



LAUNCESTON CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2014**

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of the Launceston City Council will be held at the Council Chambers, St Johns Street, Launceston.

Date: Tuesday, 11 March 2014

Time: 1.00 pm

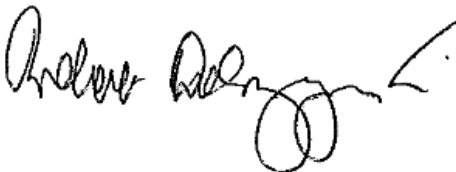
Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires the General Manager to certify that any advice, information or recommendation given to council is provided by a person with appropriate qualifications or experience.

Declaration

I certify that persons with appropriate qualifications and experience have provided the advice, information and recommendations given to Council in the minutes items for this meeting.



Robert Dobrzynski
General Manager

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Present: **Alderman** **A M van Zetten (Mayor)**
 J D Ball (Deputy Mayor)
 A C Peck
 R L McKendrick
 R J Sands
 R L Armitage
 I S Norton
 R I Soward
 D H McKenzie
 J G Cox
 D C Gibson

In Attendance: **Mr R S Dobrzynski (General Manager)**
 Mr J Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy)
 Mrs L Hilkmann (Committee Clerk/Admin Officer)

Apologies: **Alderman** **A L Waddle**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm and noted an apology from Ald Waddle.

2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 24 February 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 11/03/2014**RESOLUTION: (1):**

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman D C Gibson.

That Recommendation 1 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

2. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 24 February 2014 in closed session be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION: (2):

Moved Alderman I S Norton, seconded Alderman R I Soward.

That Recommendation 2 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

4 DEPUTATION

Nil

5 ANSWERS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC AND ALDERMEN'S QUESTION TIME

Nil

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

7.1 Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Monday 24 February

Officiated at Tasmanian Turf Club 150th Celebration

Wednesday 26 February

Officiated at 150th Betfair Launceston Cup Official Function

Thursday 27 February

Welcomed Rotary Club of Launceston - 90th Anniversary of Rotary in Tasmania

Friday 28 February

Officially welcomed delegates at the Institute of Surveyors Conference

Attended Launch of The Marita Bardenhagen Memorial Award for Local History

Welcomed Students to Launceston

Attended The Wizard of Oz Official Launch at Launceston Church Grammar School

Saturday 1 March

Attended Football Federation Tasmania SAP Festival at Aurora

Attended Institute of Surveyors Conference Gala Dinner with His Excellency, Hon Peter Underwood, Governor of Tas and Mrs Frances Underwood

Sunday 2 March

Officiated at the Womens' 5K Fun Run/Walk event

Monday 3 March

Officiated at private citizenship ceremony

Tuesday 4 March

Attended Tas Association for Hospice & Palliative Care Inc introduction to the "Networking End of Life across Tasmania: Integration, Innovation and Inclusion Project"

Thursday 6 March

Officiated at Launceston Horticultural Society Book Launch

Friday 7 March

Officiated at Off the Wall Finalist Exhibition

Attended Opening performance of Theatre North "Blitz! A Sentimental Journey" at Earl Arts Centre

7.1 Mayor's Announcements...(Cont'd)

The Mayor further added:

- **Attended the Institute of Surveyors Conference to officially welcome delegates.**
 - **Saturday 1st March - attended the Football Federation Tasmania SAP Festival at Aurora Stadium. A fantastic event of great benefit to Launceston. Thank you to the General Manager and all Council staff involved, the stadium looked great.**
 - **Friday 7th March - officiated at the 'Off the Wall' exhibition. Thank you to Wendy and the team from the Council. It was exciting to see people from all over the world enter.**
 - **Would like to note in regarding the Swimming Tasmania event, it was very disappointing to see a decision was made that left out Northern Tasmania into the future.**
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8 ALDERMEN'S/DELEGATES' REPORTS

8.1 Ald Ball - Exhibition for Councils 150th Anniversary

Alderman J D Ball reported:

- On April 15th an exhibition involving Councils 150th Anniversary will open including a small reception to be organized. Aldermen will be informed and invited in due course.
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8.2 Ald McKenzie - Access Committee Meeting

Alderman D H McKenzie reported:

- The Access Committee met last week and would like to advise that over the next couple of months we will be bringing back a revised Terms of Reference Policy to look at to go into the next election.
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8.3 Ald McKendrick - Franklin House

Alderman R L McKendrick reported:

- A reminder that the Franklin House Fair is this Sunday, 16th March between 10am and 2pm.
 - Thank you to Peter Gutwein of the Liberal Party for announcing a commitment for \$25,000 for the underpinning at Franklin House.
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8.4 Ald Peck - Cityprom

Alderman A C Peck reported:

- **A Strategic Planning Session was held last Thursday and was attended by the board and Cityprom staff as well as Chris Griffin from Tourism Northern Tasmania.**
 - **Saturday 5th April is Crazy Day. All members in the area are included at no cost.**
 - **The Examiner is happy to feature any new businesses opening within the CBD.**
 - **Great Easter Egg Hunt is on from 24th March to 19th April.**
 - **Cityprom Service Awards night will be held on 30th August.**
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9 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

9.1 Ald McKenzie - Swimming Tasmania

Aldermen's Question: **Alderman D H McKenzie** asked

In regards to comments made by Swimming Tasmania, is the Council taking any action to gain further clarification for their reasons of moving the event to Hobart and will they be providing clarification to their members as to the real reason for moving the event South?

Also, given Launceston City Council's Memorandum of Understanding with Hobart City Council, are we intending to take this matter up with them?

General Manager responded:

It is understood that the major reason for the decision was " a once in a life time agreement reached with Hobart City Council" which is contingent upon all 3 events being held in Hobart. This matter is under active consideration and discussion and a meeting is being sought with Swimming Tasmania.

Mayor van Zetten responded:

It is understood that the Memorandum of Understanding with Hobart City Council is in place to deal with issues in a cooperative manner and on common ground.

9.2 Ald Ball - Progress of previous Notice of Motions

Aldermen's Question: **Alderman J D Ball** asked

Question 1

It was agreed in a Notice of Motion that up to 3 meetings a year would be held outside the urban area. What is the progress of this motion?

General Manager responded:

We will look at the document trail from the time the motion was raised and present our findings in due course.

Question 2

What is the progress on a proposed Energy Summit to be held in Launceston?

This question was taken on notice.

Question 3

Where are we with the Duck Reach MoU?

This question was taken on notice.

9.3 Ald Gibson - Dark Mofo

Aldermen's Question: **Alderman D C Gibson** asked

Question 1

What is our current position in regards to Dark Mofo?

General Manager responded:

Dark Mofo is on the same day as an AFL match. From experience, hosting 2 major events on the same weekend can be difficult as accommodation houses and restaurants are booked to capacity. There needs to be a clear and demonstrated business case that will suggest a financial yield for the community that will justify a Council contribution of \$176,000. At this stage no decision has been reached.

Mr M Stretton responded:

A report will be prepared and presented at the next Council meeting.

9.4 Ald Sands - Swimming Tasmania

Aldermen's Question: **Alderman R J Sands** asked

Question1

In regards to the Swimming Tasmania matter, has contact been made with Lord Mayor Thomas of Hobart City Council? If not, do you intend to?

Mayor van Zetten responded:

No contact has been made as yet, but there is an intention to do so.

9.5 Ald Peck - "Knights Of The Road"

Aldermen's Question: **Alderman A C Peck** asked

Question 1

After receiving the "Knights Of The Road" Commercial Travelers' Association of Tasmania booklet and letter requesting the organisation of a plaque, could we send a prompt correspondence in acknowledgment of this letter?

Alderman Ball responded:

Alderman Ball has discussed this matter with Mr Beecroft and the letter has been tabled and will be taken to the Heritage Advisory Committee and bring a recommendation back to Council

10 COMMITTEE REPORTS**10.1 Northern Youth Coordinating Committee - 6 February 2014****FILE NO:** SF0136**AUTHOR:** Wendy Newton (Youth and Community Officer)**DIRECTOR:** Michael Stretton (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

That Council receives a report from the Northern Youth Coordinating Committee's meeting held on 6 February 2014.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report from the Northern Youth Coordinating Committee's meeting held on 6 February 2014, be received.

Mr M Stretton (Director Development Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 11/04/2014**RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman D C Gibson, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.****That the Recommendation be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0**

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 PLANNING AUTHORITY

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION - FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

DIRECTORATE MINUTES ITEMS

14 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

14.1 Neighbourhood Street Party

FILE NO: SF0084

AUTHOR: Nathalie Servant (Community Safety and Development Officer)

DIRECTOR: Michael Stretton (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To seek direction on the fee scale and endorsement of the *Neighbourhood Street Party Kit* prior to its adoption.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

SPPC 3 March 2014 - Item 4.1

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council endorses the *Neighbourhood Street Party Kit* (ECM reference 3126736) and resolves that:

1. the street closure charge for Neighbourhood Street Parties be set at \$100.00 to off-set the cost to Council, with the charge to be included in the Council's fees and charges pursuant to Section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993;
 2. an allocation of \$5,000 be made in the 2014/15 budget to account for the subsidisation of street closures associated with approved Neighbourhood Street Parties; and
 3. the subsidised fee is to be applied no more than once per street in any financial year and the total cost shall not exceed the budget allocation.
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Mr M Stretton (Director Development Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 11/03/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman J D Ball, seconded Alderman D C Gibson.

14.1 Neighbourhood Street Party...(Cont'd)

RESOLUTION: (2): Amendment

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman J G Cox.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council endorses the Neighbourhood Street Party Kit (ECM reference 3126736) and resolves that:

1. *the street closure charge for Neighbourhood Street Parties be set at \$100.00 to off-set the cost to Council, with the charge to be included in the Council's fees and charges pursuant to Section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993;*
2. *an allocation of \$5,000 be made in the 2014/15 budget to account for the subsidisation of street closures associated with approved Neighbourhood Street Parties; and*
3. *the subsidised fee is to be applied no more than once per street in any financial year and the total cost shall not exceed the budget allocation.*
4. *that a review be conducted after a period of 12 months.*

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED 9:2

FOR VOTE - Ald A M van Zetten, Ald D H McKenzie, Ald R L Armitage, Ald J D Ball, Ald R I Soward, Ald I S Norton, Ald J G Cox, Ald A C Peck, Ald D C Gibson
AGAINST VOTE - Ald R L McKendrick, Ald R J Sands
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Ald A L Waddle

RESOLUTION: (3):

That the amended Recommendation be adopted.

THE AMENDMENT SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION, WAS PUT AND CARRIED 9:2

FOR VOTE - Ald A M van Zetten, Ald D H McKenzie, Ald R L Armitage, Ald J D Ball, Ald R I Soward, Ald I S Norton, Ald J G Cox, Ald A C Peck, Ald D C Gibson
AGAINST VOTE - Ald R L McKendrick, Ald R J Sands
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Ald A L Waddle

15 FACILITY MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE SERVICES**15.1 Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator****FILE NO:** SF3177**DIRECTOR:** Rod Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To obtain Council endorsement for nomination to the position of Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

- i. That Bev Allen be renominated as Council's Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.
 - ii. That her name be forwarded to the Minister for Police and Emergency Management for appointment as per Section 23 (1) of the Emergency Management Act 2006.
 - iii. That Council recommends to the Minister that her appointment be for a period of three (3) years as per Section 23 (4) of the Emergency Management Act 2006.
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Mr R Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 11/03/2014**RESOLUTION:** (1):**Moved Alderman R I Soward, seconded Alderman J G Cox.****That the Recommendation be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0**

16 QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY**16.1 Motion to LGAT on Tasmanian Regional Arts****FILE NO:** SF0331**DIRECTOR:** Richard Mulvaney (Director Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To seek support for a motion to the March meeting of LGAT on Tasmanian Regional Arts.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council supports the following recommendations to the March meeting of LGAT:

1. That the Meeting note the funding issues and current strategic review being undertaken by Tasmanian Regional Arts; and
 2. That the Meeting consider and discuss possible future opportunities for collaboration with and funding of Tasmanian Regional Arts.
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Mr R Mulvaney (Director Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 11/03/2014**RESOLUTION:** (1):**Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman J D Ball.****That the Recommendation be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0**

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**17.1 Motion to LGAT on Street Lighting****FILE NO:** SF0582**AUTHOR:** Fraser Brindley (Road & Hydraulics Manager)**DIRECTOR:** Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To seek support for a motion to the July meeting of LGAT on street lighting

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council place the following matters to the July meeting of LGAT:

1. LGAT write to the responsible minister requesting that they seek changes to national electricity laws and regulations so that public lighting providers are required to better inform local government of the cost of existing and new public lighting. This should include disclosure of the generation, transmission and distribution charges associated with individual public lighting types, as well as the residual value of public lights. This information is a critical requirement for business case assessments of more efficient and environmentally sustainable public street lighting options.
2. LGAT enter into discussions with Aurora Energy to obtain further information about the generation, transmission and distribution charges associated with individual public lighting types, as well as the residual value of public lights.

Mr H Galea (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

Ald R I Soward withdrew from the meeting at 2:02pm.

Ald R I Soward re-attended the meeting at 2:03pm.

17.1 Motion to LGAT on Street Lighting...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 11/04/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

18 CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

19 GENERAL MANAGER**19.1 Transfer of land at Inveresk Precinct to UTAS****FILE NO:** SF2385; SF3364; SF2211**AUTHOR:** Darryl Wright, Legal Advisor**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To determine to transfer title to land at Inveresk Precinct on which student accommodation units are to be constructed, to University of Tasmania ("UTAS"). A decision by Council must be made by absolute majority.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

089/2008 MOU between Council and UTAS (SF3364)

2012 Draft Inveresk Precinct Plan (scheduled for Council Meeting but withdrawn 28 November, 2012)

17 December, 2012, Item 5.1

- Council agreed in principle to transfer to UTAS freehold title to four land areas at Inveresk for a nominal consideration;
- Council agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with UTAS

15 April, 2013, Item 19.1

Council approves the entering into of a Memorandum of Understanding with UTAS.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorise the transfer of freehold title to land described as lots 1 and 2 on plan of PDA Surveyors of 23/10/2013 ("the land") without monetary consideration, but otherwise consistent with the terms as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by Council and UTAS and dated 15 April, 2013.

Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item

19.1 Transfer of land at Inveresk Precinct to UTAS...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 11/03/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman J D Ball, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0

20 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

21 WORKSHOP REPORT(S)

Nil

22 INFORMATION / MATTERS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION**22.1 Information / matters requiring further action****FILE NO:** SF3168**AUTHOR:** Leisa Hilkmann (Committee Clerk / Administration Officer)

This report outlines requests for information by Aldermen when a report or agenda item will be put before Council or a memorandum circulated to Aldermen.

It will be updated each Agenda, with items removed when a report has been given.

No information currently in table.

Noted.

23 ADVICE OF FUTURE NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

24 REPORTS BY THE MAYOR

Nil

25 REPORTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

26 CLOSED COUNCIL ITEM(S)

Nil

27 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor closed the meeting at 2.10pm.
