



FLINDERS
COUNCIL

CONFIRMED MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

15th August 2013



FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

CONFIRMED MINUTES

DATE: Thursday 15th August 2013
VENUE: Flinders Island Art and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark
COMMENCING: 1.05 pm

PRESENT

Mayor Carol Cox
Deputy Mayor David Williams
Cr Marc Cobham
Cr Peter Rhodes
Cr Mary-Anne Roberts
Cr Gerald Willis
Cr Ronald Wise

APOLOGIES

Nil

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Raoul Harper - General Manager
Vicki Warden - Executive Assistant

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question 1: D'reen Lovegrove

I have read the scoping report for the Australian Small Island Forum and it is excellent. My question is with respect to the date – is it set in concrete yet because July would be the worst month to have it.

Mayor's Response:

No the date's not set in concrete.

Question 2: D'reen Lovegrove

What's the situation with respect to a Council Economic Development Officer?

Mayor's Response:

We no longer have an Economic Development Officer. The General Manager will be taking on this role with assistance from support staff.

Question 3: David Grutzner

Sometime ago, thanks largely to the efforts of David and Kathleen Heap, the Royal Flying Doctor Service donated to this community a substantial amount of very expensive new gym equipment. My understanding is that this donation was due to the support given to the Royal Flying Doctors Service by this community over many years and in particular when part of the RFDS services were recently retendered.

This new equipment was intended to supplement the existing equipment already managed by David in his role as the Island's physio and the equipment already used by

Fitness on Flinders and obtained almost entirely by their efforts over many years as part of their health and fitness services to the community.

Are Councillors aware that this latest equipment has now been repossessed by the management of the MPC and placed in storage?

Mayor's Response:

The question was taken on notice.

Question 4: Cr Marc Cobham on behalf of Robyn Cook

Can Council look into the issue of having some designated disabled parking spaces within Whitemark please?

Mayor's Response:

The question was taken on notice.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

603.08.2013 Moved: Cr P Rhodes **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor D Williams

That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 18th July 2013 be confirmed.

N.B. The airport landing and passenger figures in Annexure 6: Airport Manager's 4th Quarterly Report (April-June 2013) were incorrect. These figures have been corrected in the Annexure on Council's website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

One late agenda item has been received:

Item C1 Proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in the land or for the disposal of land

604.08.2013 Moved: Deputy Mayor D Williams **Seconded:** Cr M Cobham

That the late agenda item be accepted and considered at this meeting in Closed Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

PETITIONS

Nil

WORKSHOPS & INFORMATION FORUMS

File No: COU/0205

Council Workshop held on 18th July 2013

Council held a Workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 2013-14 Budget Deliberations
- Item 2 NRM Funding
- Item 3 Parks & Reserves Funding
- Item 4 LGAT Motions and Confirmation of Attendance

Councillors Present:

Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

Staff and Consultants Present:

Raoul Harper (General Manager) and Kim Hossack (Corporate Services Manager).

Council Workshop held on 1st August 2013

Council held a Workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 DRAFT Cat Management Strategy
- Item 2 DRAFT Airport Business Plan
- Item 3 DRAFT Tasmanian Coastal Policy Statement
- Item 4 Councillor Bus Tour - Itinerary
- Item 5 Renewable Energy Update

Councillors Present:

Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

Apologies:

Mayor Carol Cox

Staff and Consultants Present:

Raoul Harper (General Manager), Kim Hossack (Corporate Services Manager) and Vicki Warden (Executive Assistant) (Item 4 only).

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

DECISION:

605.08.2013 Moved: Cr M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr M Roberts
That the workshops held on the 18th July and the 1st August be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nil

COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS TABLED FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

Nil

REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

Furneaux (Emita) Hall & Recreation Ground Special Committee

File No: AME/0502

Annexure 1: Furneaux (Emita) Hall & Recreation Ground Special Committee AGM Unconfirmed Minutes 9th July 2013

OFFICER'S REPORT (Raoul Harper, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux (Emita) Hall & Recreation Ground Special Committee AGM held on Tuesday 9th July 2013 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 unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux (Emita) Hall & Recreation Ground Special Committee AGM held on Tuesday 9th July 2013 be noted.

DECISION:

606.08.2013 Moved: Cr M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr G Willis

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux (Emita) Hall & Recreation Ground Special Committee AGM held on Tuesday 9th July 2013 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

Furneaux (Emita) Hall & Recreation Ground Special Committee

File No: AME/0502

Annexure 2: Furneaux (Emita) Hall & Recreation Ground Special Committee General Meeting Unconfirmed Minutes 9th July 2013

OFFICER'S REPORT (Raoul Harper, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux (Emita) Hall & Recreation Ground Special Committee General Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2013 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 unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux (Emita) Hall & Recreation Ground Special Committee General Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2013 be noted.

DECISION:

607.08.2013 Moved: Cr M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr M Roberts

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux (Emita) Hall & Recreation Ground Special Committee General Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2013 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

Flinders Island Fire Management Area Committee

File No: CSV/2500

Annexure 3: Flinders Island Fire Management Area Committee Unconfirmed Minutes 17th April 2013

OFFICER'S REPORT (Raoul Harper, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Flinders Island Fire Management Area Committee held on Wednesday 17th April 2013 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 unconfirmed minutes of the Flinders Island Fire Management Area Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2013 be noted.

DECISION:

608.08.2013 Moved: Deputy Mayor D Williams **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Flinders Island Fire Management Area Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2013 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

2013 LGAT CONFERENCE

Report from: Cr M Cobham

File No: COU/0303

In July I had the pleasure to be able to attend the annual Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) conference. These are a great opportunity to network with other elected members from around the state, workshop common issues and via seminars and presentations get a “bigger picture and global view” of issues that directly impact Local Government. The AGM is a forum for all Tasmanian Councils to put forward notice of motions that may need state-wide support. Prior to the AGM our Councillors had indicated their majority viewpoint on the motions needing support.

In addition to the AGM I attended three of the seminars i.e.

1. “Why Sustainability is the Defining Economic Issue of the 21st Century” presented by Paul Gilding. (www.paulgilding.com)
2. “Building Strong Communities: the Future of Collaboration” presented by Lauren Anderson. (CollaborativeConsumption.com)
3. “Leadership in Challenging Times” presented by Paul Porteous. (www.social-leadership.org)

All three presenters brought extraordinary knowledge, insight and extensive global experience to their seminars and this highlighted the advantage that attending these forums can bring; especially to elected members from more remote municipalities such as Flinders.

I also participated in two workshops i.e.

1. “Local Government and Social Enterprise: Supporting Strong Communities” presented by Assoc. Prof Josephine Barraket (<http://staff.qut.edu.au/staff/barraket>) and Mark Daniels.
2. “Changing Social Relationships” presented by Tim Eltham. (www.rdaiwm.org.au)

All five seminars/workshops shared a common thread, i.e. societal and demographic changes; communities and economies going through radical changes; the “push” for local government to “take on” more of the role that other levels of government have traditionally been involved in; communities and community members demanding a stronger “voice” in their present and future needs and pre-empting changing trends . There is an increasingly growing acknowledgement that at a corporate level environmental issues **are** economic issues and that climate change (however caused) is now a mainstream issue for many global corporations. In many markets renewable energy is competitive with traditional energy generation methods. Our economy is changing in profound ways in relatively short time-spans, local government has a role to play in **supporting** local businesses rather than creating new local businesses and facilitating community ideas. In summing up this brief overview of the 2013 LGAT conference, the words of Paul Gilding stand out as a positive highlight “Tasmania could become the *rich uncle* rather than remain as the *poor cousin* to the rest of Australia”.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

DECISION:

609.08.2013 Moved: Deputy Mayor David Williams **Seconded:** Cr G Willis
That the report provided on the 2013 LGAT Conference be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

Note: Deputy Mayor D Williams thanked Cr M Cobham for submitting this report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

REPORT:

ACTIVITIES:

15/07/13	Morning Tea - Cancer Support Service Focus Group discussions
16/07/13	Health and Cancer Day
18/07/13	Council Workshop
18/07/13	Council Meeting
24/07/13	Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) AGM & General Meeting
25-26/07/13	LGAT Conference
01/08/13	Meeting with Tasports & Furneaux Freight
02/08/13	Northern Tasmanian Development (NTD) meeting with freight Consultant Luke Fraser - (Phone)
02/08/13	Flinders Flicks
06/08/13	Meeting with Tasports
06/08/13	Audit & Finance Special Committee Meeting
06/08/13	Furneaux Shipping Special Committee Meeting

LGAT MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE

The AGM adopted financial statements, Council Subscriptions, the 2013-14 Budget, and President and Vice President Honorariums. It is to be noted that prior to 30 June 2013, Hobart City Council advised that it was withdrawing its membership from LGAT, wishing to lobby governments on its own behalf. The Rules of the Association were amended to remove the automatic right of the Lord Mayor to sit on the General Management Committee of LGAT.

Several motions were considered at the General Meeting.

Some of the Information arising from the Conference:

- National Procurement Network – No cost to Council to access arrangements, no cost to local dealers, reduced tender costs.
- Tasmanian Local Government Satisfaction Survey figures released.
- Implications of the qualification period for Mayors - report noted and further discussion will be had.
- All member Councils agreed to use the Australian Taxation Office rate for travel allowance reimbursements.
- Research into the implications of a Container Deposit Scheme in Tasmania is required.
- Regulations for Councillors' Code of Conduct will be reviewed.

For further information on Agenda reports on LGAT activities refer to the information on the LGAT website.

SHIPPING

Meetings between all interested parties have been proactive in improving working conditions and guiding Port Infrastructure improvements.

FLINDERS FLICKS

A community driven event that created great interest and is likely to be the first of many Flinders Flicks. Congratulations to all involved in the conception and development of this project.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Tasmania Medicare Local	Information Kit (Passed to Cr Roberts)
Australian Human Rights Commission	National Anti-Racism Campaign - Racism it Stops with Me
Geoff Lyons MHR	Invite to discuss North Eastern Tasmanian Industry Innovation Precinct Process (Food Innovation Australia) on 29/7/13
UTAS	Invite to attend conferral of awards
Department of Police and Emergency Management	Emergency Services Medal Nominations (by Friday 30th August)
LGAT	Referendum will NOT be held in conjunction with Election
Tasmanian Audit Office	Presentation of Financial Statements (cc K Hossack)
Australia Day Council of South Australia	Inaugural "Award for Muslim & Non-Muslim Understanding"
Hon Bryan Green MP	Sustainability Objectives & Indicators Report

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

17/07/13	Community member	Support letter for Grant Application
16/07/13	Tasmania Medicare Local	Foreword for 30 Stories in 3 years
31/07/13	G Lyon MHR. Member for Bass	Support for North Eastern Tasmanian Industry Innovation Precinct
31/07/13	The Hon. Tony Abbott MHR	Joint letter from Northern Councils support for Defence Science & Technology Organisation Facility in Scottsdale.

PUBLICATIONS:

Federal Group	Inform, Edition 33, 2013
Scouts Australia, Tasmania Branch	Be Prepared August 2013, Issue 7
Brighton Community News	Vol. 15, No 7, August 2013
UTAS University Department of Rural Health	Bulletin, July 2013

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's report be received and accepted.

DECISION:

610.08.2013 Moved: Cr M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr G Willis

That the Mayor's report be received and accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

Mayor C Cox passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor D Williams at 1.15pm.

A. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Item A1: Notice of Motion from Mayor Carol Cox – Reschedule November Ordinary Council Meeting

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Mayor C Cox
OFFICER	Raoul Harper, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0203
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That the Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council scheduled for the 28th of November 2013 be rescheduled to the 21st November 2013.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

The date for the November Ordinary Meeting of Council of Thursday the 28th was originally set to avoid the LGAT General Meeting and Mayors workshop to be held on the 20th and 21st of November. The LGAT meeting dates have now been changed to the 4th & 5th of December.

Changing the Meeting date to the 21st November would reduce the number of weeks between the October and November meetings to 5 weeks and increase the number of weeks between the November and December meetings to 4 weeks giving a more even flow of decision making over those months.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

348.11.2012 15th November 2013

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The notice of motion is supported.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

5. Corporate Governance and Intergovernmental Relations

5.1 Support the capacity and productivity of our organisation and a culture of professionalism, compliance, innovation and service.

5.1.4 Provide best practice management and administrative support to Council decision making, implementation and evaluation.

5.1.4.2 Provide secretarial and administrative support to Council and its Special Committees including coordinating the preparation and distribution of agendas and minutes and acting as minute secretary.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal

RISK/LIABILITY:

Minimal

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council scheduled for the 28th of November 2013 be rescheduled to the 21st November 2013.

DECISION:

611.08.2013 Moved: Mayor C Cox **Seconded:** Cr R Wise

That the Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council scheduled for the 28th of November 2013 be rescheduled to the 21st November 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

Deputy Mayor D Williams passed the Chair to Mayor C Cox at 1.16pm.

B. GOVERNANCE DEPARTMENT

Item B1: Instrument of Delegation

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Raoul Harper, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	PUB/0300
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 4: Instrument of Delegation</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to update Council's Instrument of Delegation as per the *Local Government Act 1993*.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

027.01.2009	20 th January 2009
375.11.2010	18 th November 2010
87.03.2011	17 th March 2011
365.12.2012	13 th December 2012

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The purpose of the instrument of delegation is to ensure that the General Manager and Officers of Council have the delegation to undertake their roles and responsibilities in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

5. Corporate Governance and Intergovernmental Relations

5.1 Support the capacity and productivity of our organisation and a culture of professionalism, compliance, innovation and service.

5.1.1 Design and implement an integrated governance; strategic and operational planning & service delivery system

5.1.1.2 Support Council Managers in the preparation and distribution of governance reports including plans, policies, reports and other governance related publications.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY:

By adopting the instrument of delegation and ensuring that Management, Staff and Councillors are aware of and follow this instrument will help to reduce Council's exposure to risk in this area.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Local Government Act 1993, Archives Act 1983, Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993, Building Act 2000 (Tas), Burials and Cremation Act 2002, Public Health Act 1997, Food Act 2003, Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994, Dog Control Act 2000, Local Government (Highways) Act 1982, Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 1993, Right to Information Act 2009 and Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the revised Instrument of Delegation – amended August 2013.

DECISION:

612.08.2013 Moved: Cr G Willis **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor D Williams

That Council adopt the revised Instrument of Delegation – amended August 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

Item B2:**2014 Australian Small Islands Forum (ASIF)**

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Raoul Harper, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	PUB/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 5: 2014 ASIF Scoping Document</i>

INTRODUCTION:

In April 2012, Lord Howe Island developed and hosted the first Australian Small Islands Forum (ASIF). It was successful in bringing together 80-90 representatives from twenty plus small islands to share information, experiences and knowledge and consider how to work in a more collective fashion. At the June 2013 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council agreed to explore the practicality and potential costs of hosting the next Australian Small Islands Forum (ASIF) on Flinders Island between May and October of 2014.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

558.06.2013 20th June 2013

OFFICER'S REPORT:

After the June Ordinary Council Meeting, Jo Clarke, Jana Harper and Vicki Warden were appointed to undertake a feasibility study on hosting the ASIF on Flinders Island. They have prepared a scoping report (Annexure 5) for Council's consideration. In preparing this report the team consulted with Lauren Douglass, the 2012 ASIF Convener and with Mike Pickford of ASN Event Management (an absentee landowner) who volunteered his assistance and advice.

The associated scoping report provides detailed advice to elected members in relation to holding the ASIF and meets the directive from the June Council meeting. In short, the event could well be held on the island and the estimated cost exposure to Council, if the figures provided could be achieved, would be minimal. The Forum has great potential to provide for an exciting and informative event and build upon the previous work of the Lord Howe Island Board and the goodwill and cooperation fostered across the islands after the first Forum. It would also bring considerable economic benefit to the island during what is traditionally a slow period. The concept of Flinders playing a leading role in taking the Forum the next step is one that has significant merit.

From an operational perspective, taking the next step and committing to holding the event would create major challenges at a staffing level and does carry a level of financial risk. Our current Annual Plan does not include any actions or activity that relate to holding the Forum nor does our budget have any allocation of funds specific to the event. If direction is provided to hold the event, it will require a major rewrite of our Annual Plan and specific funding would need to be allocated. The scoping report highlights the cost of providing staff to the project but it does not take into account the lost productivity that would occur by reallocating staff time from core operational work across to organising and running the event. In a Council with such a small staff pool, the decision to reallocate productive staff across to facilitating an event such as the ASIF is a decision that should not be taken lightly. To that end Councillors should be aware that actions and tasks would need to be curtailed in the current Annual Plan to support staff facilitating the event or alternately further funding would need to be provided to back fill these positions while they focus on the event. Be that as it may, Council has the benefit of

trained and experienced staff that, if directed, have the ability to deliver the event but it won't come without sacrificing other key areas of Council service delivery.

The scoping report outlines a well-considered program, covers off on the logistical challenges that would need to be overcome, and rightly states that volunteer effort, community engagement and ongoing, coordinated communications would be critical to the event's success. A key area for consideration is the duration of the event and the time of year when it would be held. A three-day event would appear to be the preferred approach and if delivered in July would hold the best hope of gaining solid sponsorship support. This point is made recognising that most organisations/businesses would have budgets already set for the current period and gaining sponsorship in the next financial year may be more attractive and achievable. An area not captured in the report is the role State and Federal Government support could play in offsetting costs. Regional Development Australia provided some \$40,000 to the inaugural ASIF (albeit at the last minute) and the Tasmanian State Government has funding streams available such as Events Tasmania for event support. The Federal Government should also be supportive of seeing this event and its associated members continue to work in collaboration.

From a process perspective, as I understand it, if Council agree to hold the event an application would need to be made to the ASIF Steering Committee to seek approval. Until this occurs any allocation of funds or revisions to work plans and the like would be pre-emptive and as such should form the basis of a further report and recommendation to Council if and when approval to facilitate the event is granted.

Finally, the scoping report provided has been prepared in a very short timeframe and staff are thanked for their efforts for what is a comprehensive and well considered report.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Nil

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

4. Community Safety, Engagement and Enterprise - Through positive Council-Community partnerships, enhance people's security, inclusion and well-being.

4.3 Maintain and develop productive, constructive relationships with the community and organisations involved in delivery of strategic services and activities in the islands

4.3.2 Build civic engagement and increase civic pride through evidence based research, agreed events, programs and improved communication with the community.

4.3.2.8 Explore and provide recommendations to Council on Flinders delivering the Australian Small Islands Forum in 2014.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The scoping report outlines an overall budget for the event. Some assumptions provided are untested and ultimately the financial success or otherwise of holding the event on Flinders is reliant on a series of factors that are outside of Council's direct control. A further report on the cost implications will be prepared if Council directs an application be made to the ASIF Steering Committee and if support is forthcoming for the event to be held on Flinders.

RISK/LIABILITY:

Moderate. The ASIF event could expose Council to the potential of lost revenue if the assumptions provided in the scoping report prove unachievable. The reallocation of staff effort and time has the potential to impede core service delivery.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

As no specific budget allocation is required until such time as application is made (or otherwise) to the ASIF Steering Committee a simple majority is all that is required.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That Council receives the scoping report on holding the ASIF on Flinders Island.
- 2) Council directs an application be made to the ASIF Steering Committee to hold the Forum on Flinders Island for 3 days from the 29th – 31st July 2014.
- 3) That if successful in the application, the General Manager provide a report to Council on the funding, staff allocations and Annual Plan revisions required to facilitate the event.

DECISION:

613.08.2013 Moved: Cr M Cobham **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor D Williams

- 1) That Council receives the scoping report on holding the ASIF on Flinders Island.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

Mayor C Cox called a break in the meeting at 1.23pm and resumed the meeting at 1.26pm.

614.08.2013 Moved: Cr M Roberts **Seconded:** Cr R Wise

- 2) That Council directs an application be made to the ASIF Steering Committee to hold the Forum on Flinders Island for 3 days at a date to be determined in 2014.
- 3) That if the application is supported by ASIF, the General Manager provides a report to Council on the Annual Plan revisions required, prior to Council confirming commitment to hosting the Forum.

CARRIED (6-1)

For: Mayor C Cox, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr M Cobham, Cr M Roberts, Cr G Willis and Cr R Wise.

Against: Cr P Rhodes.

Note: All Councillors congratulated staff on the Scoping Report received.

Item B3: Draft Cat Management Strategy

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Raoul Harper, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	ANI/0104
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 6: DRAFT Cat Management Strategy</i>

INTRODUCTION:

Tasmania now has Cat Management Legislation (*Cat Management Act 2009*) to encourage responsible pet ownership and attempt to address the feral cat problem in the State. A draft Cat Management Strategy has been prepared to support responsible domestic cat ownership and efforts to minimise the feral cat population on our islands.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

404.01.2013 17th January 2013
Public Meeting 18th February 2013

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Post a series of meetings and directives in the past year, Council Officers have developed a draft Cat Management Strategy for consideration.

The strategy focuses on community based actions and responsible cat ownership as an affordable and effective approach. The community is actively engaged in cat management and Council supports these ongoing efforts.

The State will finalise a feral cat management strategy for Tasmania at some stage in the coming period and once this is complete Council will seek to align specific on ground programs and actions for which funding is available, with those actions outlined in the State strategy that have Council support.

The draft can now be considered.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Nil

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Environment and Natural Asset Management

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal in its current format.

RISK/LIABILITY:

Minimal

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the draft Cat Management Strategy and allows it to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

DECISION:

615.08.2013 Moved: Cr M Cobham **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor D Williams
That Council receives the draft Cat Management Strategy and allows it to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

CARRIED (6-1)

For: Mayor C Cox, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr M Cobham, Cr M Roberts, Cr G Willis and Cr R Wise.

Against: Cr P Rhodes (abstained).

Item B4: Councillor Resolution Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Raoul Harper, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 6: Councillor Resolution Report August 2013</i>

INTRODUCTION:

This report identifies the actions taken and actual costs associated with implementing resolutions passed by elected members from August 2013.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

The report is presented on a monthly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Please read Annexure 6 – Councillor Resolution Report August 2013.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Councillor Resolution Report August 2013 be noted.

DECISION:

616.08.2013 Moved: Deputy Mayor D Williams **Seconded:** Cr M Cobham

That the Councillor Resolution Report August 2013 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

Note: Deputy Mayor D Williams expressed his thanks to Councillors for their support of his Cure for Cancer fundraising run.

C. CLOSED COUNCIL

Item C1: Closed Council Item – Proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in the land or for the disposal of land

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICERS	Raoul Harper, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	REA/0101, FIN/1300
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Nil</i>

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

20 June 2013 575.06.2013

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

This item is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 15(2)(e) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(e) proposals for the Council to acquire land or an interest in the land or for the disposal of land.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move into Closed Council.

DECISION:

617.08.2013 Moved: Cr G Willis **Seconded:** Cr R Wise

That Council move into Closed Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

Council moved into Closed Session at 1.55pm.

Council moved out of Closed Session at 2.29pm.

621.08.2013 Moved: Cr P Rhodes **Seconded:** Cr M Cobham

That the discussions held and motions passed in Closed Council remain confidential.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

MEETING CLOSED 2.30PM