "Council Appointments".

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman

Seconded Councillor Michael Kelly

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Nil

Abstained Nil

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Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 287/2023

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron left the meeting at 4:21 pm.

Governance

Appointment of Members to Special Committees of Council

Report Author Wezley Frankcombe
Manager Governance & Performance

Authorised by Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Motion That Council appoints under section 24(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, special committee membership as per Attachment 1 "Recommended Appointees to Special Committees of Council".

Moved Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Seconded Councillor Kevin House

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Nil

Abstained Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 288/2023

Councillor Michael Kelly left the meeting at 4:25 pm.

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron returned to the meeting at 4:25 pm.

Governance

Review of Policy No. 81 - Online Communication

Report Author Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Motion That Council confirms the continuation of Policy No. 81 Online Communication, as amended in Attachment 1.

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman

Seconded Councillor Kevin House

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Nil

Abstained Nil

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Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 289/2023

Councillor Michael Kelly returned to the meeting at 4:27 pm.

Governance

Review of Policy No. 86 - Industrial Development Incentive

Report Author Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Motion That Council confirms the continuation of Policy No. 86 Industrial Development Incentive, as amended in Attachment 1.

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman

Seconded Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Nil

Abstained Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 290/2023

Governance

Acting General Manager Arrangements

Report Author Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Motion That Council:

1. Approve a standing appointment under section 61B(4) of the Local Government Act (1993), of an Acting General Manager during any absence of the incumbent General Manager of 30 days' duration or fewer as follows:
 - i. Krista Palfreyman, Director Development and Regulatory Services; and
 - ii. Matthew Millwood, Director Works.
2. That the above approvals under section 61B(4) of the *Local Government Act (1993)* will remain in place until reviewed, on or before 31 December 2024.

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman

Seconded Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Nil

Abstained Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

Motion carried by absolute majority

Minute reference: 291/2023

Governance

Management of the Deloraine Caravan Park

Report Author Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Motion That Council:

1. Note Expressions of Interest for the management of the Deloraine Caravan Park closed on 17 November 2023 with three applications received.
2. Authorises the General Manager to negotiate a management agreement for the the Deloraine Caravan Park with the Apex Club of Deloraine, to be approved by Council when terms are agreed;
3. Seek approval from the Tasmanian Government, in accordance with the lease to Meander Valley Council dated 24 November 2022, for the APEX Club of Deloraine to manage the Deloraine Caravan Park;
4. Write to Deloraine House and the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia to thank them for their unsuccessful Expressions of Interest to manage the Deloraine Caravan Park; and

5. Identify Council infrastructure upgrades required at the Deloraine Caravan Park for inclusion in Council's 2024-25 capital works program.

Moved Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

Seconded Councillor Michael Kelly

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield

Votes against Councillor John Temple

Abstained Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 292/2023

Motion to Close Meeting

Motion Close the meeting to the public for discussion of matters in the list of agenda items below.

See Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s15(1).

Moved Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Seconded Councillor Ben Dudman

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Nil

Motion carried by absolute majority

Minute reference: 293/2023

Closed Session Agenda

Confirmation of Closed Minutes

Refer to *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s34(2)*.

Leave of Absence Applications

Refer to *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s15(2)(h)*.

2024 Australia Day Awards

Refer to *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s15(2) (g) regarding information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential*

Contract No. 256-2023-24 - Western Creek, Montana Road Bridge - Design and Construction

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s15(2) (d) regarding contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

Meander Valley brand strategy services

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s15(2) (d) regarding contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

Release of Public Information

Refer to *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s15(8)*.

Release of Public Information

Motion The following decisions taken by Council in Closed Session are to be released for the public's information:

1. Council approved Australia Day Award winners to be announced 25 January 2024.
2. Council awarded contract No. 256-2023-24 - Western Creek, Montana Road Bridge - Design and Construction.
3. Council approved the services for the Meander Valley Brand Strategy.

Council in Closed Session determined there was no information suitable for release for the public's information.

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman

Seconded Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Votes for Mayor Wayne Johnston
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Michael Kelly
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple

Votes against Nil

Abstained Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute reference: 298/2023

Meeting End

Meeting closed at 5.05pm.

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Mayor Wayne Johnston
Chairperson