



Agenda Ordinary Council Meeting

19 March 2019



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Dated this 14th day of March 2019.



Bill Boehm
GENERAL MANAGER

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Flinders Council Ordinary Meeting - Agenda

Tuesday 19 March 2019

Venue	Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark
Commencing	9.00am
Attendees - Councillors	Mayor Annie Revie Deputy Mayor David Williams Sharon Blyth Aaron Burke Vanessa Grace Peter Rhodes Rachel Summers
Apologies	Nil
Attendees - Staff	Bill Boehm General Manager Brian Barnewall Works and Airport Heidi Marshall Accountant Jacci Viney Projects, Assets and Environmental Health Officer Vicki Warden Executive Officer (minute taker)

1 Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 February 2019 and the Special Council Meeting open and closed sessions held on 5 March 2019 be confirmed.

2 Public Question Time

In accordance with Section 31 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 and the Flinders Council Policy, the following procedures be adhered to at public question time.

It is the policy of the Flinders Council to allow a 'Question Time' at Ordinary Council Meetings, during which members of the public may ask questions of the Council relating to Flinders Council matters.

The basis on which questions may be asked is

- 1. All questions will be addressed through the Chair (being the Mayor in normal circumstances) who will answer them as she/he sees fit. Under no circumstances will members of the gallery be permitted to address or question either elected members or officers of the Council. The Chair may delegate answers to the appropriate Councillor or staff member if appropriate.*
- 2. Persons addressing the Chair must pay the respect due to that office. Failure to do so may mean their address is terminated without notice.*
- 3. Where the answer cannot be provided immediately, it will be provided in writing within 14 days and tabled at the following Ordinary Council Meeting.*
- 4. All questioners are encouraged to register their intent to question with the General Manager before the meeting. Preference will be given to those who have so registered.*
- 5. Question time shall not extend longer than 30 minutes and may be divided into two 15 minute sessions.*
- 6. The actual timing of the session(s) is to be immediately after the opening of the meeting and advertised with the notice of meeting.*

3 Responses to Public Questions

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Question 2: David Tresemer

Given that some chemicals used in agriculture and for industrial purposes are banned in other countries because of negative impacts, to whom does Council listen to determine what ought not be used on Flinders Island (and the Furneaux Group)?

Mayor's Response

Council is responsible for the road network only and takes advice from agronomists, industry experts and contractors. Only chemicals that are registered for use are used in accordance with standard codes and practice and Council relies on the regulators to decide what can and can't be used in Australia.

Question 2: Deputy Mayor David Williams on behalf of Frances Henwood

Recently Frances Henwood wrote to the General Manager asking for relief on the standard rates she is paying on her late partner's property which is in the process of being transferred to her name. Frances received a letter (not from the General Manager) advising that it was not possible to give a pensioner discount under the rules laid down by the State Revenue Office relating to ownership of the property. As I understand it, however, the General Manager has the discretionary power to reduce rates in the appropriate circumstances - so would the General Manager please give further consideration to Ms Henwood's request prior to the date the next and final rate instalment is due?

Mayor's Response

In the normal course of events, any ratepayer may lodge a request for a potential reduction in rates with the General Manager who will, and does, address such a request in accordance with the Council Policy. In this instance, the General Manager will treat this question as a request from the Ratepayer. The Council General Manager, Bill Boehm, will address this as soon as possible and get back to you accordingly.

Question 4: Cr Peter Rhodes on behalf of Peter Guichelaar

In view of the scheduled planning scheme meeting for our area on February 26, could the Council please advise the current position in relation to the Gums Quarry proposal as this is an integral part of proposed activities affecting residents in this zone.

Mayor's Response

In terms of any scheduled planning scheme meeting, the Gums Quarry proposal has no impact. The Planning Scheme addresses future planning strategy and requirements whilst the Gums Quarry was assessed under the provisions of the current planning scheme. The applicant has appealed Council's refusal to issue a permit, with the matter scheduled to go before the Resource Management and Planning Appeals Tribunal at the end of February.

RECOMMENDATION

That the responses to the public questions from the 19 February 2019 Council Meeting be noted.

4 Councillor's Questions on Notice

None received.

5 Councillor's Questions Without Notice

Regulation 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 specifies that in putting a Question Without Notice a Councillor must not offer an argument or opinion, draw any inference or make any imputations except so far as may be necessary to explain the question. The Chairperson must not permit any debate of a Question without Notice or its answer.

6 Response to Councillors' Questions Without Notice

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Question 1: Deputy Mayor David Williams

Given the response to my question on notice about Erita Hall, would it be OK for the table tennis group to talk directly to the contractor working on the hall?

Mayor's Response

Council has entered into a contract with the building contractor to carry out the works to provide the hall with a kitchen and bar area. Legal advice, at the time of negotiating the contract, provided that the contractor is to take possession of the site, as it becomes his workplace under the *Work Health & Safety Act 2012*. Throughout this time, he is responsible for all works, workers and visitors at the site. It would be unfair for Council to place pressure on the contractor to allow visitors to the site that he would ultimately be responsible for. It may also expose Council to some legal risk. The build time for the works to be performed is short and the disruption to groups shall be minimal.

RECOMMENDATION

That the response to the Councillor's question without notice from the 19 February 2019 Council Meeting be noted.

7 Late Agenda Items

Nil

8 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Councillors are required to declare any pecuniary interest that they, or any of their close associates, may have in any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, before any discussion on that matter.

9 Conflict of Interest

In accordance with the Part 2, paragraph 6 of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2016, Councillors are required to declare any conflict of interest, be in actual, perceived or potential, that they may have regarding any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda before any discussion on that matter commences.

10 Leave of Absence

Nil

11 Petitions

Nil

12 Workshops & Information Forums

File No. COU/0205

Council Workshop – 19 February 2019

Council held a Workshop on the following subject:

- Item 1 Stakeholders and Communication

Councillors in Attendance

Mayor Annie Revie

Deputy Mayor David Williams

Cr Sharon Blyth

Cr Aaron Burke

Cr Vanessa Grace

Cr Peter Rhodes

Apologies

Cr Rachel Summers

Staff and Consultants in Attendance

Bill Boehm

General Manager

Paul Muller

Institute of Project Management

Council Workshop – 26 February 2019

Council held a Workshop on the following subject:

- Item 1 Finance
 - Quarterly Financials
 - 6 Month Budget Review
 - BT Investment Review

Councillors in Attendance

Mayor Annie Revie

Deputy Mayor David Williams

Cr Sharon Blyth

Cr Vanessa Grace

Cr Rachel Summers

Apologies

Cr Aaron Burke

Cr Peter Rhodes

Staff in Attendance

Bill Boehm

General Manager

Brian Barnewall

Works and Airport Manager

Heidi Marshall

Accountant

Council Workshop – 5 March 2019

Council held a Workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 Local Provisions Schedule

Councillors in Attendance

Mayor Annie Revie

Deputy Mayor David Williams

Cr Sharon Blyth

Cr Aaron Burke

Cr Vanessa Grace

Cr Peter Rhodes

Apologies

Cr Rachel Summers

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Workshops held on 19 and 26 February 2019 and 5 March 2019 be noted.

13 Public Meetings

Nil

14 Publications/Reports Tabled for Council Information

Nil

15 Reports to be Received

Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee

File No: CDV/0702

Annexure: 15.1 Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee meeting 11 February 2019 Unconfirmed Minutes

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

The unconfirmed minutes of the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee Meeting held Monday 11 February 2019 have been provided for consideration. The minutes outline what the Committee has been working on to date and can now be noted by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee Meeting held 11 February 2019 be noted.

Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee

File No: COM/0403

Annexure: 15.2 Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee meeting 26 February 2019 Unconfirmed Minutes

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

The unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee meeting held Tuesday 26 February 2019 have been provided for consideration. The minutes outline what the Committee has been working on to date and can now be noted by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee meeting held 26 February 2019 be noted.

16 Councillors' Reports

None received.

17 Mayor's Report

Action Proponent	Information
File Reference	Mayor A Revie
Annexures	GOV/0900
	Nil

DIARY ACTIVITY

26/02/19	Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee meeting
26/02/19	Council Workshop - Finance
26/02/19	Writing Island News article
27/02/19	Writing discussion paper
28/02/19	Flinders Island Business Inc. Board Meeting – presented discussion paper
01/03/19	Flight to Launceston
01/03/19	Qantas Tourism Awards
04/03/19	Flight to Whitemark
05/03/19	Council Workshop - Planning
05/03/19	Special Council Meeting
06/03/19	War on Waste meeting
07/03/19	Confidential meeting
08/03/19	Attend announcement of Safe Harbour funding – Lady Baron
08/03/19	Meeting with General Manager
08/03/19	Country Women's Association Cocktail Party International Women's Day
09/03/18	Multi Purpose Centre Auxiliary volunteer on Market Stall
11/03/19	Council administration work
12/03/19	Writing Island News and Council administration work

CORRESPONDENCE IN

19/02/19	B Enders	Professional development budget for Mayors
20 & 25/02/19	July Decarpentrie	Re flexible working requests – conference in Sydney
20/02/19	Tasmanian Audit Office	Determination of audit fees for Flinders Council
20/02/19	Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC)	Identifying points for support needed from major parties in coming federal election
22/02/19	Local Government Association of Tasmania	Review news re Local Government Association
26/02/19	A. Rae	Helicopter landings at Killiecrankie
27/02/19	Steve Thomas	Request to support ongoing research grant re the work "Black Man's Houses" – a film about the history of aboriginal people on Flinders Island
01/03/19	T Klug	New Furneaux Freight Vessel
01/03/19	Tasmanian Electoral Commission	Local Government Association of Tasmania – 2019 General Management Committee election
04/03/19	TasWater	Notice of their campaign to highlight continuous improvement and improved communication with and response to the Tasmanian community

CORRESPONDENCE IN

07/03/19	Bron Grutzner	Re a time capsule buried behind the Council Chambers
08/03/19	Kristy Scott	Suggestions re General Manager's performance review
08/03/19	NTDC	Priorities for lobbying parties re NTDC projects - election
11/03/19	Tasmanian Transport Council	Re lobbying for the Bass Strait to have funding equal to that of a road highway
11/03/19	M Buck	Airport Planning

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

19/02/19	B Enders	Professional development budget for Mayors
21/02/19	Jon Treherne	Declining invitation to Sydney conference
26/02/19	F Henwood	Response to public question – rates
26/02/19	Cr D Williams	Response to Councillor question without notice – Emita Hall
26/02/19	P Guichelaar	Response to public question – Gums Quarry
27/02/19	Steve Thomas	Accepting invitation to support further exploration of follow up to the film Black Man's Houses
02/03/19	Kristy Scott	Responding to her email - Confidential
11/03/19	D Tresemer	Response to public question – use of chemicals
12/03/19	Health Committee	Notice and agenda of health committee meeting

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's report be received.

18 Development Services and Planning Applications

18.1 Development Application Report

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Kara Hallas Development Services Administration
File Reference	PLN/0105
Annexures	18.1.1 Planner's Information Report – February 2019

INTRODUCTION

This report provides Councillors with an overview of the applications for the current period as per motion 249.09.2015, passed at the 24 September 2015 Council Meeting when Council requested monthly data from the West Tamar Council planning consultancy service.

Permitted applications are assessed under section 58 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act) and are not advertised. If applications classified as Permitted meet all development and use standards, they must be granted a permit, with or without conditions.

Discretionary applications are assessed under section 57 of the Act and are exhibited for a two-week period during which submissions may be received from the public. If a submission is received the planners report for that application is considered by Council. Discretionary applications where no submissions are received as well as applications with a Permitted pathway are approved under delegation to the General Manager.

The numbering of applications relates to the electronic filing system. Numbers are allocated to Planning (DA), Building (BA) and Plumbing (PA) applications as they are received. This may mean that planning numbers are not sequential if for example, a development requires a building application but is exempt from a planning application.

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 18.1.1, Planner's Information Report – February 2019, provided by West Tamar Council.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planner's Information Report – February 2019 be received.

19 Notices of Motions

19.1 Notice of Motion – Cr R Summers - Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee Recommendations

Action	Decision
Proponent	Councillor Rachel Summers (Chair, Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee Recommendations)
Officer	Bill Boehm General Manager
File Reference	CDV/0702
Annexures	Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council

1. **Accepts Fiona Turley and Nicole Jones as Community Members of the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee; and**
2. **Arranges a visit from an equipment maintenance person to repair out-of-order equipment and service all equipment as soon as possible, and then bi-annually.**

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

At the December 2018 Council Meeting, Councillors agreed to advertise for a new Community representative for the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee. A call for expressions of interest in the position was advertised in Island News in December and January, closing on 28 January. Three expressions of interest were received for the Committee's consideration – Anthony Arnold, Fiona Turley and Nicole Jones.

Prior to the 11 February 2019 Special Committee meeting, community representative Annie Revie resigned. Her resignation was accepted by the Committee, leaving a second community representative position vacant.

The Committee considered the three expressions of interest and selected Fiona and Nicole to add to the cross section of community members; both being current gym members with connections to the school and the health industry. Anthony's application was appreciated but was declined at this time.

The Committee discussed the matter of a number of pieces of equipment being out of order or requiring servicing. It is the understanding of the Committee that it is Council's responsibility to maintain the equipment and ask that an equipment maintenance specialist be engaged as soon as possible to service all equipment, repairing any out of order equipment, and be engaged to service all equipment on a bi-annual basis.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

19 April 2018	75.04.2018
21 June 2018	135.06.2018

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT

The Notice of Motion is fairly self-explanatory. Operationally, the Community Gym is still in its infancy using in some cases inherited equipment, the replacement of which will need to be factored into future budgets. Lack of staff in this area has also contributed to the situation. Arrangements are being made to have the equipment serviced, the frequency to be determined according to need rather than a specific period.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 2. Infrastructure and Services
- 2.1 Plan, deliver and operate community infrastructure to provide levels of service that align with community needs and demand.
- 2.1.1 Recreational and community facilities upgraded as recommended by the Recreational and Community Facilities Assessment and Infrastructure Plan.
- 2.1.1.2 Consolidate operational model and operate Whitemark Community Gym.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A slight increase in the equipment maintenance budget may be required.

RISK/LIABILITY

There is a risk if equipment is not maintained to a specific standard as well as some reputational risk if equipment is not in working condition.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

NOTICE OF MOTION

Cr R Summers

That Council

1. **Accepts Fiona Turley and Nicole Jones as Community Members of the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee; and**
2. **Arranges a visit from an equipment maintenance person to repair out-of-order equipment and service all equipment as soon as possible, and then bi-annually.**

19.2 Notice of Motion – Cr R Summers - Rescind Motion Regarding Extension of Robert Street

Action	Decision
Proponent	Councillor Rachel Summers
Officer	Bill Boehm General Manager
File Reference	ROA/0302
Associated Papers	Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council rescinds motion 316.12.2016 regarding the extension of Robert Street, Whitemark.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

At the December 2016 Council meeting, councillors passed the following motion no. 316.12.2016:

“That Council agrees to pursue the extension of Robert Street by approximately 80 metres.”

This had been requested by the then owners following some debate around who was responsible for the land. The then owner's solicitor, at the time of purchase, was incorrectly advised that Council was responsible for the provision of access to the land.

The road is a Crown Land Road Reservation and not a Council-maintained road.

The cost of providing the road was estimated at \$5000, plus on-going maintenance which could be high due to the area being flood-prone. The land will need to be acquired from Crown Land prior to any work being undertaken, which will further increase the cost.

The land has since been sold, and the new owner has indicated that he does not wish to pursue this.

This motion now sits on the Resolution Register with a status of “Rationale for proceeding as intended is questioned. Further update required. Council to revisit this matter.”

Given the upfront and on-going expense and the current owner's lack of interest in pursuing the extension, I make the recommendation that the motion be rescinded and removed from the Resolution Register.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

15 December 2016 316.12.2016

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT

The description outlined in the Councillor's Report is fairly self-explanatory with the road being a Crown Land Road Reservation and not a Council-maintained road.

The proposed motion, if resolved in the affirmative, would strictly speaking not overturn that previous decision as in essence the matter has been pursued but no budget allocation ever made. The expectation created however by the original motion that Council would construct this section of Robert Street may still remain, so, in essence, rescinding the motion would

extinguish this expectation which could, at any event, presumably, be rekindled by some future request.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

There is not a statutory requirement to provide access to properties or take over Crown Land Road Reservations. There is a statutory obligation to acquire the land from the Crown before progressing.

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 4. Strategic, Efficient and Effective Organisation
- 4.3 Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations and manages corporate and community risk.
 - 4.3.1 All legislative and regulatory compliance related to Council activities met.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil. Some budget implications would apply if Council decided to carry out these works in the future.

RISK/LIABILITY

Nil. It is Council's prerogative and discretion to extend or not extend the road network as it sees fit.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

MOTION

Cr R Summers

That Council rescinds motion 316.12.2016 regarding the extension of Robert Street, Whitemark.

Mayor Annie Revie vacates the Chair to put the following motion.

19.3 Notice of Motion – Mayor A Revie - Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee Recommendations

Action	Decision
Proponent	Mayor Annie Revie (Chair, Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee)
Officer	Bill Boehm General Manager, Brian Barnewall Airport Manager
File Reference	COM/0403
Annexures	19.3 Unconfirmed Minutes 29 January 2019 Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee Meeting

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council supports the following:

- 1. That a discussion paper be presented to the next committee meeting by the General Manager, to enable the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee members to understand and discuss possible futures of the Whitemark Airport.**
- 2. That Malcolm Sharp, of Sharp Airlines, be invited to a future Council Workshop and that representatives of the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee be invited to attend.**

COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

At the meeting of the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee on 29 January 2019, the unconfirmed minutes of which were noted at the 19 February 2019 Council Meeting, the following motions were carried:

- 1. “That the Committee recommend to Council that a discussion paper be prepared on the future of the Flinders Island Airport, particularly relating to funding.*
- 2. That the Committee recommend to Council that Malcolm Sharp be invited to meet with Council to discuss future operational services to the Airport, as well as size and type of aircraft, and that representatives of the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee be invited to attend the meeting.”*

Without the appropriate information, Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee members would be unable to consider and make useful recommendations to Council. The above matters are critical to Committee members if they are to fulfil their joint purpose:

- To provide recommendations to Flinders Council on aviation matters, with the involvement of members who represent the Municipality; and
- To provide recommendations on matters relating to the Airport and associated infrastructure where these matters apply to and affect aviation.

1. Discussion Paper

It would be particularly helpful if the discussion paper on the Airport includes the following:

- An update against the airport master plan;
- Whether or not the airport plan includes long term growth projections;
- Whether or not the airport plan includes risk assessments in case the current Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) becomes unavailable;
- A range of charter aircraft can currently use the airport, as well as the Sharp Airline Metro Aircraft. If the current operator, or another, wanted to use for example a Dash 8 on a regular basis would the current long runway be suitable? That is - Is the current long runway suitable for RPT service using a DASH 8?

- An explanation of the current state of the long runway and short runway, as well as the current required upgrades;
- The cost of running the airport, including marketing; and
- The predicted future costs of running the airport.

2. Meeting with Malcolm Sharp

The purpose of the meeting with Malcolm Sharp is to update Council and committee members on current and future plans for the Launceston - Whitemark and Melbourne - Whitemark services, as well as other relevant issues.

Council approval of this motion is both appropriate and critical if the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee is to fulfil its purpose.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT

Amongst other things the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee has been established by Council with a role to make recommendations to Council on aviation matters. The prime responsibility to manage the Airport operationally and strategically however, remains with Council. Council staff receive a variety of advice on a day-to-day basis and it is essential that the Council is kept up to speed on all of the relevant issues as a first part of the reporting process.

Discussion Paper

The concept of preparing a discussion paper on the operation of the airport is something that Council may consider appropriate at a particular point in time. It may wish to include the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee, but given the importance of the Airport, at some point the wider community may also need to be involved. That is for Council to decide.

The elements outlined in the proposed discussion paper are in the main entirely operational in nature and fall into the direct Council staff reporting category. Council staff will always ensure that councillors are adequately briefed in the first instance and a timetable through a Council Workshop has already been established for this.

The Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee is made up of various members that have particular skill sets and it would be potentially beneficial if the individual knowledge was brought to focus in general discussion from their industry perspective rather than reviewing the operation of the Airport as a focus.

Meeting with Malcolm Sharp

A verbal standing invitation has been made with Sharp Airlines to meet with Council to brief councillors on their operations so having a meeting can be nothing but potentially productive. As a prime client with Council, most the discussions should remain in confidence between both entities.

General Comment

The way the Aviation Special Committee has been established by Council places an obligation on the Committee Chair (in this case the Mayor) to present the Committee recommendations, regardless of whether the Committee Chair agrees with the recommendations or not. This may make it difficult for the Committee Chair to effectively participate in the debate. This operational aspect could be reviewed and potentially amended.

Summary

For the reasons as outlined above it is considered that:

- if an Airport Discussion Paper is developed it should only be done so after Council has first reviewed a draft within our obvious resourcing constraints, and is then satisfied that further input is necessary and;
- any meeting with Sharp Airlines should be with councillors only.

The notice of motion reflects the recommendations of the Special Committee, but Council is not bound by these recommendations. If Council concurs with the comments above it may consider that a motion along the following lines is appropriate; i.e. *“That the Council:*

1. *Notes that Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee members desire to understand and contribute to the development of the Whitemark Airport and will continue to liaise with committee members to ensure that the requisite information can be exchanged to contribute actively to future operations; and*
2. *Will encourage Malcolm Sharp, of Sharp Airlines to take up a standing invitation to attend a future Councillor only Workshop.*

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Access and Connectivity
- 3.2 Maintain air access to the Island and improve performance of the airport.
 - 3.2.1 Improved operation and financial performance of airport.
 - 3.2.1.6 Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee of Council provides sector advice for Council to advocate on behalf of the Community.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil. Council staff are working towards ensuring that the Airport is operationally sustainable.

RISK/LIABILITY

Nil. Council staff are working towards ensuring that the Airport is operationally compliant.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOTION

Mayor A Revie

That Council supports the following:

- 1) **That a discussion paper be presented to the next committee meeting by the General Manager, to enable the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee members to understand and discuss possible futures of the Whitemark Airport.**
- 2) **That Malcolm Sharp, of Sharp Airlines, be invited to a future Council Workshop and that representatives of the Special Aviation Committee be invited to attend.**

The Chair returns to Mayor Annie Revie.

20 Governance

20.1 Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) Federal Election Advocacy Regional Projects

Action	Decision
Proponent Officer	Council Officer Bill Boehm General Manager
File Reference	COU/0305
Annexures	20.1.1 NTDC Tier 1 – Priority Projects March 2019

INTRODUCTION

The Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) is seeking a region-wide expression of support for the five Tier 1 projects which have been nominated for federal election advocacy.

This report outlines the projects involved and as an NTDC Member, seeks Council endorsement for the proposed action.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT

Over the past few months, general managers and mayors have been meeting with the NTDC to discuss various potential development projects with a view to seeking a region wide expression of support for the five Tier 1 projects which have been nominated for federal election advocacy.

From recent meetings the following was agreed:

- NTDC is to submit comprehensive details (Annexure 20.1.1);
- Councils would draft a resolution seeking formal Council support to be tabled at the next available Council meeting. NTDC is available to work with individual general managers to achieve this; and
- If all Councils agree to support NTDC's request, then we can do either a joint declaration of support in writing or via a media event attended by mayors targeting both major parties in the upcoming federal election.

The five Regional Priority Projects are as follows:

1. Population Program;
2. Translink Launceston Gateway;
3. FermenTasmania Centre;
4. Bioenergy Plant Westbury; and
5. Hydrogen Energy.

The key points that have changed since the Regional Priorities were last reviewed by the member Councils are as follows:

- Population Program has been added as it is a project that needs funding from the state and commonwealth;
- Hydrogen Energy has been further developed because of the Federal Government's Council of Australian Governments (COAG) focus and a Federal Opposition policy to allocate \$1B to hydrogen energy development in Australia;

- Launceston Sewerage Improvement Project (LSIP) was raised as a potential opportunity but discussion with TasWater has indicated they are not in a position to lobby for any more funds until further advice is received from the Environmental Protection Authority (see notes in Annexure 20.1.1).

Finally, the mayors requested information on how projects were assessed. Each project has been assigned a 'NTDC score' which is determined in accordance with the NTDC Project Prioritisation Process (as approved by members in May 2017).

This is a structured assessment process for identifying and prioritising regional projects that will facilitate high levels of regional economic growth. Key aspects considered in the score out of 100 are:

- Economic Growth and Capacity (/40);
- Project Definition (/10);
- Community Support (/20);
- Ability to Finance (/10);
- Readiness to Proceed (/10); and
- Strategic Links (/10).

NTDC has requested each respective member Council to consider and endorse the proposed five projects.

Strictly speaking, from Council's perspective, it will be rare for Flinders Council, given our isolation, to have an economic project that would warrant inclusion regionally for advancing by way of lobbying. The Safe Harbour Project is an exception to this but this has now received funding. Most, if not all of the other projects relative to Flinders, need a specialist "Flinders" focus.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

4. Strategic, Efficient and Effective Organisation
 - 4.1 The Furneaux Islands' unique circumstances, isolated community and specific financial needs are understood by key external stakeholders.
 - 4.1.1.2 Contribute to technical reference group work program of Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC).
 - 4.1.1.3 Maintain membership and actively engage with NTDC, Local Government Association (LGAT), and Tourism North (TNT).

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY

Whilst there is no risk or liability associated with endorsing this program, never the less as a member organisation to NDTC, our endorsement has significant weight and as a partner it is important to assist the region and other member Councils.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Flinders Council supports the following five (5) Regional Priority Projects identified by the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) for advocacy during the forthcoming federal election:

- 1. Population Program;**
- 2. Translink Launceston Gateway;**
- 3. FermenTasmania Centre;**
- 4. Bioenergy Plant Westbury; and**
- 5. Hydrogen Energy.**

20.2 Councillor Resolution Report

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Bill Boehm General Manager
File Reference	COU/0600
Annexures	20.2.1 Councillor Resolution Report March 2019

INTRODUCTION

This report identifies the actions taken and actual costs associated with implementing resolutions passed by elected members up to March 2019.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

The report is presented on a monthly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Please read Annexure 20.2.1 – Councillor Resolution Report March 2019.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillor Resolution Report March 2019 be noted.

21 Finance

21.1 Commonwealth Government Infrastructure Funding Announcements

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Bill Boehm General Manager
File Reference	AER/0902
Annexures	21.1.1 Senator Steve Martin Newsletter - March 2019 21.1.2 Burbury Consulting Safe Harbour Cost Estimate

INTRODUCTION

Council has received advice from Senator Steve Martin (Annexure 21.1.1) that Flinders Council has been successful in receiving \$6.6m in capital funding for two (2) essential infrastructure projects, namely the Flinders Island Marine Access and Safe Harbour Project (\$4.8m) and the Flinders Island Airport Runway Upgrade (\$1.8m).

This report provides the opportunity for a formal update.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Safe Harbour		Airport Runway	
57.02.2011	17 February 2011	231.08.2015	20 August 2015
120.04.2011	21 April 2011	262 – 270.09.2015	24 September 2015
128.04.2011	21 April 2011	74.04.2016	28 April 2016
598.07.2013	18 July 2013	131.06.2016	16 June 2016
232.09.2017	21 September 2017	256.10.2017	12 October 2017
300.12.2017	14 December 2017		
33.02.2019	19 February 2019		

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Safe Harbour		Airport Runway	
Council Workshop	6 July 2017	Council Workshop	3 December 2015
Council Workshop	31 August 2017	Council Workshop	11 November 2015
		Council Workshop	28 September 2017

OFFICER'S REPORT

On Thursday 7 March 2019 and Friday 8 March 2019, Senator Steve Martin announced, on behalf of the Federal Government, funding in relation to the Flinders Island Marine Access and Safe Harbour Project (\$4.8m) and Flinders Island Airport Runway Upgrade (\$1.8m). These funding announcements are extremely welcome and have come at an opportune time.

Both projects involved significant work by Council staff, councillors and members of the community and follow on from a variety of submissions as part of Council's Priority Projects as well as Building Better Regions Funding Application (Safe Harbour) and Regional Aviation Access Programme (Airport Runway).

Key comments include the following:

Safe Harbour

The \$4.8m grant is a special one-off Community Development allocation for a shovel ready project. This means that the already foreshadowed need to proceed with the Development Application and land access becomes an urgent priority. Consultants have already been

primed to start this work as soon as formal documents have been received from the Commonwealth.

The \$4.8m budget grant, will fully fund the entire project as per the initial 2017 estimate (Annexure 21.1.1) but will need supplementary funding for the balance of some of the supporting elements. Council has previously made application to the State Government for an amount of \$0.9m and at every turn has received positive encouragement, in part as it will allow the Lady Barron Port to expand. At the time of writing, a formal response to my updated request letter confirming such a maximum contribution has yet to arrive.

This is a real and unexpected game changer across many levels.

Flinders Airport Runway

The \$1.8m grant will go towards a \$3.6m reconstruction of the long runway via the Commonwealth's Regional Aviation Access Programme. This was our second attempt and we are obviously delighted to be successful. The works will require in-situ foam bitumen stabilisation similar to a successful major section repair undertaken approximately 18 months ago. The pavement load capacity will increase, and life of the pavement will extend to around 27 years.

Given that Council will have a challenge financially, cashflow wise, over the next 3 - 4 years, I have written to Minister Peter Gutwein seeking the Government's support or an interest free loan, much like the Northern Regional Economic Stimulus Program that was introduced 3 years ago.

Meanwhile we await the outcome from our submission to the State Government for some recurrent operational funding for the Airport.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3 Access and Connectivity

3.1 Maintain or better the standard of sea access to the Islands.

3.1.2 Economic viability of developing an all-weather recreational and leisure vessel

3.1.2.1 Continue to advocate and explore opportunities to advance the adopted Flinders Island Marine Access and Safe Harbour Project.

3.2 Maintain air access to the island and improve performance of the airport

3.2.1.2 Implement Airport Improvement Plan adopted by Council in November 2017

3.2.1.3 Develop a business proposal for the State Government to assist with reconstruction of the north-south runway

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Safe Harbour

The fee estimate for progressing the proposal to the Development Application lodgment stage is in the range of \$28,490 - \$34,290 (Annexure 21.1.2). This amount is reasonable for the work. A variation to the 2018/19 Budget has been included in the Capital Section of the 6-month Budget review. The balance of the project will be included in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 Budgets. The costs to operate Council's operations will also have to be factored in in future years but compared to the original funding proposal, an initial Council allocation is not expected.

Airport Runway

Project is proposed to be included in the 2019/20 year instead of the 2021/22 year as originally foreshadowed in Council's Long Term Asset Management and Financial Plan.

RISK/LIABILITY

Safe Harbour

The key issue is to ensure that Council enters into a formal deed at the earliest opportunity.

There is a window of opportunity in which to utilise the in-depth work that has already been undertaken given that the previous assessments have a limited life. The initial process with Parks and Council will address the alignment of both approval processes and it is likely (and anticipated) that the documentation prepared for the Development Application can be utilised for the Reserve Activity Assessment, without the need for additional studies.

With respect to the overall project, there is currently a major safety issue for boats traversing the area due to a lack of a safe harbour between mainland Australia and Tasmania. Whilst this is not the responsibility of Council per say, never-the-less, for this aspect to be improved it is essential that Council takes a lead role as we have potentially the best site available.

The project also has the potential to be a major tourism and economic drawcard to visitation and is supported by Flinders Island Business Incorporated. It is one of those rare projects that fulfil Federal and State Government aims as key drivers but will not otherwise eventuate without positive affirmative action by Council.

The reputational risk and potential missed economic development growth opportunities if there is no concerted attempt to facilitate the project are significant, especially at this time given the level of apparent positive community and now demonstrated political support.

Airport Runway

It is essential from a safety perspective that these works are undertaken as soon as possible. We have already commenced dialogue with Sharp Airlines to minimise disruption during the construction phase.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

1 and 3	Simple Majority
2	Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- 1. Write to Senator Steve Martin confirming that the Commonwealth Government has committed funding of \$4.8m towards the Flinders Island Marine Access and Safe Harbour Project and \$1.8m towards the upgrade of the Flinders Island Airport Runway and to thank him for his efforts in securing such funds.**
- 2. Incorporate the budget allocations required for the Flinders Island Marine Access and Safe Harbour Project and the upgrade of the Flinders Island Airport Runway into the 2018/19 budgets and those in subsequent years.**
- 3. Authorises the General Manager to enter into formal arrangements upon receipt of appropriate grant documents.**

21.2 December 2018 Quarterly Financial Report and Budget Review

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Heidi Marshall Accountant
File Reference	FIN/0100, FIN/0701
Annexures	21.2.1 December 2018 Quarterly Financial Report & Budget Review incorporating Summary and Detailed Investment Analysis

INTRODUCTION:

Council is presented with a Quarterly Financial Report which reviews the Year to Date Actual Costs compared to the Budget, for the Income, Operational expenditure and Capital expenditure. The report also includes a summary of the Investments.

During the previous year a systematic review has been undertaken to address the way the financials are prepared, presented and managed, with the aim to significantly improve understanding for Councillors, Staff and the General Community, by reviewing the historical costs and providing mechanisms to reliably forecast future periods.

It is Council practice to formally review Council's Budget after a 6-month period.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

26 February 2017 Council Workshop

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISION:

Council considers the Quarterly Financial Report on a quarterly basis. It also formulates a formal budget review after 6 months of operation.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The report as attached with overview (Annexure 21.2.1) provides a summary of income and expenditure for the Council at the end of the second quarter ending 31 December 2018. The overview provides a good summary explanation and direction to follow. A summary of Council's Investments is also included, and a full analysis of the BT Investment.

Budget Review

The report includes the Current Year to Date December 2018 as well as proposed Budget Review, enabling a revision of Council's overall financial performance to date as well as an opportunity for budget items to be amended if necessary. This report effectively combines both elements but also includes a more transparent methodology by correlating functional descriptions with Departmental/Project analysis. For the 6-month review, a detailed Budget Variance commentary has been included and where appropriate, individual comments have been provided to assist in the decision making.

Adjustments to the budget have been identified and explained in the Budget Variance Analysis. A significant amount of work went into preparing the 2018/19 Budget Estimates and in hindsight, unrealistic expectations were placed with minimal allowance for unknowns. Many of the variances are due to uncontrollable costs, whilst controllable operational expenditures are predicted to be on par with Budget. The attached documents identify these areas with appropriate comments.

Investments

During the year a significant amount of work has been undertaken to examine Council's Investment strategy including our BT Investment Portfolio. Due to the high risk nature of this

investment and current poor performance, it is considered that this investment be liquidated in the near future and converted to a low risk fixed term investment.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

- 4 Strategic and Effective Organisation – Responding to risks and opportunities.
- 4.2 Support processes, accountability and project delivery through transparent reporting.
- 4.2.1 Priorities, actions and achievements are planned and reported through an integrated governance and management framework.
- 4.3 Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations and manages corporate and community risk.
- 4.4 Drive continuous improvement through a focus on customer service, community engagement, efficient systems and processes, capacity building and workforce development.
- 4.4.2 Continuous improvement program.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Budget affects many areas of Council's Annual Plan with the Budget implications identified. Council's small revenue base relative to its assets and operations will always be a challenge, and future strategies will need careful consideration and evaluation to ensure viability.

RISK/LIABILITY:

In the short -term, there are no foreseen risks or legal obligations identified as a result of the Financial Report, however, the Long-Term Financial Strategies need to be reviewed given changes to Council's operating base.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

- 1, 2, & 4 Simple Majority
- 3 Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. In consideration of the Quarterly Financial Report and Budget Review for the 6-month period ending 31 December 2017, acknowledges that the development of a long-term financial strategy needs some refinement ahead of the 2019/20 budget;**
- 2. Receives and accepts the Quarterly Financial Report for the 6-month period ending 31 December 2018;**
- 3. Adopts the Budget Review for the 6-month period ending 31 December 2018; and**
- 4. Authorises the General Manager to liquidate Council's BT Investments in favor of reinvestment in a fixed term option at an appropriate time.**

22 CLOSED COUNCIL

22.1 Closed Council Item – Confidential Report

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Bill Boehm General Manager

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

22 January 2019 17, 18 and 19.01.2019

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL

22.1 is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 15(2) (g) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council moves into Closed Council.

Meeting Closed
