



LAUNCESTON CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 23 JUNE 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 -

Date: 23 June 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 L Waddle
 A C Peck
 R L McKendrick
 R J Sands
 R L Armitage
 I S Norton
 D H McKenzie
 D C Gibson

In Attendance: **Mr R S Dobrzynski (General Manager)**
 Ms L Foster (Acting Manager Corporate Strategy)
 Mr D Gray (Committee Clerk/Admin Officer)

Apologies: **Alderman** **R I Soward**
 J G Cox

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1pm and noted the apologies of Alderman Soward and Alderman Cox. A minutes silence was held to acknowledge the passing of Jeffrey McMahon from Council's Mechanical Workshop.

2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Alderman McKenzie declared pecuniary interests in items 13.1 and 15.1

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 10 June 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION: (1):

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

That Recommendation 1 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0

2. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 10 June 2014 in closed session be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION: (2):

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman I S Norton.

That Recommendation 2 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0

4 DEPUTATION

Nil

5 ANSWERS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC AND ALDERMEN'S QUESTION TIME

Nil

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

8.1 Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Friday 13 June

Attended official opening of Lola Greeno: Cultural Jewels, Living Treasures Exhibition (QVMAG)

Saturday 14 June

Officiated at Harvest Market launch of new public toilet
Officiated at Launceston Ten Pre-Race Dinner event
Attended Tassie Hawks Official Gala Dinner

Monday 16 June

Officiated at Rotary Club of Central Launceston meeting

Wednesday 18 June

Attended forum re; Federal Budget/Implications for UTAS

Thursday 19 June

Attended Staff Recognition & Farewell Function (Remount Road)

Friday 20 June

Attended Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania event

Saturday 21 June

Attended Moonbeam Gala event

9 ALDERMEN'S/DELEGATES' REPORTS

9.1 Alderman Gibson - Rostrum Voice of Youth

Alderman D C Gibson reported:

Attended Rostrum Voice of Youth State Final and noted National Finalists Eamonn Shorter from Launceston Church Grammar School and Sophie Jones from Scotch Oakburn College.

9.2 Alderman Peck - Cityprom

Alderman A C Peck reported:

Noted "Get Vocal, Buy Local" campaign and school holiday activities around the CBD.

Noted George Street food and wine festival.

Noted CBD Wifi initiative and investigation by Cityprom of opportunity to advertise on the service

9.3 Alderman Norton - Launceston College AGM and Tramway Committee

Alderman I S Norton reported:

Tuesday 10 June 2014 attended the Launceston College Annual General Meeting and noted he is now the chair of the association.

Reported on the latest Tramway Committee Meeting.

9.4 Alderman Ball - ALGA Nation General Assembly

Alderman J D Ball reported:

Monday 16 June - Thursday 19 June Attended the ALGA National General Assembly in Canberra.

Friday 20 June attended the Bye Buy, rethinking the way we shop Project.

Attended Recognition Event for David Flynn recognizing 60 years of service to Council

Attended the Lola Greeno "Living Treasure" Exhibition on 13 June 2014

9.5 Alderman Armitage - Festivale

Alderman R L Armitage reported:

Reported on current plans for Festivale.

Noted attendance at Men's Health Week Forum

10 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

Nil

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.

That the order of business be amended to now facilitate consideration of Item 15.1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0

The meeting considered item 15.1 at 1.16pm.

11 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Pedestrian & Bike Committee Meeting - 3 June 2014

FILE NO: SF0618

AUTHOR: Julie Tyres (Administration Officer - Road Assets)

DIRECTOR: Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and consider reports from the Pedestrian & Bike Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council receive the report from the Pedestrian & Bike Committee Meeting held on 3 June 2014.

Mr H Galea (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 11.1 – 11.2 inclusive.

DECISION: 23/06/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0

11.2 Cataract Gorge Advisory Committee Report 4 June 2014**FILE NO:** SF0839**AUTHOR:** Andrew Smith (Parks and Recreation Manager)**DIRECTOR:** Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and consider a report from the Cataract Gorge Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council receive the report from the Cataract Gorge Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 June 2014.

DECISION: 23/06/2014**RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman I S Norton, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.****That the Recommendation be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0**

12 PETITIONS

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION - FOR CONSIDERATION**13.1 Notice of Motion - Alderman Armitage - Health Services Northern Tasmania****FILE NO:** SF5547 / SF0125**AUTHOR:** Alderman Armitage**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a Notice of Motion from Alderman Armitage

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor write to the Health Minister Michael Ferguson and the State Government to express the Council's serious concern that changes may be made reducing the current 3 THO structure to 1 THO that could in turn negatively affect the delivery of health services in Northern Tasmania. The Council further request confirmation that northern health and the Launceston General Hospital will retain its autonomy and not be penalised for its efficiencies.

Ald D H McKenzie declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting at 01:20 PM.

DECISION: 23/06/2014**RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman R L Armitage, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.****That the Recommendation be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0****Ald D H McKenzie reattended the meeting at 01:33 PM**

DIRECTORATE MINUTES ITEMS

15 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

15.1 Super Tuesday Parking Trial Agenda Item

FILE NO: SF0530

AUTHOR: Andrew Frost (Manager Parking Operations and Carr Villa Memorial Park)

DIRECTOR: Rod Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To obtain approval to conduct a trial for free parking in the multi-storey car parks managed by Launceston City Council (LCC).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Strategic Planning and Policy Workshop 16 June 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council trials free parking between 1.00pm and 6.00pm each Tuesday afternoon in the Paterson East, West and Elizabeth Street car parks for three months commencing 01 July 2014.
 2. That Cityprom be encouraged to promote retailing activities in the city to encourage visitation to the CBD shopping precinct and capitalise on this LCC initiative; and
 3. That Council undertake an advertising campaign to promote to the public and business operators this initiative and the already existing discounted parking options provided by Council in the Central Business District (CBD).
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This item was considered at 1.16pm after item 10.

Ald D H McKenzie declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting at 01:16 PM.

Mr R Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

15.1 Super Tuesday Parking Trial Agenda Item...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 23/06/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman D C Gibson, seconded Alderman R J Sands.

That the item be deferred

FOR VOTE - Ald A M van Zetten, Ald J D Ball, Ald A L Waddle, Ald A C Peck, Ald R J Sands, Ald R L Armitage, Ald I S Norton, Ald D C Gibson

AGAINST VOTE - Ald R L Mckendrick

ABSENT - Ald D H Mckenzie

CARRIED 8:1

Ald D H McKenzie reattended the meeting at 01:17 PM

The meeting returned to item 11.1

17 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

17.1 Proposed Street Names - Jinglers Drive, Bevel Court and Ebba Place

FILE NO: DA0225/2013; DA0422/2013; SF0621

AUTHOR: Sonia Smith (Engineering Officer - Development)

DIRECTOR: Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To approve three new street names for urban streets in Kings Meadows.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council Item 17.4 - 10 June 2014

Council deferred item to clarify and confirm sole use of the name Jinglers Drive.

RECOMMENDATION:

That pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* and *Survey Co-ordination Act 1944* Council resolves to approve:

1. The name Jinglers Drive for the new urban road off Techno Park Drive
 2. The name Bevel Court for the new urban road off Jinglers Drive
 3. The name Ebba Place for the new urban road off Jinglers Drive
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Mr H Galea (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 17.1 – 17.3 inclusive.

DECISION: 23/06/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman D C Gibson.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0

17.2 Concessional Entry to Council's Waste Disposal Facilities**FILE NO:** SF0628**AUTHOR:** Regan East (Waste Management Officer) & Michelle Ogulin (Senior Waste Management Officer)**DIRECTOR:** Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To determine the value of concessions to approved charitable organisations for waste disposal to the Launceston Waste Centre for the 2014/15 financial year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Item 17.2 - Council meeting 24 June 2013 - to determine the value of concessions for 2013/2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, in respect of clause 4(e) of the '*Concessional Entry to Council's Waste Disposal Facilities*' policy (12-PI-014), approves the organisations and concessional entry values for the financial year 2014/15, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: 2014/15 recommended concessional entry values

Organisation name	2014/15 recommendation
Cancer Council of Tasmania	\$50
Connections Op Shop Inc.	\$400
Door of Hope Christian Church	\$500
Launceston Benevolent Society Inc.	\$500
Launceston City Mission	\$20,050
Launceston Legacy Inc.	\$100
Lions Club of Kings Meadows	\$120
Many Hands (Door of Hope Christian Church)	Nil
New Horizons Club Inc.	\$100
Northern Occupational Support Services - Bluegum	\$1,400
Northern Suburbs Community Centre Inc.	\$300

17.2 Concessional Entry to Council's Waste Disposal Facilities...(Cont'd)

Organisation name	2014/15 recommendation
PCYC	\$120
RSPCA Tasmania (Launceston Branch)	\$800
Salvos Store	\$2,620
The Salvation Army Property Trust (Launceston)	\$50
Self Help Workplace	\$3,400
St Michaels Association	\$300
St Vincent de Paul Society	\$4,000
Veterans Support Group	\$500
Worldview Centre for Intercultural Studies	\$50
	\$500
TOTAL	\$35,620

DECISION: 23/06/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0

17.3 Reimagining Cataract Gorge - Project Brief**FILE NO:** SF0839**AUTHOR:** Andrew Smith (Parks & Recreation Manager)**DIRECTOR:** Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a project brief for a review of the Cataract Gorge Reserve facilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council endorse the project brief "Reimagining Cataract Gorge" (reference ECM doc 3208719) for developing a strategic report on improvements to the Cataract Gorge Reserve and adjacent reserves.

DECISION: 23/06/2014**RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman I S Norton, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.**

That the Council endorse the project brief "Reimagining Cataract Gorge" (reference ECM doc 3208719) for developing a strategic report on improvements to the Cataract Gorge Reserve and adjacent reserves subject to including representatives from the Launceston Mountain Bike Club and Canoe Tasmania within the stakeholder reference group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0

18 CORPORATE SERVICES**18.1 TasWater - Owners Representatives Briefing Frequency****FILE NO:** SF5335 / SF5153**AUTHOR:** Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a suggestion to reduce the frequency of regional meetings.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council support the change from quarterly to half yearly meetings as suggested by TasWater.

Mr M Tidey (Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item

DECISION: 23/06/2014**RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman J D Ball.****That the Recommendation be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0**

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19 GENERAL MANAGER

19.1 Coat of Arms and LCC logo - Request for use in publication

FILE NO: SF0156

AUTHOR: Elizabeth Clark (Civic Affairs Coordinator)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To determine a request to use Council's Coat of Arms and Logo.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be given to Dr Carol Freeman to use the Launceston City Council Coat of Arms and the current LCC logo in a revision of the publication "Paper Tiger."

Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 19.1 – 19.2 inclusive.

DECISION: 23/06/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0

19.2 Macquarie House Innovation Hub Project**FILE NO:** SF5992 / SF2307**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider authorising the General Manager to provide in-principle approval to the Macquarie House Innovation Hub Sub-Committee for the lease of Macquarie House in order to facilitate an application for the Macquarie House Innovation Hub Project to the Commonwealth Government seeking \$3m of funding for the upgrade of Macquarie House and provision of co-working space, professional development and access to high-specification technology.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

SPPC Deputation - 16 June 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council authorises through delegated authority the General Manager to provide in-principle agreement of the Council subject to complying with all necessary legislative requirements, to the Macquarie House Innovation Hub Sub-Committee for a proposal to lease the property known as Macquarie House, in order to facilitate a submission for funding to the Commonwealth by the Sub-Committee, subject to:

- i) Any final consideration of a lease by the Council being contingent on meeting all necessary statutory requirements and the application for funding by the Sub-Committee being successful.
 - ii) The Council approving the proposed governance and management arrangements relating to the Macquarie House Innovation Hub Project.
 - iii) The project funding from the Commonwealth being granted to the Council to manage.
 - iv) The Council approving final design of works on Macquarie House and managing all project works.
 - v) The provision of a business case for the project which clearly establishes the demand for and viability of the Macquarie House Innovation Hub.
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19.2 Macquarie House Innovation Hub Project...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 23/06/2014

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman J D Ball.

That the Council authorises through delegated authority the General Manager to provide in-principle agreement of the Council subject to complying with all necessary legislative requirements, to the Macquarie House Innovation Hub Sub-Committee for a proposal to lease the property known as Macquarie House, in order to facilitate a submission for funding to the Commonwealth by the Sub-Committee, subject to:

- i) Any final consideration of a lease by the Council being contingent on meeting all necessary statutory requirements and the application for funding by the Sub-Committee being successful.**
- ii) The Council approving the proposed governance and management arrangements relating to the Macquarie House Innovation Hub Project.**
- iii) The project funding from the Commonwealth being granted to the Council to manage.**
- iv) The Council approving final design of works on Macquarie House and managing all project works.**
- v) The provision of a business case for the project which clearly establishes the demand for and viability of the Macquarie House Innovation Hub.**

And further that Council notes;

- vi) The revised business case that has been submitted including importantly the 60+ letters of support received for the Macquarie House Innovation Hub (MHIH) project, including 30 expressing an intention to pay for a membership in the space, as well as others from national and international organisations offering to directly engage with the project and pledging support for the project.**
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19.2 Macquarie House Innovation Hub Project...(Cont'd)

And finally;

- vii) That Council requests the relevant federal department considers in the context of the Value For Money (VFR) assessment the potential for the project to fulfil key objectives for the City including; attracting and retaining young people and skilled professionals, creating enterprise and employment opportunities for an economy in need and achieving key objectives in both the Greater Launceston Plan (harnessing creativity and innovation) and the revitalisation of Launceston's CBD.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0

20 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

21 INFORMATION / MATTERS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Nil

22 CLOSED COUNCIL ITEM(S)**DECISION: 23/06/2014****RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman J D Ball.**

That pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 15(2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005, Council move into Closed Session to discuss those items nominated as Closed Session items, for the following reasons:

- 22.1 (i) as it concerns, application by an elected member for leave of absence.**
- 22.2 (a) as it concerns personnel matters.**
- 22.3 (a) as it concerns personnel matters.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0

22.1 Leave of Absence Application - Alderman**FILE NO:** SF4240**AUTHOR:** Liz Lynch (Administration Officer General Manager)**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To seek leave of absence from Council for an Alderman pursuant to S39 of Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:N/A

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED COUNCIL.

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22.2 Report from General Manager's Contract and Performance Review Committee

FILE NO: SF5695/POS0136

AUTHOR: Mayor Albert van Zetten (Chair of General Manager's Contract and Performance Review Committee)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a report from the General Manager's Contract and Performance Review Committee.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED COUNCIL.

22.3 Personnel Matter

FILE NO: SF5547

AUTHOR: Alderman Ted Sands

MAYOR: Albert van Zetten

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a Notice of Motion by Alderman Sands.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

THIS ITEM WAS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED COUNCIL.

23 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor closed the meeting at 4pm.
