



Confirmed Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting

23 June 2020



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Flinders Council Ordinary Meeting – Confirmed Minutes

Tuesday 23 June 2020

Venue	Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark
Commencing	9.30am
Attendees - Councillors	Acting Mayor David Williams Sharon Blyth Aaron Burke Vanessa Grace Peter Rhodes Rachel Summers
Apologies	Mayor Annie Revie
Attendees - Staff	Warren Groves General Manager 9.30 -10.07am Rowena Nicholls Administrative Services Officer (minute taker) 9.30 -10.07am Vicki Warden Executive Officer 9.30 -10.07am

1 Acknowledgment of Country

The Acting Mayor will begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the palawa people of the trawulwai Nation. He will recognise their continuing connection to the land, waters and culture of this island, and pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2020 be confirmed.

DECISION

111.6.2020 Moved: Cr V Grace

Seconded: Cr R Summers

That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Acting Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

3 Public Question Time

Nil

4 Councillor's Questions on Notice

None received.

5 Councillor's Questions Without Notice

Nil

6 Late Agenda Items

Nil

7 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

8 Conflict of Interest

Nil

9 Petitions

Nil

10 Workshops & Information Forums

File No. COU/0205

Council Workshop – 2 June 2020

Council held a Workshop on the following subject:

- Item 1 Strategic Plan

Councillors in Attendance

Mayor Annie Revie

Deputy Mayor David Williams

Cr Sharon Blyth

Cr Vanessa Grace

Cr Peter Rhodes

Cr Rachel Summers

Apologies

Cr Aaron Burke

Staff and Consultants in Attendance

Warren Groves

General Manager

Vicki Warden

Executive Officer

Council Workshop – 9 June 2020

Council held a Workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 Strategic Plan
- Item 2 Waste Management Strategy
- Item 3 Service Request Register & Blue Sky Thinking
- Item 4 Preliminary Policy Discussion
- Item 5 Citizen of the Year Award Policy review

Councillors in Attendance

Mayor Annie Revie

Deputy Mayor David Williams

Cr Sharon Blyth

Cr Aaron Burke

Cr Vanessa Grace

Cr Peter Rhodes

Cr Rachel Summers

Apologies

Nil

Staff and Consultants in Attendance

Warren Groves

General Manager

Vicki Warden

Executive Officer

Sammi Gowthorp

Community Development Officer (Item 2)

Jacci Viney

Development services Coordinator (Item 2)

Brian Barnewall

Works and Services Manager (Item 2)

Heidi Marshall

Finance Organisational Performance Manager (Item 2)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Workshops held on 2 and 9 June 2020 be noted.

DECISION

112.6.2020 Moved: Cr P Rhodes

Seconded: Cr R Summers

That the Council Workshops held on 2 and 9 June 2020 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Acting Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

11 Publications/Reports Tabled for Council Information

Nil

12 Reports to be Received

12.1 Flinders Council Audit Panel

File Reference FIN/0401

Annexure 12.1.1 Flinders Council Audit Panel meeting 25 May 2020 Unconfirmed Minutes

OFFICER'S REPORT (Warren Groves, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Flinders Council Audit Panel meeting held 25 May 2020 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 Flinders Council Audit Panel meeting held 25 May 2020 be noted.

DECISION

113.6.2020 Moved: Cr S Blyth

Seconded: Cr A Burke

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Flinders Council Audit Panel meeting held 25 May 2020 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Acting Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

13 Councillors' Reports

Councillor Sharon Blyth – King Island Report

File Reference COU/0204

King Island Trip January 2020

On Monday 27 January, Cr Vanessa Grace, Darren Grace and myself left Launceston at 6.15 am to travel to King Island via Melbourne. We travelled from Melbourne to King Island with Rex Airlines whose plane had seating for 33 people with rows of three seats (1 double and 1 window) and there was also a toilet, a hostess, snacks and drinks in flight, plus it has a speaker system so you could actually hear what they were saying. It was a non-eventful 35 minute flight to King for only \$100.00 with the landing a smooth as any of Tony's (Sharp Airlines pilot).

Upon arrival we were greeted by a large modern airport terminal with book-in counters for 6 line ups including two for Sharp Airlines, two for Rex, one for Vortex and one for King Island Airlines. It also has a small café, large seating area and TV screen for normal TV viewing, and another for slideshows on King Island attractions and people. A building that we could aspire to here on Flinders in years to come. We were met and warmly greeted by Greg Alomes, General Manager, King Island Council. I had already formed a good impression of Greg during conversations we had had over the phone and also via email. Within the first half hour, that impression had increased 100 percent. He's a great asset for King Island Council and King Island. Whilst we were waiting for our luggage, Greg introduced us to Luke Agati who, besides working at the airport, is also Deputy Mayor and another great bloke.

We followed Greg to our place of accommodation, a council owned house that is used for a visiting accountant and engineer. Again, we were pleasantly surprised by a lovely 3-bedroom brick home with a view in Shaw Street, Currie. A house that we were very lucky to be able to use. We then went for a quick drive with Greg around town so he could point out a few places that we needed to know, including the museum, Greg's house, the Currie Lighthouse and Council Chambers etc. We were surprised to find, in the fridge of our house, two lovely cheese platters provided by the King Island Council. Before we left for our first appointment, we grabbed some supplies from the local IGA and checked out all that they carry, including quite a large range of furniture and homewares, a small bottle shop-type set up, as well as paint and hardware, a tatts lotto agent, stationery etc.

We then met Luke Agati and Trish Clemons at the museum at 3.00 pm for a personalised tour. Luke is a passionate historian, so this was great. What he and Trish didn't know wasn't worth knowing. It was really great and very informative. Amazing amount of shipwreck relics on display. I also found a special piece of useless information which involves my recent trip to Kokoda. Back at the time of the war there was a group of three war correspondents on the track with the troops, recording and covering the war effort to let everyone at home know what was going on. I believe a lot of it was censored so that families and the general public at home were unaware of how bad it really was in Papua New Guinea. Anyhow, included in this group was photographer, Damien Parer. Damien's father was John Arthur Parer who, in partnership with Williams Higgins, built and licensed Empire Hotels in Tasmania, one of which was shipped from Tasmania to King Island and erected in Currie. The hotel was burnt to the ground and has since been rebuilt. Damien unfortunately didn't make it home as he was gunned down by the Japanese at Peleliu, an island in the Palau Archipelago in Micronesia, on 17 September 1944. Coincidentally, Williams Higgins is the great grandfather of Missy Higgins (a well-known Australian singer).

Our evening meal with Mayor Julie Arnold and her husband Charles, Deputy Mayor Luke Agati and his partner Moss Mills and General Manager Greg Alomes and his wife Heather, was at

the King Island Hotel. We had much conversation and our meal was generously paid for by the King Island Council.

On Tuesday 28 January, I went for an early morning walk to check out the suburbs of Currie and of course their beautiful harbour. Found the shipping agent, School and early learning centre, Service Tasmania, King Island Motorcycles, Council Chambers, Elders, Police, Parks and SES (all in one combined building), Library, Pub, Laundromat, IGA and Bakery with great coffee. Today we had a full day bus tour planned. We meet Matthew Archer (local bus/tour operator) and Vernon Philbey (Councillor and past Warden of King Island Council and also Roberts stock agent) at the Council Chambers at eight. We all piled into Matthews 4WD and off we went, firstly to British Admiral Beach, a tour of Currie township via the kelp collecting tracks (a handy side effect of the Kelp collecting is that there are tracks along a lot of the west coast shoreline accessible by vehicle), and then north with visits to Porky Beach (\$1500.00 per night plus Mercedes Benz), the old Reekara School, Quarantine Bay, Martha Lavinia (a top surf beach), Disappointment Bay, Penny's Lagoon, and then up towards Cape Wickham where we had lunch at the Cape Wickham Links Restaurant. We then headed south and included stops at Naracoopa (first place of settlement on King Island), Grassy (including the port and breakwater), Calcified Forest and Seal Rocks.

The largest single landowner on King Island is Tim Roberts-Thomson with 27,500 acres. Dairy is the biggest single employer, employing approximately 80 people. Council has programmed to seal approaches to bridges on all gravel roads and has also opened up beach access to the east coast beaches through private land with gravel roads being installed.

On Wednesday 29 January, I went on another early morning walk which included the cemetery, and then morning tea with Councillors Thor Clemons, Gina Green, Jim Cooper, Ian Allan and Vernon Philbey at 9.00 am at the Council Chambers. Matters discussed included: Council involvement with Festival of King Island (FOKI), Council policies, training requirements and how they are met for new Councillors, Work Supervisor's role and reporting model for Council meetings, staffing levels (indoor and outdoor), meetings and workshop frequencies, Council facilities and hire charges, Council committees, Works Depot operation, service, maintenance etc., also assets and private works, rates payment procedures, etc., management of camping grounds, veterinary facilities, shipping operations. Whilst there, Vanessa, Mayor Julie and I had our photo taken by Kathleen Hunter from the King Island Courier. We then went for a tour of the Men's Shed, Phoenix House and the Community Garden. Our evening meal was at the Boathouse with other Councillors (Duncan McFie), community members (Kim George and Guy Barnes), members of the European Union delegation and Deputy Premier Jeremy Rockcliff. We also meet Brett Torossi, Tourism Industry Council Tasmania.

On Thursday 30 January, at 9.00 am, I met Councillor Gina Green (who works at the School) for a tour of the King Island District High School. At 10.00am we went to meet with John Cleeland the local Veterinary on King Island. This practice differs from our situation a lot in that John has 25,000 dairy cows to look after from birth to maturity and he also has a large beef herd on King Island to pretest each year. He, in fact, employs a young university graduate to help him out with his practice. He said that his business involved 35% small animal. He mentioned contacting the Charles Sturt University in Wagga about having an undergraduate come to Flinders for short stints. He also suggested locums coming for 3-month stints. He was very helpful and also offered to come over and look at our situation. Then at 11.00am we had a tour through the Kelp Industries factory courtesy of John Hiscock. It takes 5t of wet to produce 1t dry kelp which is worth, to the collector, \$750.00. They can collect up to 15t of wet per day on a good day. After lunch, Vanessa and I meet with Karen Taplin at Council at 1.00 pm to discuss policies.

On Friday 31 January, my morning walk took me to the Charles Street Waste Transfer Station, and out to the point for even more harbour and lighthouse photos. And then off to Tas Ports, Grassy for a meeting with Craig Bull at 9.00 am. Craig took us for an inspection of the port

and luckily the John Duigan was in port and unloading so we got to see a whole different way of 'boat day'. After leaving the port, we stopped to have a look at the cattle yards that are no longer used as the cattle now go out on trailers. Such a waste of a great and expensive facility. We then called in to see Ernie at the Grassy Service Station to sign in for a visit down to the bottom of the old (hopefully soon to be operational again) Scheelite Mine Pit. After leaving the mine, we snuck around and had a look at the mighty reservoir that holds the water pumped out of the mine hole, which is then sent up to Currie via a mighty pipeline. Whilst I signed us out of the mine visit at Ernie's Servo, the others noticed that the Grassy Pool was open so off we went to check that out. We then meet with Greg Alomes again at 1.45 pm and he took us to the Works Depot and the Waste Transfer Station in Charles Street and the tip site at Pareena. He also managed to squeeze in enough time for us to go to the King Island Racecourse and showground. We also had a look at the Town Hall and kitchen upon returning to get our car. We attended the Festival of King Island that evening.

On Saturday 1 February, we went to the Council Chambers for a presentation by William van Caenegem, a Professor from the Bond University, who presented on his report. Also, in attendance were several European Union ambassadors.

On Sunday 2 February, Kate Meir had arranged a couple of gardens to look at as they also have a Garden Club that is similar to ours. It was awesome and a worthy way to spend our only free time on our trip. After we finished there, we went to the King Island Golf & Bowls Club for lunch (another beautiful meal), where Kate meet up with another garden lady and arranged another visit for us. So off we went after lunch to Jim & Trish McKenzie's garden, also another stunning garden. Kate then took me for a look through the hospital, a little dated compared to ours, but bigger and they are commencing renovations as we speak, so will be a great asset to the Island when completed. After dropping Kate back to her car, we were off again to the Cheese Factory to gather orders and have a tasting. We then continued on to cover some roads that we had not yet been on, including a drive into City of Melbourne Bay.

On Monday 3 February, up early for a quick walk for the last time down to the harbour and back so that Darren and I could go and visit Elders and Phil Mahoney (Fox), the Manager of the store and a fellow colleague of mine from the good old Webster days. We had a quick look around and then back to pick up Vanessa and go and meet with Greg and Gordon (Works Supervisor) for an hour. We talked about: compliance issues, occupational health and safety, maintenance schedules for equipment, frequent bus trips for councillors and community members, plant and asset register, maintenance schedule for roads, private works and plant rates (private rates same as contractor rates), proactive on Department of State Growth road with report on what needs to be done, and service request register. Then off to the Bakery for one of their famous Crayfish Pies which was beautiful. Back to clean up house and then off to the airport for departures.

So, as can be seen, we had a very busy schedule with very little free time. All in all, a very informative and worthwhile trip. We gathered ideas about ways that King Island Council deal with similar issues to us that we could use here. As well as contacts that we made at the Festival of King Island who are very interested in visiting Flinders as part of our Festival. The many contacts that we made will be useful in the future also, in particular, the vet, Greg Alomes, Gordon the Works Supervisor, Karen Taplin, and the list goes on and on. It is hoped in the future, after COVID -19, that the Flinders Island Garden Club and the King Island Garden Club can arrange visits between the Islands and also that a plane load could be organised to visit King Island whilst the horse racing season is on over there.

114.6.2020 Moved: Cr R Summers Seconded: Cr P Rhodes
That Councillor Sharon Blyth's report on the King Island trip be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0) For: Acting Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

14 Mayor's Report

Action	Information
Proponent	Mayor A Revie
File Reference	COU/0600
Annexures	Nil

ACTIVITY

DATE	DIARY ACTIVITY
18/5	ABC interview
18/5	Cultural Awareness Program
19/5	Special Council Meeting and administration
21/5	Meeting with General Manager
21/5	Online meeting with Mark Shelton MP
22/5	ABC interview
25/5	Audit Panel meeting and administration
27/5	Cultural Awareness Program
28/5	Work with Executive Officer and administration
29/5	Administration
1/6	ABC interview and administration
2/6	Council workshop
3/6	Cultural Awareness Program
4/6	Meeting with Maxine Roughley, John Clark and General Manager
4/6	Administration
9/6	Council workshop
10/6	Cultural Awareness Program
11/6	Talk with General Manager. Meeting with Community Development Officer and Development Services Coordinator. Meeting with Finance and Organisational Performance Manager.
12/6	Meeting with Deputy Mayor David Williams and administration
13/6	Administration
15/6	Zoom conference with Minister Michael Ferguson, Rick Dunn, Deputy Mayor David Williams, and General Manager
15/6	Meeting with Fran Bryson and administration

CORRESPONDENCE IN

DATE	FROM	SUBJECT
22/5	Commonwealth Government	Covid-19 Recovery Grant
23/5	Anne Rae	Proposed Killiecrankie boat ramp
25/5	Jude Cazaly	Proposed Killiecrankie boat ramp
25/5	Annemarie Carnell	Proposed Killiecrankie boat ramp
25/5	Di Sullivan	Proposed Killiecrankie boat ramp
25/5	Andrew Lee SES	Emergency Services Medal
26/5	Rachel Dallas	Waste
27/5	Mayor Foster, Brighton	Copy of letter to TasWater
29/5	Flinders Island Business Inc.	Submission to Premier re Flinders Island Marine Access and Safe Harbour (FIMASH)
29/5	Mark Shelton MP	Update on Department of Premier and Cabinet appointments Local Government directorate
1/6	Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)	Continuation of National Cabinet

DATE	FROM	SUBJECT
2/6	Mark Baker, Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC)	His notes on our discussion on COVID-19 recovery
3/6	Fran Bryson	Lady Barron Transfer Station
4/6	Rick Dunn	Sporting grants as part of COVID-19 recovery
4/6	TasWater	Letter to owners
5/6	Deputy State Controller	Lifting of travel restrictions Furneaux Islands
9/6	Sue Kilpatrick (NTDC)	Invitation to catch up
9/6	Victoria Paine	FIMASH survey
9/6	TasWater	Letter from CEO to owner Councils
10/6	Local Government Association of Tasmania	Webinar invite 25 th June
10/6	Russell Kelly NBN	Sky Muster
11/6	Victoria Paine	FIMASH
11/6	Tourism Tasmania	Coming Intrastate campaign
12/6	Northern Tasmania Development Corporation	Copy of submission to the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council
12/6	Local Government Association of Tasmania	Forum for young elected members
15/6	Rod Cordell	FIMASH survey
15/6	Mark Burden	Municipal electricity plant

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

DATE	TO	SUBJECT
20/5	Sarah Lowe	Waste
24/5	Anne Rae	Proposed Killiecrankie boat ramp
25/5	Jude Cazaly	Proposed Killiecrankie boat ramp
25/5	Annemarie Carnell	Proposed Killiecrankie boat ramp
25/5	Di Sullivan	Proposed Killiecrankie boat ramp
3/6	Premier Gutwein	Update on Council's work on FIMASH
9/6	Victoria Paine	Enquiry FIMASH survey
11/6	Fran Bryson	Waste

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's report be received.

DECISION

115.6.2020 Moved: Cr P Rhodes Seconded: Cr A Burke

That the Mayor's Report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Acting Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

15 Development Services and Planning Applications

15.1 Development Application Report

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Emma Egan Regulatory Services Officer
File Reference	PLN/0105
Annexures	15.1.1 Planner's Information Report – May 2020

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 15.1.1, Planner's Information Report – May 2020, provided by West Tamar Council.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planner's Information Report – May 2020 be received.

DECISION

116.6.2020 Moved: Cr R Summers Seconded: Cr S Blyth
That the Planner's Information Report – May 2020 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Acting Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

16 Governance

16.1 Notice of Motion – Flinders Island Show

Action	Decision
Proponent	Councillor Vanessa Grace
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	FIN/0701
Annexures	Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council:

- a. Provides in-kind support to the value of \$2,000 per year, commencing the 2021/22 financial year, to assist the Flinders Island Show Society with running the Flinders Island Show; and**
- b. Reviews the need and level of support after no more than 5 years.**

Councillor's Report

The Flinders Island Show Society has been ably planning and presenting the Flinders Island Show for the benefit of the Furneaux Community for over 85 years. A totally volunteer-run organisation, the Show Society works tirelessly each year, giving not only days and weeks of their time and effort, but often money out of their own pockets, to help make it a wonderful day for the Community.

Being a previous member of the Flinders Island Show Society, I know how hard this group works to produce a whole-of-island community event. Planning for the Show starts early in the year. Long before the first marquee is set up, Society members are hard at work. Much of the Show is organised months in advance, culminating in a week of frenzied activity such as cleaning the Showground, setting up of pavilions, stalls, rides etc.

Earlier this year, the Flinders Island Show Society obtained funding of over \$123,000, through the federal government's Regional Agricultural Show Development Grant, for the much-needed refurbishment of the toilet block and trade pavilion, along with repairs to other buildings at the Showground. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bridget Archer MP for her role in gaining funding for the Flinders Island Show Society, and to also thank the Flinders Council for its role in helping the Show Society members obtain the grant.

Each year the Show Society applies for a Council Community Grant for monetary support to help offset costs, as well as in-kind support in the form of fee and venue hire waivers, preparation of the Showgrounds, and support with set up and rubbish removal. In view of the extensive repairs that will be made to Council-owned buildings as a result of the Regional Agricultural Show Development Grant, I seek Council's agreement to provide in-kind support to the value of \$2,000 per year for the running of the Flinders Island Show for the next 5 years, at the end of which time, its support shall be reviewed. Guaranteed ongoing in-kind assistance will enable the Show Society to better plan the event. The intent of this motion is to not preclude the Show Society from applying for monetary support for the Show through the annual Community Grant process.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT

The Flinders Island Show Society has a long running and rich history which could be described as having become a tradition or part of the social fabric of the Island. The show enjoys widespread support and involves the entire Community. As such, this event is worthy of the longer-term support, planning confidence and event certainty this Notice of Motion would provide them.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Historical evidence has shown that Council has contributed, on average, an annual \$2000 in-kind support for the Flinders Island show. Ongoing future support, budgeted at \$2000 annually, would merely be a continuation of past practice.

RISK/LIABILITY

The risk to Council is categorised as low due to the relatively small amount of in-kind support requested by the Show Society. The Show Society has its own insurance cover for the event and is a financially viable organisation.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOTION

117.06.2020 Moved: Cr V Grace

Seconded: Cr A Burke

That Council:

- a. Provides in-kind support to the value of \$2,000 per year, commencing the 2021/22 financial year, to assist the Flinders Island Show Society with running the Flinders Island Show; and**
- b. Reviews the need and level of support after no more than 5 years.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Acting Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

Note: Cr Vanessa Grace made the following statement to be added into the minutes:

"That I would like to thank Vicki Warden for all her assistance with this Notice of Motion during a week where she had very little spare time. It was very much appreciated."

17 Governance

17.1 Citizen of the Year Award Policy Review

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	PUB/0800
Annexures	17.1.1 Citizen of the Year Award Policy 17.1.2 DRAFT Volunteer of the Year Award Policy

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.

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

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

21 May 2015 144.05.2015

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

25 October 2018 Council Workshop

OFFICER'S REPORT

At the April 2020 Council Meeting, Council considered a motion to suspend the Citizen of the Year Award Policy indefinitely, as there was a perception that local volunteers prefer not to receive formal recognition. At the meeting, Council passed the following motion no. 80.4.2020:

"That the Citizen of the Year Award Policy be reviewed by Council before the end of June 2020."

The Citizen of the Year Award Policy was discussed by Council at a workshop where Council indicated its preference to change the award to the Volunteer of the Year Award. Staff have reviewed the original policy accordingly and now present a draft Volunteer of the Year Policy for Council's consideration.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Volunteer of the Year Award Policy and allows it to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

DECISION

118.6.2020 Moved: Cr R Summers

Seconded: Cr A Burke

That Council adopts the Volunteer of the Year Award Policy, with the addition to 4.7 of “or donated to the organisation of their choice”, and allows it to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Acting Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

17.2 Community Grants 2020/21

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	FIN/0905
Annexures	17.2.1 Community Grant Applications (For Elected Member's only)

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 this small 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 by 1 May 2020 for funding via Council's Community Grant Scheme.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, at the April 2020 Council Meeting, Council adopted several relief mechanisms, as part of Flinders Council's COVID-19 Community Financial Support Package. One of the relief mechanisms was to give preference to Community Grant applications from local businesses and not-for-profit organisations applying for funding to assist with COVID-19 recovery projects, such as conversion to a digital environment or recycling / reuse of resources. As a result, the closing date for Community grant applications was extended to 25 May 2020.

The following applications were received for consideration by Council:

No.	Applicant	The Project	Amount Requested
1	Altmoor Branch CWA	Community workshops: In-kind support - \$60 worth of photocopying Financial support - \$120 catering	\$120 + in-kind
2	Furneaux CWA Rest Room Committee	Commercial grade floor covering for kitchen	\$1,153
3	Active Therapeutics	Purchase of router and webcam to deliver online classes	\$448
4	Flinders Island Show Society	In-kind support – (not costed) e.g. fee & venue hire waiver, paint, site preparation, rubbish removal Financial support – \$2,000 entertainers' fees	\$2,000 + in-kind
TOTAL of Grant Applications			\$3,721 + in-kind

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

5.2.1 Liveability - Support activities that foster social engagement and emotional wellbeing and provide opportunities for creative expression - Arts and cultural activities are encouraged and supported. AP1920-28 Deliver the Community Grants and Gunn Bequest funding programs.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal

RISK/LIABILITY

No foreseen risks

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

For Council to decide.

DECISION

119.6.2020 Moved: Cr P Rhodes Seconded: Cr S Blyth

That Council accepts the Community Grant 2020/2021 applications and allocates the amount of \$3,721 and in-kind support to the applicants, as per their applications:

- **Altmoor Branch CWA - \$120 and \$60 worth of in-kind support**
- **Furneaux CWA Rest Room Committee - \$1,153**
- **Active Therapeutics - \$448**
- **Flinders Island Show Society - \$2,000 and in-kind support**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Acting Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

17.3 Community Financial Support Package – COVID-19

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	CSV/0400
Annexures	Nil

INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the economy and the well-being of communities around the world. Flinders Council continues to work with local stakeholders, Tasmanian Councils and other levels of Government to address the impact of this pandemic. One of the strategies adopted by Council was the implementation of a Community Financial Support Package.

At the 28 April 2020 Flinders Council Meeting, Council unanimously carried the following motion, which was set to be reviewed at the June 2020 Council Meeting and is the subject of this agenda item.

Motion No. 87.4.2020

“That Flinders Council’s position, in respect of the six relief mechanisms passed at the 27 March 2020 General Meeting of the Local Government Association of Tasmania, is as follows, and is to be reviewed at the June 2020 council meeting:

- 1. There will be no penalties, charges, interest or debt collection for late rates payments and extended payment periods (with such measures in place) until 30 June 2020.*
- 2. Council will consider rent relief and other strategies on council-owned buildings where tenants are experiencing financial hardship, until 30 June 2020. This will be done on a case-by-case basis on written application.*
- 3. Council agrees to a common approach to hardship/assistance policies with LGAT to develop a model policy based on engagement with councils, which can be adapted to local needs if required.*
- 4a. Community grants will be refocused as appropriate to support local business and not-for-profit recovery or conversion to a digital environment or circular economy until 30 June 2021.*
- 4b. As a means of supporting local business recovery and injecting funds into communities in a timely manner, Council will strive to settle creditor invoices within a maximum 14-day timeframe (or sooner), irrespective of normal trading terms.*
- 5. Council supports a 0% increase on general rates for 2020-21, but fees and charges may be indexed by CPI.*
- 6. Council may seek the option of relaxing depreciation requirements or extending standard asset life for 2020-21, upon agreed criteria with the Auditor General (including asset condition) and subject to the Auditor General adjusting financial indicators accordingly.”*

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

28 April 2020 Council Meeting

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

16 April 2020 Council Workshop

OFFICER’S REPORT

As Councillors are aware, there has been a significant federal, state and local focus on actions to address the impact of COVID-19 during the earlier response phase to the global pandemic. For the past few months, the focus has rightly shifted to recovery with an emphasis on re-building, re-establishing and ensuring the ongoing development and sustainability of our social and economic environments.

Council has since largely returned to its pre COVID-19 service model with some procedural changes to ensure an ongoing strong emphasis on social distancing and hygiene processes.

During the period since Council's decision in April and to date, there have been no written applications for rates relief or for extended rates payment periods. There has been only one application to terminate a lease, based on an inability to attend the Island from interstate, per sections one and two of the Council's decision.

Community Grants have been re-focused per section 4a and Council continues to strive to pay creditor invoices within a 14-day period per section 4b. Council remains supportive of a 0% increase in general rates as well as a 0% increase in fees and charges, per section 5 of this decision.

There has been no written application for rates-related assistance and only one Council related request in relation to Council-owned property. Depending on individual circumstances, it is arguable that the strategies adopted per section 5 of the decision will have a greater impact on the Community in general, than the measures contained in sections 1 to 4.

Based on the very limited number of applications for assistance thus far, I believe that the Community Financial Support Package measures that are in place now are sufficient for the Community's needs. I therefore believe there is no need for a further review at this stage. Council may wish to continue to offer the potential for individual requests for rates relief, due to COVID-19, past 30 June 2020, on a case-by-case basis and upon written application.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial impact of the pandemic continues to be difficult to quantify, however, in context, it remains likely to be significant on the Flinders Council now and over future years. The 2020/21 Budget is likely to be quite challenging and especially so without any cost increases. The following are the current estimated impacts upon Council:

- Combined cost of the proposed Community Financial Support Package for twelve months (\$64,000)
- Combined cost of the proposed Community Financial Support Package for six months (\$41,500)

RISK/LIABILITY

Low

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Officer's report on the Community Financial Support Package – COVID-19.

DECISION

120.6.2020 Moved: Cr P Rhodes

Seconded: Cr A Burke

That Council notes the Officer's report on the Community Financial Support Package – COVID-19.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Acting Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

17.4 Councillor Resolution Report

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	GOV/0300
Annexures	17.4.1 Councillor Resolution Report June 2020

INTRODUCTION

The Councillor Resolution Report identifies resolutions passed by elected members and the actions taken to implement the decisions.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

The Report is presented on a monthly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Please read Annexure 17.4.1 – Councillor Resolution Report June 2020.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillor Resolution Report June 2020 be noted.

DECISION

121.6.2020 Moved: Cr S Blyth Seconded: Cr R Summers
That the Councillor Resolution Report June 2020 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Acting Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

Acting Mayor David Williams announced that the meeting was closed at 10.07am.

Meeting Closed 10.07am
