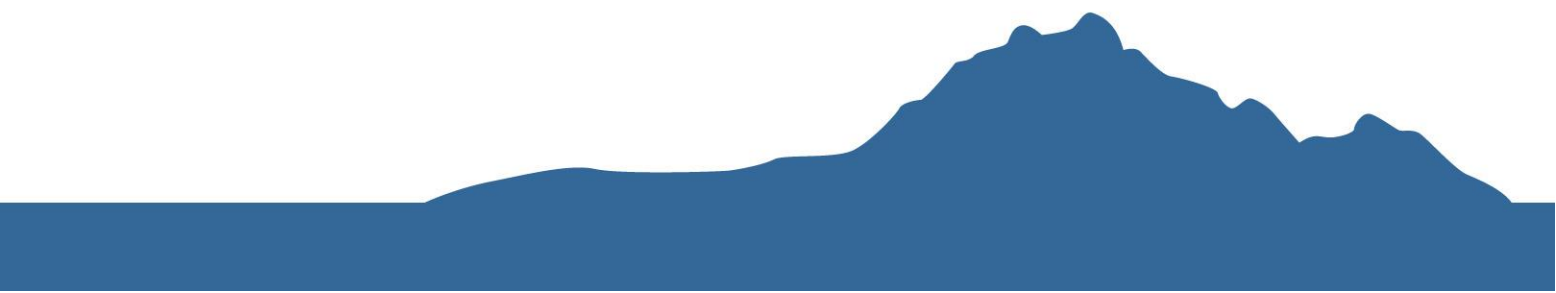




Confirmed Minutes
Ordinary Council Meeting
18th May 2017



FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

CONFIRMED MINUTES

DATE: Thursday 18th May 2017
VENUE: Lady Barron Memorial Hall, Lady Barron
COMMENCING: 1.15pm

PRESENT

Mayor Carol Cox
Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham
Cr Chris Rhodes
Cr Peter Rhodes
Cr David Williams
Cr Gerald Willis

APOLOGIES

Cr Ken Stockton

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Boehm	- General Manager	1.15 – 3.29pm
Sophie Pitchford	- Corporate Services Manager	1.15 – 2.07pm
Jacci Viney	- Development Services Coordinator	1.15 – 2.07pm
Vicki Warden	- Executive Officer (Minute Taker)	1.15 – 3.29pm

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

106.05.2017 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 20th April 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were received.

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS

20th April 2017 Council Meeting

Question 1: Cr Gerald Willis on behalf of Michael Buck

I ask on behalf of Michael Buck, would the Council consider relocating the War Memorial from its current location adjacent to the Lady Barron Police Station to the grounds of the Lady Barron Hall?

Mayor's Response:

The Lady Barron Hall and Recreation Special Committee members are aware of this request, and have been requested to consider the possible siting of the memorial in the Memorial Hall vicinity when undertaking considerations of the landscaping to be achieved around the Hall. It

is envisaged that this will complement the extensive work done adding a fitness annex and upgrading the Hall.

The Committee members have recently acquired another \$37,000 in grant funds which will see the replacement of the front doors, undertake exterior painting and replace the old heavy curtains with modern window coverings. Council will take recommendations from the Special Committee in relation to the landscaping.

I thank you for bringing the idea forward.

107.05.2017 Moved: Cr G Willis **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham

That the responses to the public questions at the 20th April 2017 Council Meeting be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Question 1: Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham

When will Council address the longstanding issue of replacing the 'crossovers' on Whitemark footpaths to a more 'wheelchair friendly' and disabled compliant type?

Mayor's Response:

The question was taken on notice.

Question 2: Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham

Council has been holding one of its monthly meetings in Lady Barron for a number of years, with the aim of making the meeting more accessible for the local Lady Barron Community. Given that over that time the Community attendance has been negligible, is it time to review this annual undertaking, given the considerable logistical issues and staff resources required?

Mayor's Response:

Yes this decision can be reviewed.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cr Peter Rhodes declared pecuniary interest in Item B2 – Community Grants.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

PETITIONS

Nil

POLICIES

The decision to rescind the Land Transfer Policy by Council was made available for public consultation for 28 days. No submissions were received therefore, as per the Flinders Council Policy Manual Policy; the policy can now be considered rescinded.

The decision to rescind the Aboriginal Reconciliation Policy by Council was made available for public consultation for 28 days. No submissions were received therefore, as per the Flinders Council Policy Manual Policy; the policy can now be considered rescinded.

The decision to rescind the Tasmanian Tidy Towns Policy by Council was made available for public consultation for 28 days. No submissions were received therefore, as per the Flinders Council Policy Manual Policy; the policy can now be considered rescinded.

108.05.2017 Moved: Cr G Willis **Seconded:** Cr D Williams

That the Land Transfer Policy, Aboriginal Reconciliation Policy and the Tasmanian Tidy Towns Policy are now formally rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

WORKSHOPS & INFORMATION FORUMS

File No: COU/0205

Council Workshop held on 5th May 2017

Council held a Workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 Lady Barron Hall Committee – Gym Operations 10.30am
- Item 2 Credit Card Policy
- Item 3 Solid Waste Disposal
- Item 4 Gunn Bequest Applications
- Item 5 Community Grant Applications
- Item 6 Biosecurity Bill 2017
- Item 7 General Managers Update

Councillors Present:

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

Apologies:

Cr Chris Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.

Staff and Consultants Present:

Bill Boehm	General Manager
Jacci Viney	Development Services Coordinator (Item 1,3 & 6)
Kelly Blundstone	Reception/Finance Officer
Fran Bryson	Lady Barron Hall Committee Member (Item 1 only)
Chris Murphy	Lady Barron Hall Committee Member (Item 1 only)

Council Workshop held on 9th May 2017

Council held a Workshop on the 2017-18 Council Budget
(Note motion 109.05.2017)

Councillors Present:

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

Apologies:

Cr Chris Rhodes. Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

Staff and Consultants Present:

Bill Boehm	General Manager
Sophie Pitchford	Corporate Services Manager
Brian Barnewall	Works and Services Manager

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 Workshops held on 5th and 9th May 2017 be noted.

DECISION:

109.05.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr G Willis

That the Council Workshop held on 5th May 2017 be noted and that the Council Workshop held on 9th May 2017 be noted with the addition of discussion of the Northern Resource Sharing Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nil

PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS TABLED FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

Nil

REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

Furneaux (Emita) Hall Special Committee

File No: AME/0502

Annexure 1: *Furneaux (Emita) Hall Special Committee General Meeting 11th April 2017 Unconfirmed Minutes*

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

The unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux (Emita) Hall Special Committee General Meeting held on the 11th April 2017 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 Special Committee General Meeting held on the 11th April 2017 be noted.

DECISION:

110.05.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham

Seconded: Cr G Willis

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux (Emita) Hall Special Committee General Meeting held on the 11th April 2017 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Note: Cr David Williams commented on how great it was to see the Emita Hall being so well used after the refurbishment.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Deputy Mayor's Monthly Report

File No: COU/0600

ACTIVITIES:

DATE	ITEM
11.04.2017	Furneaux (Emita) Hall Special Committee meeting.
12.04.2017	Meet with Mayor Cox then teleconference with Council's lawyer.
15.04.2017	Telephone call from a community member re feral cat issues.
17.04.2017	Praise from a community member to Council Works and Services Department re upgrade of Port Davies Rd, Emita.
20.04.2017	Monthly Council meeting.
21.04.2017	Chair meeting with TasWater CEO Miles Hampton and Elected Members.
25.04 - 03.05.2017	Off island.
04.05.2017	Council Workshop.
05.05.2017	Discussion with two community members re Council support for the new Whitemark gym.
07.05.2017	Attend opening of Lady Baron Memorial Hall Fitness Annex.
09.05.2017	Council Annual Budget Workshop.
12.05.2017	Chair meeting with Tasmanian Health Minister Michael Ferguson and Cr G Willis.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Deputy Mayor's report be received.

DECISION:

11.05.2017 Moved: Cr D Williams **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes

That the Deputy Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Report from Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham on the Local Government Association of Tasmania's Elected Members Professional Development Workshop

File No: COU/0600

REPORT:

On the weekend of 25-26th February 2017 I attended a Local Government Association of Tasmania's Elected Members Professional Development Workshop.

There were various sessions i.e.

- Creating a Culture of Effective Decision-Making; i.e. dealing with bias; the importance of effective leadership style for high quality decision-making and outcomes.
- Engaging the Business Community; i.e. the benefits and getting things done.
- What will our towns look like in five years? i.e. Tasmanian Planning Scheme changes.
- Co-operative Conversations for Meetings that Matter: i.e. different ways of running meetings so that they are more efficient.

All topics had excellent presenters and included new ways of looking at the way we do things. Additional benefits of these types of events are the opportunity to participate in considerable networking with other Tasmanian elected members.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Deputy Mayor's report be received.

DECISION:

112.05.2017 Moved: Cr G Willis **Seconded:** Cr D Williams

That the report from Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham on the Local Government Association of Tasmania's Elected Members Professional Development Workshop be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
21 Apr 2017	Carol Cox, Mayor, Flinders Council	Media release issued by Brighton Council
21 Apr 2017	Lynn Luckock, Executive Assistant to Mike Brewster, Chief Executive Officer, TasWater	Letter to council Mayors from Miles Hampton, Chairman TasWater
26 Apr 2017	Stephanie Watson, Communications Manager, Local Government Association	Media release issued by David Downie, Chief Representative of TasWater, regarding the cost to householders of a State Government takeover of TasWater.
26 Apr 2017	Christine Agostinelli, Executive Officer, Local Government Association.	Email with attached papers for a Special General Meeting to be held on 11 May 2017
27 Apr 2017	Ailsa Sypkes, General Manager Legal and Governance for TasWater	Email with Notice of Meeting and meeting papers for a meeting of Owners' Representatives to be held at 10:30 am Thursday 11 May at West Tamar Council Precinct, Riverside.
3 May 2017	Mike Brewster, Chief Executive Officer, TasWater	Email with a copy of a government media release from the Treasurer and a media release in response by TasWater.
5 May 2017	Mike Brewster, Chief Executive Officer, TasWater	Email with a letter from Mike Brewster and a letter dated 20 May 2016 from Miles Hampton, Chairman TasWater to Minister Gutwein.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

DECISION:

113.05.2017 Moved: Cr P Rhodes **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

REPORT:**APPOINTMENTS:**

15.04.17	Easter Big Breakfast at Lady Barron
19.04.17	Met with Hydro at the Power Station re disposal opportunities for excess energy as heat
20.04.17	Council meeting
21.04 – 03.05.17	Worked remotely
02.05.17	Met with Furneaux Freight at their Bridport facility
03.05.17	Working breakfast with Cr Wills and Council's legal representative.
03.05.17	Federal Circuit Court mediation
04.05.17	Council workshop
06.05.17	Junior football
07.05.17	Lady Barron Memorial Hall re-opening
08.05.17	Met with Cheryl Thomas, board member of the Tasmanian Community Fund
09.05.17	Budget workshop
09.05.17	General Managers Performance Review Committee telephone link with Sanjib Roy at Searchlight re the General Manager's Performance review
09.05.17	Dinner with Cheryl Thomas of the Tasmanian Community Fund and community members

Easter Big Breakfast:

Congratulations to the Lady Barron Hall & Recreation Committee for turning on a feast and bringing together Community members. The growing number of children attending the accompanying Easter egg hunt and activities in the park is proof of the events popularity. There were an amazing number of Easter bonnets on display.

Tasmanian Community Fund:

Cheryl Thomas, a Tasmanian Community Fund board member, was on the Island for the re-opening of the Lady Barron Memorial Hall, including the new fitness annex and much upgraded kitchen facilities. I met with Cheryl both formally and informally, and the message that she continued to give was to make good applications and you have a much better chance of being fully considered, those applications that do not address the criteria are most likely to drop out of the selection process early.

The TFC also supplies grants for programs, that are not only infrastructure. A separate emerging leaders program is also leadership is also being rolled out.

Council recognises the benefit of the TCF grant obtained to fund the addition of the fitness annex and the kitchen upgrade and thanks the TCF for the funding and the Lady Barron Hall and Rec Special Committee for writing and submitting the successful grant.

Furneaux Freight:

I had the opportunity to visit Furneaux Freight at Bridport when the Matthew Flinders III was returning from Lady Barron and doing a quick unload and reload to exit on the same tide and head to Cape Barren Island.

It was explained that the expansive landside area of the port, with its extensive flat concrete area enabled the efficient movement of through the port. That continual improvement had got the Bridport port to that level and that continual improvement is required at Lady Barron, with some of the restrictions being placed on port users having a negative effect on operations.

Lady Barron Memorial Hall:

Along with around seventy community members I attended the re-opening of the hall, showcasing the new fitness annex, upgraded kitchen, refurbished toilets and the installation of heating. I thank the Committee members for their intense efforts in driving this upgrade to the hall and look forward to seeing the result of the next works which include new front door, exterior painting and window coverings in the main hall, all to be funded by another grant of \$37,000 acquired by the Lady Barron Hall and Recreation Committee Members.,

Federal Circuit Court mediation R Harper vs Flinders Council and Others:

Attendance at the mediation was worthwhile.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
07.04.2017	Trish Southam, Office of Ross Hart MP	Follow up after visit to Flinders Island
11.04.2017	Australian Local Govt Association	Media Release re Financial Assistance Grants
13.04.2017	Primary Health Tasmania	Media release: Finding medical help this Easter
13.04.2017	Christine Agostinelli, Local Govt Association of Tasmania (LGAT)	Call for Water & Sewerage Motions - LGAT Special Meeting 11 May 2017

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
13.04.2017	Jason Vuddamalay, Searchlight Group	General Manager's Performance Appraisal Review
13.04.2017	Dr Hamish Meldrum, Ochre Medical Centres	2016 edition of the Ochre Health Research Report
14.04.2017	Ailsa Sykes, TasWater	Notice of General Meeting 11 May 2017
14.04.2017	Examiner & Advocate	National Volunteer's Week
19.04.2017	Tas Audit Office	Probity exam of the use of credit cards by Councils
19.04.2017	Jason Vuddamalay, Searchlight Group	General Manager's Performance Appraisal Review
10.04.2017	John Kirwan, CEO, Royal Flying Doctor Service	Letter re: restructuring of RFDS Tasmania Ltd
20.04.2017	Maree Tetlow, Northern Tasmania Development Committee (NTDC)	NTDC Media Release on signing of city deal
20.04.2017	Christine Agostinelli, LGAT	Media Release on latest Tas Brand Health Survey
21.04.2017	Tim Slade	Real-time data reporting at TasWater
21.04.2017	Jason Vuddamalay, Searchlight Group	General Manager's Performance Review
21.04.2017	Ron Sanderson, General Manager, Brighton Council	Letter re: TasWater takeover
21.04.2017	Lynn Luckcock, TasWater	Letter from Miles Hampton, TasWater Chairman
21.04.2017	Biosecurity Tasmania	Public Comment invited on draft legislation – Biosecurity Bill 2017
25.04.2017	Sanjib Roy, Searchlight Group	Flinders Council GM Performance Review proposal
26.04.2017	Christine Agostinelli, LGAT	11 May 2017 Special General Meeting Agenda
26.04.2017	Stephanie Watson, LGAT	Media Release regarding cost to householders of a State Govt takeover.
27.04.2017	Graham Flower,	Thank you letter

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
	Hexagon	
27.04.2017	Melanie Brown, LGAT	Invitation to Local Govt Climate Change, Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Forum
27.04.2017	Tim Slade	Real-time data reporting at TasWater
27.04.2017	Ailsa Sypkes, TasWater	Owners' Representative Group General Meeting Papers - 11 May 2017
28.04.2017	John Pitt, Chair, NTDC	Elected Member's Briefing 3 May 2017
28.04.2017	Judy Clark	Invitation to Lady Barron Memorial Hall Opening
01.05.2017	Tameka Mason, Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management	Invitation to attend Graduation Ceremony
01.05.2017	Maree Tetlow, NTDC	Updated Member's Meeting Report
01.05.2017	Mayor Doug Chipman, President, LGAT	11 th May LGAT meeting
01.05.2017	Peter Gutwein, Treasurer, Tasmanian Government	Feedback on outcomes of Premier's Local Government Council's Disability Action Strategy.
02.05.2017	Peter Gutwein, Treasurer, Tasmanian Government	Review of framework of new code of conduct for Councillors
03.05.2017	Katrena Stephenson, LGAT	Foreshadowed amended motion for 11 May
03.05.2017	Stephanie Watson, LGAT	Media Release from TasWater's Chief Owners' Representative
03.05.2017	Stephanie Watson, LGAT	Media Release from Miles Hampton, TasWater
03.05.2017	Dennis Cooper	Letter re: Progress with Airport Hangars?
04.05.2017	Karina Dambergs, Van Diemen Project	Invitation to Van Diemen Project Event
05.05.2017	Mike Brewster, CEO, TasWater	Letter re: TasWater ownership
07.05.2017	Patsy Nugent	Letter re: improvements and Island News
08.05.2017	Alex Tay, Director of Local Government,	General Information on Ministerial Orders - Local Government Amendment (Targeted Review) Bill 2017

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
	Local Government Division	
08.05.2017	Penny Finlay, LGAT	LGAT preventative Health Workshop 30 May 2017

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
27.04.2017	M Hampton, TasWater	Response to letter received
27.04.2017	G Flower, Hexagon	Re outcome of Council meeting
28.04.2017	Christine Agostinelli	Attendance at LGAT Special Meeting 11 May 2017
10.05.2017	Mr Michael Buck	Response to Public Question at April meeting
10.05.2017	Lady Barron Hall and Recreation Committee	Request to make recommendation to Council on replacement of war memorial into grounds around the Memorial Hall.
10.05.2017	Alan & Liz Robinson	Advice re outcome of Agenda item to support renaming of the Emita Beach Coastal Reserve.
10.05.2017	Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment.	Support letter for change of name of the Emita Beach Coastal Reserve to the Valentine Huitfeldt Coastal Reserve.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's report be received.

DECISION:

114.05.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham

Seconded: Cr P Rhodes

That the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

A. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS
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Item A1: Biosecurity Bill 2017

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Jacci Viney, Development Services Coordinator
FILE REFERENCE	GOV/0151
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 2: DRAFT Biosecurity Bill 2017 (can be found at: http://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/Documents/BLP_Draft_BiosecurityBill_ForConsultation.pdf)</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The State Government has released the DRAFT Biosecurity Bill for comment. The comment period is open until 02 June 2017.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The DRAFT bill was provided to Councillors, as well as the released fact sheets and the matter was discussed at a workshop on Thursday 4th May.

Council's Development Services Coordinator, who also acts as the Biosecurity liaison officer, has provided the following comments for consideration.

These points form the potential response to the bill and are included in the recommendation.

1. The Furneaux Islands are not specifically mentioned in the Bill

As one of the main "gateways" into Tasmania, it is important that the Furneaux Islands are acknowledged within the Act. The present situation is quite lax and there are examples of its failures on and around Flinders Island.

2. Private Planes and Boats

The other main "gateway" into the State is via private planes and boats. Flinders Island's last known count of private airstrips rested at 17. Multiple recreational and commercial water vessels visit the shores each year. Many carry potential biosecurity matter on board or unknowingly on the underside of the vessels.

3. Suitable budget for implementation of desired outcomes

It is noteworthy that many years ago a then "quarantine" officer was appointed to Flinders Island to meet all private boats and planes, monitor commercial fishing and freight vessels and liaise with regular passenger transport passengers. From all accounts; from the officer appointed and the visiting operators, this system worked well. Log books have been kept to show the magnitude of reaching the milestone of meeting every visitor but clearly, with the appropriate funding, it can be done.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Nil

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

5.3.3.1 Liaise with Biosecurity Tasmania to achieve positive outcomes for the Community.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY:

Potential risk for the Island(s) and Tasmania as a State.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the following points be communicated regarding the review of the Biosecurity Bill 2017:

1. The Furneaux Islands are not specifically mentioned in the Bill

As one of the main "gateways" into Tasmania, it is important that the Furneaux Islands are acknowledged within the Act. The present situation is quite lax and there are examples of its failures on and around Flinders Island.

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DECISION:

115.05.2017 Moved: Cr P Rhodes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Cobham

That Council's response to the review of the Biosecurity Bill 2017 is that it should include a fulltime biosecurity presence on both Flinders and King Islands as they are significant gateways to the State.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Item A2: Dog Registration Fees 2017-2018

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Jacci Viney, Development Services Coordinator
FILE REFERENCE	FIN/0701 & ANI/0205
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Nil</i>

INTRODUCTION:

Each year Council set a nominal fee for dog registration within the Municipality. The fee is low, as is the budget. This correlates to the number of enforcement matters Council deals with annually and the ability to fund a 'dog control officer' to make a few visits per year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

The Dog Registration Fees are considered annually.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

In an attempt to save funds, Council will be moving to the "tag for life" system. This means that each dog is allocated with a tag and a number which they will keep for the life of the tag. If the tag requires replacing they will receive a new number. It is envisaged that this will save the animal management budget around \$200 in the subsequent years to come and save the issue of tags being thrown away at the end of the financial year. All tags will be black and not marked with a registration year.

In light of the above saving it is proposed that dog fees remain the same as last year.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Dog Control Act 2000

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.3 Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations and manages corporate and community risk
 - 4.3.29 Requirements of the Dog Control Act 2000 are met

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Budget should improve with saving of dog tag purchase – to be noted in following years.

RISK/LIABILITY:

Low risk

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the following dog fees be set for the 17/18 period – commencing in June 2017:

	If paid by 30th June 2017	If paid after 30th June 2017
Sterilised dog	\$15.00	\$30.00
Non-sterilised dog	\$30.00	\$45.00
Working dog	\$15.00	\$30.00
Guide/Hearing dog	NIL	NIL
Dangerous Dog	\$120.00	\$150.00
Collection fee	\$60.00	\$60.00
Daily impoundment fee	\$25.00	\$25.00
Replacement tag	\$5.00	\$5.00
First registration (6 months and over)		pro-rata
Transfer of registration	NIL	NIL

DECISION:

116.05.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr G Willis

That Council sets the following dog fees for the 2017/2018 financial period:

	If paid by 30th June 2017	If paid after 30th June 2017
Sterilised dog	\$15.00	\$30.00
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Replacement tag	\$5.00	\$5.00
First registration (6 months and over)		pro-rata
Transfer of registration	NIL	NIL

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Item A3: Development Application Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Jacci Viney, Development Services Coordinator
FILE REFERENCE	PLN/0105
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 3: Development Application Report – April 2017</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 April 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.

Permitted applications are assessed under s58 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and as such are not advertised nor are the applicant's details made public. Applicants retain the right to privacy having met all development and use standards applicable within the current planning scheme. Applications made under this section must be granted a permit, with or without conditions.

The numbering of applications relates to the allocation provided by the 'Regulatory Applications' (RegApps) electronic filing system. Numbers are allocated in order to Planning (DA), Building (BA) and Plumbing (PA) applications.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

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

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Refer to Annexure 3 - Development Application Report – April 2017, provided by West Tamar Council.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Development Application Report – April 2017 be received.

DECISION:

117.05.2017 Moved: Cr D Williams **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes

That the Development Application Report – April 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

B. GOVERNANCE

Item B1: Credit Card Policy

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Sophie Pitchford, Corporate Services Manager
FILE REFERENCE	FIN/0502
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 4: DRAFT Credit Card Policy</i>

INTRODUCTION:

Council's Policy Manual is an important document of Council as it provides direction to Staff, Management and Councillors. Many of the policies are required by, or relate to, legislation and in most instances help manage Council's exposure to risk.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

308.08.09	20 th August 2009
172.06.15	18 th June 2015
Council Workshop	05 th May 2017

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Council has a policy that states that policies should be reviewed at least every four (4) years by the then elected members.

The Credit Card Policy has been reviewed and updated in accordance with the recent audit conducted by the Tasmanian Audit Office. In keeping with best practice, the policy has been fine-tuned and a separate procedure is to be developed that provides the guidelines by which the policy is to be executed.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

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

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

4.3.9 Maintain Council's Policy Manual and Instrument of Delegation.

RISK/LIABILITY:

Adoption of this policy and ensuring that Management, Staff and Councillors are aware of and follow this policy will help to reduce Council's exposure to risk in this area.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the Credit Card Policy and allows them to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

DECISION:

118.05.2017 Moved: Cr P Rhodes

Seconded: Cr G Willis

That the Credit Card Policy be brought back to the next Council Meeting along with the procedures for consideration by Council.

LOST (3-3)

For: Cr C Rhodes, Cr P Rhodes and Cr G Willis.

Against: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor M Cobham and Cr D Williams.

Mayor Carol Cox passed the chair to Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham at 1.55pm.

119.05.2017 Moved: Mayor C Cox

Seconded: Cr D Williams

That the Credit Card Policy with the following changes be accepted to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment:

- the inclusion of the changes emailed to Councillors by Mayor Cox on 17th May 2017;
- the addition that all expense claims by the General Manager will be reviewed by the Flinders Council Audit Panel; and
- the words 'as endorsed by Council' be inserted after the words 'Credit Card Procedure' under the heading 'Issue of Cards'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Mayor Carol Cox resumed the chair at 2.06pm.

Sophie Pitchford, Corporate Services Manager and Jacqui Viney, Development Services Coordinator left the meeting at 2.07pm.

Mayor Carol Cox called a break in the meeting at 2.08pm and resumed the meeting at 2.12pm.

120.05.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham

Seconded: Cr G Willis

That Closed Council Items C1 and C2 be brought forward in the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

C. CLOSED COUNCIL

Item C1 & C2: Closed Council Items

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	LEG/001
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Nil</i>

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

188, 189, 194.08.2016 Special Council Meeting 1st and 4th August 2016
202, 203.08.2016 Closed Council Meeting 18th August 2016
230.09.2016 Closed Council Meeting 22nd September 2016
333.12.2016 Closed Council Meeting 15th December 2016
106.04.2017 Closed Council Meeting 21st April 2017

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

Item C1: General Manager Relocation Costs is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 15(2) (f) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

Item C2: Federal Circuit Court Matters is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 15(2) (a) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move into Closed Council.

DECISION:

121.05.2017 Moved: Cr G Willis **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham
That Council move into Closed Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Council moved into Closed Session at 2.13pm.

Council moved out of Closed Session at 3.12pm.

CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENT:

127.05.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes
That the discussions held and motions passed in Closed Council remain confidential.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Cr Peter Rhodes left the meeting at 3.12pm.

Item B2: Community Grants 2016-17

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	FIN/0905
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 5: Grant Applications (For Elected Member's only)</i>

INTRODUCTION:

Volunteer groups are a vital component of the social fabric that makes up the Furneaux Community. Grants such as these are designed to assist these groups to remain viable and continue to provide services and activities to the broader community.

Regrettably their ability to raise adequate funding from within the community as well as pay for additional capital costs required to undertake their activities is limited and in previous years, the Council has provided the community with the opportunity to request financial assistance for local projects. This approach has been well supported and a further round of funding requests is now submitted for consideration.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Community Grants are decided annually by Council.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Notices were placed in the Island News and on the Council's website calling for community organisations to submit applications for funding via Council's Community Grant Scheme. Applications closed on the 24th April 2017.

The following requests were received for consideration by Council:

No.	Applicant	The Project	Amount Requested
1	Flinders Island Show Society	Entertainment for 2017 Show. Facility Hire and Licence Fees.	\$2,000
2	Lions Club of Flinders Island	Purchasing a heat pump for the Lions Lodge Building, Whitemark.	\$2,000
3	Furneaux Group CWA Rest Room Committee	Purchasing a glass sliding door for Patrick St side of rest rooms, Whitemark.	\$1,155
4	Friends of Bass Strait Islands	Help with costs associated with bringing volunteers to the Furneaux Islands.	\$2,200
5	Furneaux Field and Game Association Inc.	Purchasing sashes for Furneaux Super Shoot and Tas Championships.	\$800

6	Furneaux Islands Motocross Association	Machinery hire to maintain track. Financial assistance to cover permits, club affiliation and insurance.	\$10,821
TOTAL of all the Grant Applications			\$18,976

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

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

4.2 Support processes, accountability and project delivery through transparent reporting.

4.2.3 Administrative support provided to Council.

4.2.3.3 Deliver the Community Grants and Gunn Bequest funding program.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal

RISK/LIABILITY:

No foreseen risks

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council discuss this item (Community Grants 2017-18), under Section 22 (9) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005.

DECISION:

128.05.2017 Moved: Cr G Willis **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham

That Council allocates the following grants under the 2017-18 Community Grants scheme:

No.	Applicant	The Project	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
1	Flinders Island Show Society	Entertainment for 2017 Show. Facility Hire and Licence Fees.	\$2,000	\$2,000
2	Lions Club of Flinders Island	Purchasing a heat pump for the Lions Lodge Building, Whitemark.	\$2,000	\$1,500
3	Furneaux Group CWA Rest Room Committee	Purchasing a glass sliding door for Patrick St side of rest rooms, Whitemark.	\$1,155	\$1,155

4	Friends of Bass Strait Islands	Help with costs associated with bringing volunteers to the Furneaux Islands.	\$2,200	\$1,500
5	Furneaux Field and Game Association Inc.	Purchasing sashes for Furneaux Super Shoot and Tas Championships.	\$800	\$800
6	Furneaux Islands Motocross Association	Machinery hire to maintain track. Financial assistance to cover permits, club affiliation and insurance.	\$10,821	\$1,000
TOTAL AWARDED				\$7,955

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Cr P Rhodes rejoined the meeting at 3.18pm.

Item B3: Gunn Bequest Grants 2016-17

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	FIN/1600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 6: Grant Applications (For Elected Member's only)</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The Gunn Bequest is annually allocated to sporting groups on the Island for the promotion or facilitation of sporting activities for the general population.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Gunn Bequest Grants decided annually by Council.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Notices were placed in the Island News and on the Council's website calling for sporting clubs to submit applications for funding via Council's Gunn Bequest Grants scheme. Applications closed on 24th April 2017.

The total amount held in trust for the Gunn Bequest is \$109,339 and the estimated interest to be earned on the account for the 2016/17 financial year will be \$3,000. As per Council's decision when the bequest was received in 1985, only 50% of maturing interest is to be distributed as grants and the remainder is to be reinvested.

Therefore, the available amount for distribution this year is \$1,500. The total amount applied for by Sporting Clubs exceeds the funds available.

The following requests were received for consideration by Council:

No.	Applicant	The Project	Amount Requested
1	Flinders Island Pony and Riding Club	Two return airfares from Launceston to Flinders Island for instructor.	\$740
2	Flinders Island Harriers Inc.	Part financial assistance in using race tie contactors from Oztiming for Flinders Is Running Festival.	\$1,000
3	Flinders Island Netball Association	Purchase of new netball bibs and balls.	\$329.94
4	Flinders Island Netball Group	Support for airfares for team, coaches and players for clinics and umpires for games in September.	\$8,500

5	Flinders Island Golf Club	Part financial assistance for purchasing a Husqvarna mower.	\$2,500
6	Furneaux Field & Game Association Inc	Purchase 2 nd and 3 rd place medallions for the Furneaux Super Shoot and Tas Championships.	\$172
7	Furneaux Islands Motocross Association	Machinery hire to maintain track. Financial assistance to cover permits, club affiliation and insurance	\$10,821
TOTAL of all Applications			\$24,062.94

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

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

4.2 Support processes, accountability and project delivery through transparent reporting.

4.2.3 Administrative support provided to Council.

4.2.3.3 Deliver the Community Grants and Gunn Bequest funding program.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal

RISK/LIABILITY:

No foreseen risks

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council discuss this item (Gunn Bequest Grants 2017-198), under Section 22 (9) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005.

DECISION:

129.05.2017 Moved: Cr G Willis **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham

That Council allocates the following grants under the 2017-18 Gunn Bequest scheme and that for this year only Council has allocated greater than 50% of the interest earned on the Gunn Bequest account:

No.	Applicant	The Project	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
1	Flinders Island Pony and Riding Club	Two return airfares from Launceston to Flinders Island for instructor.	\$740	\$370

2	Flinders Island Harriers Inc.	Part financial assistance in using race tie contactors from Oztiming for Flinders Is Running Festival.	\$1,000	\$750
3	Flinders Island Netball Association	Purchase of new netball bibs and balls.	\$329.94	\$329.94
4	Flinders Island Netball Group	Support for airfares for team, coaches and players for clinics and umpires for games in September.	\$8,500	\$370
5	Flinders Island Golf Club	Part financial assistance for purchasing a Husqvarna mower.	\$2,500	\$500
6	Furneaux Field & Game Association Inc	Purchase 2 nd and 3 rd place medallions for the Furneaux Super Shoot and Tas Championships.	\$172	\$172
7	Furneaux Islands Motocross Association	Machinery hire to maintain track. Financial assistance to cover permits, club affiliation and insurance	\$10,821	Nil
TOTAL AWARDED				\$2,491.94

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Item B4: Councillor Resolution Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 7: Councillor Resolution Report May 2017</i>

INTRODUCTION:

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

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

The report is presented on a monthly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Please read Annexure 7 – Councillor Resolution Report May 2017.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Councillor Resolution Report May 2017 be noted.

DECISION:

130.05.2017 Moved: Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr D Williams

That the Councillor Resolution Report May 2017 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Meeting Closed at 3.29pm