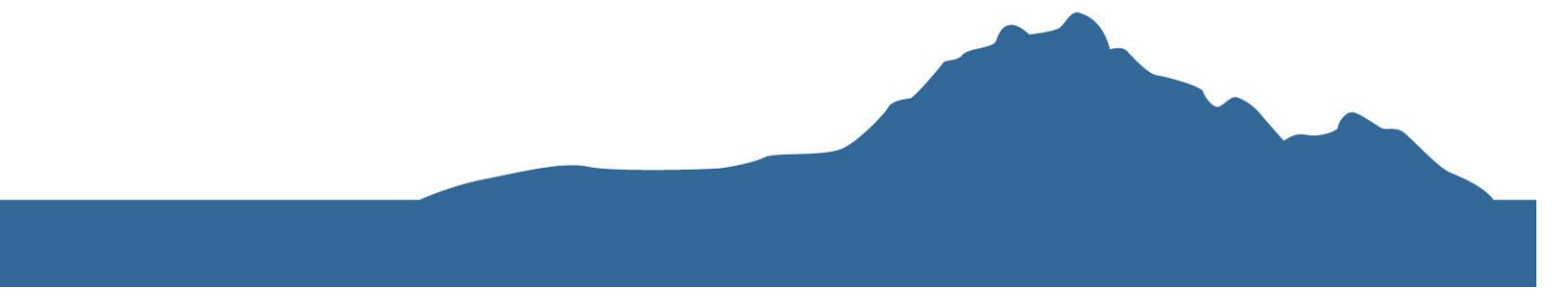




Confirmed Minutes
Ordinary Council Meeting
19th January 2017



FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

CONFIRMED MINUTES

DATE: Thursday 19th January 2017
VENUE: Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark
COMMENCING: 1.00 pm

PRESENT

Mayor Carol Cox
Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham
Cr Peter Rhodes
Cr Ken Stockton
Cr David Williams

APOLOGIES

Cr Chris Rhodes
Cr Gerald Willis

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Boehm - General Manager
Vicki Warden - Executive Officer

Note: Mayor Carol Cox welcomed Bill Boehm to his first Council Meeting with Flinders Council and informed Council that flowers were sent to Cr Gerald Willis in hospital with Council's wishes for a speedy recovery.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.01.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes
That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting and the Closed Council Meeting held on the 12th December 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question 1: David Tresemer

Whereas Tas Regional Arts is closing its doors, does this alter the support by Council of arts activities in degree or emphasis?

Mayor's Response

Council was unaware of the closing of Tas Regional Arts however does not expect this to affect Council's support for arts activities in any way. If the local regional arts body would like to discuss the matter further with Council we will be happy to listen.

Question 2: Cr David Williams on behalf of Maxine Roughley (on behalf of FIAAI)

Given that the Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc. (FIAAI) own and maintain 50 houses on the Island they are finding the new restrictions on green waste very onerous and expensive. Would the General Manager and/or the Mayor please sit down with FIAAI and formulate an acceptable resolution to their problem?

Mayor's Response

The General Manager advised that the Works and Services Manager has met with FIAAI to resolve the immediate problem by providing a suitable disposal site.

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS

15th December 2016 Council Meeting

Question 2: Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham on behalf of Doreen Lovegrove

The first section of Port Davies Rd (750 metres) has considerable roadside verge areas of very long grass – up to one metre high. Is the Works and Services team able to address this problem in the near future? As well as being unsightly it is also a potential fire risk coming into summer.

Mayor's Response:

The then Acting General Manager advised me just prior to Christmas that the works crew had mowed and whipper snipped verge areas of the road where the terrain made it viable to do so. Council has also fixed, at no cost to the Parks and Wildlife Service, the access road to the popular Sawyers Bay beach over which the Parks' Department has tenure.

2.01.2017 Moved: Cr D Williams **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

That the response to the public question from the 15th December 2016 Council Meeting be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question 1: Cr Gerald Willis

I note that the Flinders Council Annual Report 2015-2016 states (page 20, paragraph 2.1.1) in relation to the addition of a fitness annex at the Lady Barron Hall, "A new Development Application was lodged with Council" and I ask the Mayor:

- When was the Development Application lodged with the council;
- When was the Development Application referred to Councillors for consideration;
- If the Development Application was not referred to the Council for consideration why not; and
- If the Development Application was not referred to the Council for consideration under what authority was that decision made?

General Manager's Response

Cr Willis has verbally asked this question previously and been reminded at that time that Development Applications for Permitted Uses are not considered by Council. The Development Application was lodged with Council on the 29th June 2016 and approved on 11th July 2016. Development Applications for Permitted Uses are not referred to Councillors as Councillors have given delegation to the General Manager regarding Planning Permits for Permitted Uses, as per the Instrument of Delegation which was unanimously approved by the Councillors.

3.01.2017 Moved: Cr P Rhodes **Seconded:** Cr Ken Stockton

That the response to the Councillor's Question On Notice be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

PETITIONS

Nil

WORKSHOPS & INFORMATION FORUMS File No: COU/0205

Council Workshop held on 1st December 2016

Council held a Workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1: Roberts St Reserve
- Item 2: Code of Tender and Contracts Policy
- Item 3: Review of Council Committees and Special Committees
- Item 4: Council Christmas Party
- Item 5: Badger Corner Boat Ramp
- Item 6: Grant Funding for Community Infrastructure

Councillors Present:

Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Gerald Willis.

Apologies:

Cr Ken Stockton
Cr David Williams

Staff and Consultants Present:

Sophie Pitchford (Acting General Manager), Jacci Viney (Development Services Coordinator) (Item 1 only) and Vicki Warden (Executive Officer) (Items 2 – 4 only).

As workshops and information sessions are for information and discussion purposes only, no decisions are made or foreshadowed at these proceedings.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council Workshop held on 1st December 2016 be noted.

DECISION:

4.01.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes
That the Council Workshop held on 1st December 2016 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nil

PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS TABLED FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

Nil

REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee

File No: AME/0503

Annexure 1: Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Annual General Meeting 23rd November 2015 Confirmed Minutes

OFFICER'S REPORT (Bill Boehm, General Manager):

The confirmed minutes of the Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Annual General Meeting held Monday 23rd November 2015 have been provided for consideration. The minutes outline what the committee has been working on to date and can now be received by Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the confirmed minutes of the Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Annual General Meeting held Monday 23rd November 2015 be received.

DECISION:

5.01.2017 Moved: Cr D Williams **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

That the confirmed minutes of the Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Annual General Meeting held Monday 23rd November 2015 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee

File No: AME/0503

Annexure 2: Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Annual General Meeting 8th December 2016 Unconfirmed Minutes

OFFICER'S REPORT (Bill Boehm, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Annual General Meeting held Thursday 8th December 2016 have been provided for consideration. The minutes outline what the committee has been working on to date and can now be noted by Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Annual General Meeting held Thursday 8th December 2016 be noted.

DECISION:

6.01.2017 Moved: Cr D Williams **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Annual General Meeting held Thursday 8th December 2016 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

Note: Cr David Williams notified Council that the year had been omitted from the date of these minutes and that they will be amended.

7.01.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

That Council endorses the following appointments made at the Lady Barron Hall and Recreational Special Committee Annual General Meeting:

Chair: Cr. D. Williams

Vice President: C. Cox

Treasurer: J. Clark

Secretary: F. Bryson

Assistant Secretary: C. Murphy

Committee members: P. Masters; K. Murphy; T. Maynard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee

File No: AME/0503

Annexure 3: Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Meeting 8th December 2016 Unconfirmed Minutes

OFFICER'S REPORT (Bill Boehm, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Meeting held Thursday 8th December 2016 have been provided for consideration. The minutes outline what the committee has been working on to date and can now be noted by Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Meeting held Thursday 8th December 2016 be noted.

DECISION:

8.01.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr D Williams

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee Meeting held Thursday 8th December 2016 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Deputy Mayor's Monthly Report

File No: COU/0600

ACTIVITIES:

DATE	ITEM
11.12.16	Meeting with community member re NBN installation delays
13.12.16	Emita Hall Special Committee meeting
14.12.16	Phone call re Safe Harbour project from a community member
15.12.16	Consultant's Sports Club presentation
15.12.16	Council Meeting
15.12.16	Council AGM
17.12.16	Emita Hall Special Committee fundraiser at Quickshear
07.01.17	Emita Sports Day, fundraiser for Emita Hall Special Committee
11.01.17	Phone call re ongoing island telecommunications issues
12.01.17	Council Workshop
14.01.17	Phone call from resident re excess roadside vegetation bushfire risk

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Deputy Mayor's report be received.

DECISION:

9.01.2017 Moved: Cr K Stockton **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes

That the Deputy Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

Report from Councillor Gerald Willis as the Flinders Council Representative on TasWater Owners' Committee
File No: COU/0312

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
06.12.16	Email from Ailsa Sypkes, General Manager Legal and Governance for TasWater	Email with draft minutes of a meeting of Owners' Representatives held on 10 November plus a copy of the presentation provided at the December meeting
09.12.16	Email from Lynn Luckock, Executive Assistant to Mike Brewster, Chief Executive Officer of TasWater	Letter from Miles Hampton, Chairman plus the 10 year plan to 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report from Councillor Gerald Willis as the Flinders Council Representative on TasWater Owners' Committee be received.

DECISION:

10.01.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes
 That the report from Councillor Gerald Willis as the Flinders Council Representative on TasWater Owners' Committee be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

Report from Councillor Gerald Willis as the Flinders Council Representative on Flinders Island Tourism and Business Inc.

File No: CSV/1704

Along with David Heap, a member of the Council's Community and Economic Development team, I attended a meeting of the Flinders Island Tourism and Business Inc. on Monday 19 December 2016.

The draft minutes have not yet been prepared, but I can report that the following matters were discussed:

- Progress on the Friends of Flinders campaign;
- Visit by the ship *"The World"*;
- Marketing update;
- Flinders Island Touring Map and Food Guide;
- Website development;
- Wave video;
- Launch of marketing and strategy campaign;
- Visits by public relations and media people;
- Flinders Island Trail;
- 2017 Crayfish Festival;
- 2017 Running Festival;
- Wi-Fi hub;
- Road to the Patriachs Sanctuary; and
- Transport committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report from Councillor Gerald Willis as the Flinders Council Representative on Flinders Island Tourism and Business Inc. be received.

DECISION:

11.01.2017 Moved: Cr P Rhodes **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham

That the report from Councillor Gerald Willis as the Flinders Council Representative on Flinders Island Tourism and Business Inc. be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Mayor C Cox
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	Nil

REPORT:

APPOINTMENTS:

09.12.16	Teleconference with Clyde & Co
10.12.16	Lions Children's Christmas Party
11.12.16	Carols by Candlelight
15.12.16	Presentation on Sport & RSL Club - Giles Newstead & Richard Brenchley from Dock4 Architects
15.12.16	Council Ordinary Meeting
15.12.16	Council Annual General Meeting
17.12.16	Quickshear event
19.12.16	Flinders Island District High School Final Assembly
22.12.16	Works and Service end of year gathering
01.01.17	Wake for Mary-Anne Roberts (ex-Councillor)
07.01.17	Emita Sports
08.01.17	Museum - Opening of the History of Shipping Exhibition
09.01.17	"The World" at Trousers Point
12.01.17	Council Workshop

General Manager Position:

Mr Bill Boehm started with Council in the position of General Manager on the 3rd January 2017. I welcome Bill and his partner Kaye to the Island wishing them a long and satisfying stay. Bill was selected as the result of an intensive recruitment process in which all Councillors were involved and unanimously approved his appointment. Bill is quickly learning that the business of Council is both varied and demanding. I urge you all to be welcoming and supportive as Bill and Kaye adjust to island living.

Museum:

The current exhibition on the shipping history of the Island is extremely fascinating giving a snapshot of the vessels from sailing to the current roll-on-roll-off vessel servicing the Islands, as well as the evolution of the wharfs used. Whilst the Museum infrastructure is owned by Council the Furneaux Museum collection is managed and cared for entirely by the volunteer members of the Furneaux Historical Research Association (FHRA). The professionalism and dedication of the volunteers through the years of its operation has seen it develop into an extremely important asset as a comprehensive collection and snapshot of the history of the Furneaux Group.

The FHRA is currently seeking to alter the entrance and slightly extend the foyer area to overcome some of the practical difficulties that have emerged with the current layout and will be seeking external grant funding to enable this to happen. I intend to provide a letter of support from Council on the importance of this facility to the Community.

Flinders Island District High School Awards:

In 2016 the Council again donated \$500 to the Dux of the School, a year 10 student going onto further education. The payment of the award is over two years with the \$250 being awarded to the student for 2017 and a further \$250 being given in 2018, provided further education is still being undertaken. This has been a long standing annual contribution made by Council and given the recent changes to school leaving age the current protocols around the donation need to be reviewed. Congratulations to Se'elle Clarkson, the recipient of the 2016 Dux award.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
06.12.16	J Vuddamalay, Searchlight Group	Request for a testimonial
09.12.16	M Patterson, Area General Manager, Telstra Country Wide	Letter drafted to the Minister for consideration by Cabinet
09.12.16	M Hampton, Chairman TasWater	Letter from Chairman and TasWater 10 year financial plan
13.12.16	K Stephenson, CEO, Local Government Association of Tasmania	Budget Submission to the State Government for 2017-18
13.12.16	M Patterson, Telstra Country Wide	Flinders Island telecommunications project
20.12.16	J Denholm, Primary Health Tasmania	Media release - New rural primary health services announced
21.12.16	J Vuddamalay, Searchlight Group	Final selection report
29.12.16	Cr G Willis	Request the Works Department mow the roadside outside land belonging to Roy McCormick in Coast Road
02.01.17	Cr K Stockton	Copy of email from T Griggs re Palana boat ramp repairs - missing a ladder
02.01.17	T Griggs & L Nicol	Senior officer remuneration
04.01.17	J Youl, Flinders Island Tourism & Business Inc.	Confirmation of Flinders island Tourism and Business Inc. meeting

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
		with John Pitt
06.01.17	M Brewster, CEO, TasWater	Whitemark water supply
06.01.17	K Foster, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet'	Summary of issues discussed during visit to Island
09.01.17	L Sowden, Moray & Agnew Lawyers	New contact details
10.01.17	R Whitehead, Tasmania Audit Office	Probity examination of use of credit card

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
13.12.16	Flinders Island District High School	Acceptance of invitation to presentation evening
13.12.16	L Mason	Thank you for your work on the Tasmanian Community Fund
14.12.16	J Dick, Audit Panel Chair	Performance of the Audit Panel
20.12.16	J Vuddamalay, Searchlight Group	Request for testimonial
03.01.17	P Barrett	Consumer affairs - solar installations
03.01.17	Cr K Stockton	Palana Boat ramp repairs –ladder replacement
04.01.17	J Youl, Flinders Island Tourism and Business Association Inc. (FITBI)	John Pitt meeting with FITBI
03.01.17	Cr K Stockton	Palana Boat ramp repairs – ladder replacement
04.01.17	T Griggs	Palana Boat ramp repairs – ladder replacement
04.01.17	Cr G Willis	Completion of slashing of Coast Road verges delayed until after Christmas break.
05.01.17	M Brewster, CEO TasWater	Concerns regarding water storage for Whitemark water supply
05.01.17	J Dick, Chair Audit Panel of Flinders Council	Performance of the Audit Panel for Flinders Council
08.01.17	P Barrett	Map of Whitemark for 'The World' visit
09.01.17	S Dwyer, Principal, Flinders District High School	Flinders Island District High School Annual Awards night
10.01.17	D Lovegrove	Response to public question
10.01.17	L Sowden, Moray & Agnew Lawyers	New contact details and new General Manager

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
13.01.17	T Griggs and L Nicol	Senior Council Officer remuneration

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's report be received.

DECISION:

12.01.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes

That the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

A. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Item A1: Development Application Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Jacci Viney, Development Services Coordinator
FILE REFERENCE	DSV/0300
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 4: Planner's Information Report - December 2016</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of the applications which have been dealt with by the Planning Department for the month of December as per the council motion 249.09.2015, passed at the 24th September 2015 Council Meeting.

Council has requested that the planning consultancy service (West Tamar Council) provide this detail to Council on a monthly basis.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Some items may have been considered at meetings of Council while the remainder have been approved under delegation by the General Manager.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Refer to Annexure 4 - Planner's Information Report - December 2016, provided by West Tamar Council.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Planner's Information Report - December 2016 be received.

DECISION:

13.01.2017 Moved: Cr D Williams **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

That the Planner's Information Report - December 2016 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

B. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Item B1: Notice of Motion from Cr Marc Cobham - Building Better Regions Fund – Telecommunications

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	GOV/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 5: Building Better Regions Fund Guidelines</i> <i>Annexure 6: Letter – No free Wi-Fi for Flinders</i> <i>Annexure 7: Item A2 March 2016 Closed Council Meeting (Elected Members only)</i>

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That Flinders Council:

1. Makes an application to the Building Better Regions Fund, which closes on the 28th January 2017, for funding to enable an upgrade of the Telecommunication system servicing the Furneaux Group and in particular Flinders and Cape Barren Islands.
2. Engages a consultant to assist in the preparation of the grant submission; and
3. Decides on what funding commitment it will make along with Telstra and the State Government to support the application.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

In 2016 Council made application to the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) which proved to be unsuccessful. The Federal Government has reviewed the purpose of the grant, making changes and rebadging it as the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).

The application to the NSRF was developed in conjunction with Telstra and included financial contribution commitments from the State Government, Telstra and Council. It is proposed that all the work and information that went into the NSRF application be built on to make application to the BBRF.

The BBRF Infrastructure Projects Stream provides funding for projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure, that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas. Applications for the Infrastructure Projects Stream open on 18th January 2017 and close on 28th February 2017.

It is widely acknowledged that the current telecommunications infrastructure supplying the service to the Furneaux Group is inadequate for current day needs.

The small population of the Furneaux Group makes it uneconomical to upgrade the infrastructure on a commercial basis. Telstra has a federally legislated requirement to supply a basic level of telecommunications to rural and remote areas. The current level of the service to the Island provides basic landline telephone services but does not support a reliable mobile service or a reliable and cost effective data service.

Council, with the support of Government funding, has worked with Telstra to develop an understanding of the requirements needed for the future, and taking into account commercial in confidence information, was reported to Councillors in Closed Council. That agenda item information is still relevant and is provided as Annexure 7 to inform this agenda item (for Councillor information only).

As evidence of the need for better telecommunications to the Furneaux Group and Flinders Island in particular, the Department of State Growth has advised Council in writing that Flinders Island has been removed from the State Government free Wi-Fi program due to the inability of Telstra to provide the service. The letter is included for reference as Annexure 6.

One paragraph in the letter says:

"I can now advise that following the Australian Government's decision not to grant National Stronger Regions Programme funding for the upgrade of the Flinders Island telecommunications, Telstra has advised there will be no Ethernet/ADSL services available on the Island for the foreseeable future. It is with great disappointment that I write to confirm that the existing infrastructure cannot support a viable Wi-Fi service, this means the two free Wi-Fi hotspots proposed for Flinders Island will unfortunately not proceed."

The Mayor has been in constant contact with Michael Patterson, Area General Manager, Telstra Country Wide, and Tasmania Chairman and Director, Telstra Tasmanian Board. Michael has been lobbying the State Government for a funding commitment and has written to the State Government requesting consideration of a 2017 budget commitment.

The Corporate Services Manager, Ms Sophie Pitchford, has been following up on the reasons why the application to the NSRF was not successful and will have that information to apply to the new submission.

This Notice of Motion asks Councillors to support making an application to the BBRF and to also make a decision on whether to support the application with a funding commitment.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

July 2015 Budget Workshop

16th July 2015 208.07.2015

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Telecommunications issues on the Islands have been ongoing for some time and are considered to be one of the main challenges hindering development and population growth on this Island. It is imperative that Council pursues any avenue available to secure funding and support to help address this challenge.

When the NSRF application was submitted in March 2016, Council approved the use of a consultant to assist in the preparation of the grant submission at a cost of \$27,500. The short timeframe for submission to the BBRF and the detailed intimate knowledge of the subject matter required again necessitates the use of a consultant to assist with the preparation of the application.

Council resolved to allocate a maximum of \$770,000 from cash reserves to support the project when the NSRF application was submitted in March 2016. These funds remain available to commit to the BBRF application.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

3.0 Access and Connectivity - Work with service providers and other relevant stakeholders to improve security, reliability and cost effectiveness.

3.3 Improved telecommunications for the benefit of local community and economy.

3.3.1 Improved communications with telecommunication service providers in order to encourage new investment and improved services.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Conservatively the cost of preparation of the submission of around \$27,500 should be adequate and if successful \$770,000 value of commitment being made by Council to the project.

RISK/LIABILITY:

Liability for actual project delivery remains with others but the risk to development of the Island if there is no application lodged is significant as it potentially holds back many businesses from developing. The Community would expect the Council to take a lead in this area so there are risks to the Council's reputation if this action is not undertaken.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The motion as written.

DECISION:

14.01.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

That Flinders Council:

1. Makes an application to the Building Better Regions Fund, which closes on the 28th January 2017, for funding to enable an upgrade of the Telecommunication system servicing the Furneaux Group and in particular Flinders and Cape Barren Islands.
2. Engages a consultant to assist in the preparation of the grant submission; and
3. Decides on what funding commitment it will make along with Telstra and the State Government to support the application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

15.01.2017 Moved: Cr K Stockton **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes

That Council approves the budget allocation of up to \$27,500 for the appointment of an appropriate consultant to prepare an independent review of the business case for the Building Better Regions Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

16.01.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr D Williams

That Council commits to providing a financial commitment of \$770,000 to the project should the Building Better Regions Fund application be successful.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

C. CORPORATE SERVICES

Item C1: Quarterly Financial Report for October to December 2016

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Sophie Pitchford, Corporate Services Manager
FILE REFERENCE	FIN/0100
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 8: Financials - October to December 2016</i> <i>Annexure 9: Summary Portfolio Valuation</i> <i>Annexure 10: Detailed Portfolio Valuation</i>

INTRODUCTION:

Presented to Council is the second Quarterly Financial Report for the period commencing 1st October 2016 and ending 31st December 2016.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council considers the Quarterly Financial Report on a quarterly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The report structure provides a summary of income and expenditure for the second quarter across all departmental divisions as individual finance reports. The Statement of Comprehensive Income includes actuals from the previous financial year, for comparison against current actuals, as well as the 2016/17 Annual Budget.

The Capital Works Report highlights each project and the expenditure incurred to date as well as projects carried forward as Works in Progress arising from the previous financial year.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

4.0 Strategic, Efficient and Effective Organisation - Responding to risks and opportunities.

4.3 Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations and manages corporate and community risk.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Annual Plan – all areas

RISK/LIABILITY:

No foreseen risks or legal obligations identified as a result of the financial report.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Quarterly Financial Report for the period commencing 1st October 2016 and ending 31st December 2016 be received and accepted.

DECISION:

17.01.2017 Moved: Cr K Stockton **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham

That the Quarterly Financial Report for the period commencing 1st October 2016 and ending 31st December 2016 be received and accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

Note: Cr David Williams asked if a discussion on Council's investments be included in the next workshop.

D. GOVERNANCE

Item D1: Use of the Flinders Council Common Seal

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	GOV/1000
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 11: Common Seal Register 26.09.16 – 10.01.17</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal, as per the council motion 216.09.2016 passed at the 22nd September 2016 Council Meeting.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

216.09.2016 22nd September 2016

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Flinders Council Common Seal Register was created on 26th September 2016 following a resolution of Council and is available to Councillors on request at any time. A report on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal will be included in Council Meeting Agendas on a quarterly basis.

Annexure 11 details the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal from the 26th September 2016 until the 10th January 2017.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Nil (Common Law)

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

No policy exists on this matter. There are no strategic implications

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY:

Minimum

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal from 26th September 2016 until the 10th January 2017 be received.

DECISION:

18.01.2017 Moved: Cr P Rhodes **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

That the report on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal from 26th September 2016 until the 10th January 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

Item D2: Council's 2nd Quarterly Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 12: Council's 2nd Quarterly Report (October - December 2016)</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of the various actions taken by the whole of Council for the second quarter of the financial year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Previously provided as departmental monthly reports then departmental quarterly reports.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Please read Annexure 9 – Council's 2nd Quarterly Report (October - December 2016).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council's 2nd Quarterly Report (October - December 2016) be received and accepted by Council.

Mayor Carol Cox called a break in the meeting at 1.25pm and resumed the meeting at 1.27pm.

DECISION:

19.01.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr D Williams
That the Council's 2nd Quarterly Report (October - December 2016) be received and accepted by Council, including the airport 2nd quarterly report tabled at the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

Item D3: Councillor Resolution Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	GOV/0300
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 13: Councillor Resolution Report January - 2017</i>

INTRODUCTION:

This report identifies the actions taken and actual costs associated with implementing resolutions passed by elected members up to January 2017.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

The report is presented on a monthly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Please read Annexure 13 – Councillor Resolution Report January 2017.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Councillor Resolution Report January 2017 be noted.

DECISION:

20.01.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

That the Councillor Resolution Report January 2017 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

Meeting Closed 1.34pm