



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 19 November 2018

AT 7:30 PM

VENUE: TOWN HALL BALLROOM, TOWN HALL

PRESENT:

The Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds (Chairman), the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor H Burnet, Aldermen M Zucco, J R Briscoe, Dr P T Sexton, D C Thomas, T M Denison, Councillor W F Harvey, Alderman S Behrakis, Councillors M Dutta, H Ewin and Z Sherlock.

Mr Geoff Lucas, President, Royal Hobart Regatta Association
Mr Albert Hannemann
Ms Jen Newman, Regional Development Australia - Tasmania
Mr Alec Young, Vice President, Royal Hobart Regatta Association
Ms Lynda Vertigan, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Ms Galia Bastoni
Ms Grace Nguyen, Young Citizen of the Year
Mr Chris Merridrew
Ms Aloysiane Misumba
Mr David Hudson, Risk and Audit Panel Chairman
Mr Karl Beckett, Sandy Bay Residents Group
Ms Rosemary Kellaway, Community Volunteer Access Advisory Committee
Ms Yi Yang, Australian Chinese Association of Biomedical Sciences Tasmania Branch
Ms Bernarda Spitzer, Sandy Bay Residents Group

Mr Nicholas Sawyer
Mr Richard Allanby, State Manager, Reclink
Ms Reshma Dutta
Mr Justin Clifford, Home Affairs
Mr Chris Palmer, Wooden Boat Festival
Ms Louisa Gordon
Ms Chelsea Emery
Mr Russell Cairns, President, Lions Club of Hobart Town Inc
Mr Harrison Tunks, Youth Advisory Group
Mr Simon Wise, Colony 47
Mr Roland Browne
Ms Jenny Tymms
Ms Janith Damboragama
Mr Ted Cutlan
Mr Dieter Nikolai
Mr Kevin Wilson, South Hobart Progress Association
Ms Catharine Errey
Ms Vicki Campbell
Mr Charles Morgan, Battery Point Community Association Inc
Ms Maighn Johnson
Mr Daniel Chang
Ms Ursula Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, Derwent Estuary Program
Ms Lily Chan, Chinese Community Association of Tasmania Inc
Ms Louise Sales
Ms Sajini Sumar, Multicultural Women's Council of Tasmania
Ms Joy Stones
Mr Eric Pinkard
Ms Tammy Chung
Mr Philip Stigant
Ms Rosemary Farrell, Secretary, University of the Third Age – Hobart
Inc
Mr Cliff Iles
Ms Aera Cho
Ms Fiona Perrin
Mr Owen Park, Korean Community Volunteer Association of Tasmania
Mr Shane Fenner, Tasmanians with Disabilities
Mr Rachel Andrew
Ms Jennifer Woodward
Ms Jenny Fenner, Tasmanians with Disabilities
Ms Magali Rakotondrabe, Youth Advisory Group
Ms Jodi De Cesare, Secretary, Abruzzese Association of Hobart
Mr Stephan Bennett
Mr Dean Barker
Mr Tony De Cesare, President, Abruzzese Association of Hobart
Mr David Emmett, Rotary Club of North Hobart
Mrs Heather Emmett, Rotary Club of North Hobart
Ms Siyuan Gu
Mr Raymond Wang
Ms Ana Pike, Community Volunteer Access Advisory Committee
Ms Xinyi Jing, International Student Ambassador

Mr Michael Crellin, Manx Community in Tasmania
Ms Rosemary Sandford
Mr Paul Daniels
Ms Zdravka Milutinovic
Mr Richard Grueber
Mr Ben Lohberger
Mr Cliff Coles

APOLOGIES

Ms Alison O'Neil, Migrant Resource Centre
Ms Alison Flakemore, Risk and Audit Panel Independent Member
Mr Neil Kirby ASM, Chief Executive Officer, Ambulance Tasmania
Mr Chris Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Anglicare Tasmania Inc
Ms Jackie Slyp, Chief Executive Officer, Arthritis Foundation of Tasmania
Mr Rod Whitehead, Auditor General, Tasmanian Audit Office
Ms Didi Okwechime, Manager, Colony 47
Mr Lyndon Stevenson, Chief Executive Officer, Community Transport Services Inc
Mr Ross Bannister, President/Secretary, Derwent City Bowls Club
Ms Beth Gilligan, Principal, Dominic College
Mr Nelson File, the Friends School
Ms Tracey Siedler, Hobart College
Mr Bruce Todd, Hobart Older Persons' Reference Group
Ms Helen Todd, Hobart Older Persons' Reference Group
Mrs Fran Bearman, Principal, John Paul II Catholic School
Ms Ros Cornish, Lady Gowrie Tasmania
Mr Eamonn Pollard, Principal, MacKillop Catholic College
Ms Mary Massina, Chief Executive Officer, Macquarie Point Development Corporation
Ms Connie Digolis, Mental Health Council of Tasmania
Mr Michael Meredith
Mr Noel Mundy, Mission Australia
Ms Rosanne McDade, Principal, Montrose Bay High School
Ms Lynne Harwood, Chief Executive Officer, Mosaic Support Services
Mr Aaron Pidgeon, Netball Tasmania
Ms Yabbo Thompson, Networking for Harmony
Ms Tracey Matthews, Commodore, Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania
Mrs Elizabeth McDougall, Sacred Heart College
Ms Felicity Allison, Commodore, Sandy Bay Sailing Club
Mr Richard Sadek, Southern Cross Care Tas Inc
Ms Helen Spencer, Principal, St Mary's College
Dr Adam Forsyth, St Michael's Collegiate
Mr Tony van den Enden, Chief Executive Officer, Surf Life Saving Tasmania
Ms Susan Cure, President, Swimming Tasmania
Ms Kym Goodes, Chief Executive Officer, TasCOSS Inc
Ms Janet Carding, Director, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
Mr John Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Tasmania

Prof Rufus Black, Vice Chancellor and President, University of Tasmania
Ms Vicki Martin, Convenor, Valley Street Bushcare
Mr David Quinn, President, Waterfront Business Community
Ms Penny Webb
Mr Paul Turvey, West Hobart Neighbourhood Watch
Ms Miranda Bennett, Youth Advisory Group
Mr Michael Johnston, Youth Advisory Group
Ms Naomi Marantelli, Joint Citizen of the Year

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

1. DECLARE THE MEETING OPEN

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting at 7.30 pm, welcomed those in attendance and noted the apologies.

2. MINUTES OF THE AGM CONDUCTED ON 20 NOVEMBER 2017

The Lord Mayor noted the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting held on 20 November 2017, which were endorsed by the Council at its meeting held on 22 January 2018.

3. MEETING PROCEDURES

THE LORD MAYOR NOTED THAT THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MEETING WERE ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA.

4. CITY OF HOBART ANNUAL REPORT

4.1 Chairman's address in respect of the 2018 Annual Report

The Lord Mayor addressed the meeting in relation to the City's achievements for the 2017/2018 year in review and the Annual Report.

The Lord Mayor's full address is noted in the minutes of the meeting.

Attachments

A Lord Mayor's Address ⇒ 

4.2 Acknowledgement of written submissions from electors of the City of Hobart in relation to the 2017/2018 Annual Report.

There were no written submissions received in relation to the 2017/2018 Annual Report.

4.3 Invitation to the community to ask questions in relation to the Annual Report and Council's Activities.

Question 1

Mr Eric Pinkard

Can Council please advise whether the parking meters which have been installed around the city were trialled? If not, why not? If so, why weren't the problems which have become evident remedied? What is the Council doing to ensure that users of its metered parking spaces do not have difficulties with the meters? I do not think that posting a full-page advertisement in the Mercury will resolve the issues?

Answer provided by Peter Carr, Director City innovation & Technology:

Council's new parking meters were inspected in an operational environment within a number of Australian and New Zealand cities including Melbourne and Wellington as part of the procurement process. Following best practice recommendations they were subsequently installed and trialled in the Dunn Street carpark for a period of 2-months ahead of general installation and release across the

CBD and Salamanca. The current communications issues being experienced during the rollout and commissioning phases were not experienced during the testing phase.

In addition to ongoing communications via newspapers, radio and Council's website and social media platforms, Council's Parking and Information Officers will continue to support users of the new system on the street at their point of need. In addition Council will install simple step-by-step guides for both the new meters and the new mobile parking app.

Question 2

Mr Eric Pinkard

Does Council consider that the penalties are adequate for the protection of local heritage-listed properties? Does it believe that there should be other deterrents such as offending developers being subject to Court or Tribunal control in respect of the subject land? Does it believe that the subject land should be confiscated in extreme circumstances?

Answer provided by Neil Noye, Director City Planning:

The Council will be considering its position on these matters following the finalisation of legal proceedings concerning the illegal demolition and tree removal at 55 Mount Stuart Road

Question 3

Mr Kevin Wilson

Council is to be congratulated for developing a comprehensive Community Engagement program although there is some work to be done to fully meet my needs. Will Council consider allowing the general public to participate in its Aldermanic Workshop program?

Answer provided by Heather Salisbury, Deputy General Manager:

Aldermanic workshops are held from time to time as a means of providing the opportunity for Aldermen to meet collectively to receive information, and discuss matters in an informal environment. An Aldermanic workshop is not a meeting of a Council committee or the full Council and accordingly no decisions are made. These forums are generally not open to the public.

Question 4

Mr Chris Merridew

A 424 room apartment building in Melville Street was approved without car parking. I was advised by Council that you can put accommodation in the city without a car park. Is Council considering introducing provisions requiring car parking in the CBD?

Answer provided by Neil Noye, Director City Planning:

Council policy is not to require provision for car parking for a range of reasons: capacity of the streets to handle the extra traffic, interruption to pedestrian movements that car park crossovers create. The City of Hobart Parking Strategy is to be reviewed in 2019.

Question 5

Rachel Andrew

Are there any plans for traffic management projects to control traffic in Molle Street. It is a black spot where numerous accident occur. It is not in the capital works program and I have been raising this issue for the past 2 years?

Answer provided by Mark Painter, Director City Infrastructure:

There is work planned to improve the intersection of Collins and Molle Streets for pedestrians and cyclists with money to be included in the 2020/21 budget.

Question 6

Mr Eric Pinkard

Is it possible for Council to publish its annual report at least four weeks prior to the AGM date? This would give ratepayers and community organisations a reasonable time to consider the report and formulate questions. I do not consider that having three days to submit written questions is an appropriate time under the Council's Engagement

Policy. And it is not fair that Council Officers and Aldermen may only have two business days to provide answers?

Answer provided by Heather Salisbury, Deputy General Manager:

Whilst we understand that the timing around conducting the Annual General Meeting and receiving the Annual Report is not ideal, the reality is that the Council is bound by the timeframes set-out in the *Local Government Act 1993* as well as the practical implications involved in producing the Annual Report. Effectively it is constrained by the finalisation of the financial statements for the previous year with the Auditor General and the requirement to hold the Annual General Meeting by 15 December each year.

Question 7

Mr Chris Morgan

As a result of applications from cafes and bars in Sullivans Cove and the Salamanca Place precinct if they apply to extend hours to 5.00am has Council given consideration to a plan that ensures the residents' and visitors' experience is not adversely affected. They are zoned mixed use, objectives recognise there are residents and visitor accommodation, is there a plan to provide balance for residents and pedestrian amenity and safety?

Answer provided by Neil Noye, Director City Planning:

The precinct is recognised as an entertainment hot spot and the challenge is to balance competing interests. The new Statewide Planning Scheme will provide the opportunity for feedback and comment.

Question 8

Mr Kevin Wilson

Council has an active committee to encourage and improve the amenity of cyclists in Hobart. Will Council consider forming a similar committee to improve the amenity for pedestrians, particularly in the suburbs?

Answer provided by Mark Painter, Director City Infrastructure:

The City of Hobart has recently endorsed a new Community Engagement Framework which aims to achieve the community's

meaningful and tangible input into the City's decision-making. Specifically, the Framework includes commitments to Local Community Conversations that provide an opportunity to interact with City of Hobart staff and Aldermen and Listening Posts that provide an opportunity to speak with staff face-to-face to learn about projects and log issues for action by the City.

Additionally, the Access Advisory Committee provides advice to the Council on a variety of pedestrian access issues, including advice when upgrades to infrastructure are planned, such as the New Town retail precinct upgrade.

Question 9

Mr David Emmett
Battery Point Resident

What is the next step in relation to the Battery Point foreshore walkway project?

Answer provided by Alderman Briscoe:

The Council agreed to transfer funding from the project to complete the 2 bridges. However funds have been put aside for the design work. As Chairman of the Battery Point Walkway Committee I will be continuing to pursue this project. Local Government has a limited budget with many worthwhile projects to consider.

Question 10

Mr Chris Merridew

Congratulations Lord Mayor on your report and I want to commend the Council officers who look after the 188 parks. I raise congestion in West Hobart, coming from Hill Street and Bathurst Street into Barrack Street. Many People want to cross Macquarie Street and get into Davey however many people from West Hobart are only wishing to get into the City. Can Council consider re-opening Molle Street between Hill Street and Collins Street to two-way traffic enabling people easy access to the CBD and through to the Brooker Highway?

Answer provided by Nick Heath, General Manager:

The General Manager acknowledged the area as problematic and given the many issues raised, undertook to have Council officers contact Mr Merridew directly to discuss.

Question 11

Grace Nguyen

The international migrant population is growing fast - Vietnamese, Chinese, Indian and others. What activities and projects can these communities access to find out about the City of Hobart and also participate in with the Council?

Answer provided by Kimbra Parker, Acting Associate Director Community and Culture:

There are numerous activities and programs including the International Student Ambassador Program, Multicultural Networking for Harmony and Community Grants Programs where organisations can apply for grant monies to assist with programs and activities. Also there is information available around the city that has been translated into other languages.

Question 12

Mr Eric Pinkard

I note that there were contributions of \$63,000 to the Provision of Public Open Space reserve during last financial year, but \$250,000 was transferred out of the reserve. Were any new parks established? If so, where?

What is Council doing to ensure that parks are available to occupants of high-density housing in the City of Hobart as developers do not appear to be required to provide suitable areas? Are developers required to make contributions in lieu of providing suitable areas?

Answer provided by Glenn Doyle, Director Parks & City Amenity:

The \$250k transferred out of the Public Open Space Account in 2017/18 was used as a part payment for the purchase of 9 hectares of land at 66 Summerhill Road, West Hobart for incorporation into Knocklofty Reserve.

In accordance with legislation, Council is entitled to 5% of the value/area of land proposed for subdivision. Beyond that, the Council has no power to compel developers to contribute to the provision of Public Open Space (POS). Officers work with developers to obtain the best outcome for the provision of POS. At times this results in the gifting of areas greater than 5% or Council purchasing additional land.

In terms of providing for occupants of high density housing, the Council

has undertaken the following:

- Improving connections to and within parks. Recent examples include the construction of the Tasman and Brooker Highway Bridges to provide access to the Queens Domain, Salvator Road extension to Knocklofty Reserve and improvements to the Hobart Rivulet Park (purchase of 18 Mackellar St and former Boags site above Anglesea St and Elliotts transport depot at Tara Street) purchase of land along Sandy Bay Rivulet off Romilly Street for the future construction of a Sandy Bay Rivulet Park).
- Establishment of new parks. Eg. Tolmans Hill Playground and Garrington Park

New and Improved facilities. Eg. Domain mountain bike tracks, Maxs Infinity Loop, sportsfields lighting and drainage improvements (provides for increased utilisation), John Turnbull dog exercise area.

Question 13

Mr Cliff Isles

Has the Council sought representation on the Macquarie Point Development Corporation Board. If not should we, what procedures are in place to keep the City of Hobart informed of plans?

Answer provided by Nick Heath, General Manager:

The Council made the decision not to seek membership however we do enjoy a very good relationship with the Board.

Question 14

Mr Kevin Wilson

The Mount Wellington Cableway Company has again stated that it will lodge a Development Application for a cable car to kunanyi/Mt Wellington. A detailed Traffic Impact Assessment will be required to be part of that Application. Will Council ask the Company to lodge that assessment as soon as possible for release to the general public to allow adequate time for study?

Is there any legal constraint on Council making such a request and making the assessment available to the public before the submission of the Development Application?

Answer provided by Neil Noye, Director City Planning:

Any traffic impact assessment should be considered in context of a complete planning application and therefore it would not be appropriate to either request an early submission nor release it to the public without a complete application.

The Council has no legal basis on which to request an early submission and release of this information to the public.

Question 15

Mr Harrison Tunks

I wish to commend the Council on making great strides in involving youth, but still feel a disconnect between decision makers and youth. What are council doing to meet their needs?

Answer provided by Kimbra Parker, Acting Associate Director Community and Culture:

There is work progressing in this area that includes a review of the Youth Programs Strategy in 2019. YouthArc was damaged in the May floods and redevelopment of this space is starting soon. We will also be working with youth advisory squad to further the art program.

Question 16

Mr Eric Pinkard

We are all aware that the floods in May this year caused considerable damage. How much did it cost Council last financial year? How much has been spent this financial year? What is the anticipated net effect on the Council's financial position when all insurance and grants have been received?

Answer provided by David Spinks, Director Financial Services:

In the 2017/2018 year, the Council incurred costs of \$1.319M.

In the 2018/2019 year, to date, the Council have incurred costs of \$0.668M.

Remedial work is still ongoing meaning costs will continue to be incurred. However, the best estimate at this point in time is that a net financial shortfall, after the receipt of insurance proceeds and recovery funding, of approximately \$3M will result.

Question 17

Mr Chris Merridew

Re the Hobart Bicycle Advisory Committee. Pedestrians are concerned the Council is spending considerable money on cycle paths but what about pedestrians as they feel they are in a dangerous situation?

Answer provided by Mark Painter, Director City Infrastructure:

Cyclist are permitted to use footpaths unless specifically prohibited. Will have the matter listed on the Hobart Bicycle Advisory Committee agenda.

4.4 Call for a motion to adopt the 2017/2018 City of Hobart Annual Report

DEPUTY LORD MAYOR
DUTTA

That the City of Hobart Annual Report for 2017/2018 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Zucco
Briscoe
Sexton
Thomas
Denison
Harvey
Behrakis
Dutta
Ewin
Sherlock

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Lord Mayor closed the meeting at 8.33 pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
21ST DAY OF JANUARY 2019.
