

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE ABERDEEN ROOM, LEVEL 2, paranaple centre, 137 ROOKE STREET, DEVONPORT ON MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM

| Meeting | From | To | Time Occupied |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Open Session | 5:30pm | 6:44pm | 1 hour 14 minutes |
| Closed Session | 6:49pm | 7:49pm | 1 hour |
| Total | | | 2 hours 14 minutes |

Present

Cr A Jarman (Mayor)
 Cr S Sheehan (Deputy Mayor)
 Cr P Hollister
 Cr S Martin OAM
 Cr A Moore
 Cr L Murphy
 Cr D Viney
 Cr J Wilczynski

Council Officers: Chief Executive Officer, M Atkins
 Executive Manager, M Skirving
 Creative Director, G Dobson
 Infrastructure Manager, J Bellchambers
 Finance Manager, N Maggs
 Development Services Manager, K Stone
 Community Services Manager, K Reilly
 Convention & Arts Centre Manager, F Duff
 Executive Coordinator, C Jordan

Audio Recording: All persons in attendance were advised that it is Council policy to record Council meetings, in accordance with Council's Digital Recording Policy. and that the meeting was being live streamed on YouTube. The digital recording of this meeting will be made available to the public on Council's website for a minimum period of six months.

1 APOLOGIES

An apology from Cr G Ennis was received for the meeting.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was advised:

| Councillor | Item No | Reason | Remaining in Meeting? Yes/No | If remaining, reason/s for decision |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mayor, Cr A Jarman | 5.6 | Member of the Don River Railway Board | No | |

3 PROCEDURAL

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

26/19 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy

SECONDED: Cr Viney

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 January 2026 as previously circulated be confirmed.

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan,
Cr Viney and Cr Wilczynski

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

3.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.2.1 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT PRIOR MEETINGS

Nil

3.2.2 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

3.2.3 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

Isabelle, 88 Watkinson Street, Devonport

Q1 What is being done about the homelessness here. I'm new to Devonport by the way, I moved here in November last year – I grew up in Launceston. I work at Subway and we get a lot of different patrons come in – just curious as to what initiatives are actually in this council area – I'm seeing it as quite a problem and not sure what is going on here?

Response:

The Mayor responded saying she appreciated Isabelle's question and appreciated she was willing to ask a difficult question as such. She advised that "we do have wonderful organisations, for example Grans Van that helps with food and certainly we have other organisations where people can go for shelter. A lot of the homelessness issue is dealt with at state government level as well and although local government is certainly very much aware of it, we do what we can within our jurisdiction. Everyone can always do more of course, but I am happy to catch up with you at some stage if you want and provide some more information".

Isabelle responded "yes - It just happens quite a lot at Subway – I'm 37 years old and I supervise teenagers as well and I don't know how to answer them about such a problem and good to have an answer with those things".

The Mayor thanked Isabelle and asked her to leave her details so a catch up can be organised.

3.3 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

3.3.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no Questions on Notice received from Councillors for the February 2026 Meeting.

3.3.2 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil

3.4 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

4 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS

Nil

5 REPORTS

5.1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2026-2035

26/20 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Wilczynski

That Council adopt the Financial Management Strategy 2026-2035.

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan,
Cr Viney and Cr Wilczynski
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

5.2 REFINANCING OF COUNCIL DEBT

26/21 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy

SECONDED: Cr Hollister

That Council receive and note the report regarding refinancing of existing Council debt and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Apply \$5 million of cash reserves to reduce current loan balance;
2. Refinance the remaining \$22.7 million split as follows:
 - a. \$16.1 million through a 5-year fixed interest rate facility at the lowest obtainable rate with a 30-year amortisation schedule;
 - b. \$6.6 million through a variable interest rate with the lowest obtainable rate with a 30-year amortisation schedule; and
3. Execute all necessary documentation with the preferred lender.

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan,
Cr Viney and Cr Wilczynski

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

5.3 TENDER REPORT CB0107 STEWART STREET STREETSCAPE REDEVELOPMENT

26/22 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Sheehan

SECONDED: Cr Hollister

That Council, in relation to "Project CB0107 Stewart Street Streetscape Redevelopment":

- a) award the contract to Walters Contracting Pty Ltd for the sum of \$956,982 based on their Schedule of Rates tender (ex GST);
- b) note project design, management and administration costs for the project are estimated at \$119,200 (ex GST);
- c) note utility costs of \$187,000 (ex GST); and
- d) note a construction contingency allowance of \$143,547 (ex GST).

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan,
Cr Viney and Cr Wilczynski

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

5.4 CAPITAL PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT - RIVER ROAD RETAINING WALL REMEDIATION

26/23 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Viney

SECONDED: Cr Moore

That Council note the River Road retaining wall investigation and scope of works, and adopt the proposed amendments to the 2025-26 Capital Works Program, including:

1. The addition of a new project for the River Road Retaining Wall Remedial Works with a budget of \$110,000; and
2. Recognise the adjustment of the 2025-26 Capital Budget to a total of \$62,987,820.

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan, Cr Viney and Cr Wilczynski

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

5.5 EVENT SPONSORSHIP FUND WINTER 2026

26/24 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy

SECONDED: Cr Hollister

That Council:

- a) receive and note the Event Sponsorship Fund Winter 2026 report; and
- b) approve Event Sponsorship for Winter 2026 Round, as follows:

| Organisation | Project Description | Grant Funding Recommended by the Committee | In-Kind Assistance Recommended by the Committee |
|--|--|--|---|
| Supercars Australia (V8 Supercars Australia Pty Ltd) | Supercars Devonport Superfest Activation | \$10,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Festival of Voices | Speed Dating with Composers | \$2,500.00 | \$3,110.00 |

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan, Cr Viney and Cr Wilczynski

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

5.6 DON RIVER RAILWAY PROJECT SPONSORSHIP

Cr Jarman left the meeting at 6:12 pm.

26/25 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Hollister

That Council, in relation to the request by *The Van Diemen Light Railway Society Inc.* to act in the capacity of 'Project Sponsor' for the grant funding submission to the Australian Government, accept the request to act as 'Project Sponsor' in accordance with the considerations outlined in this report and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to progress with the grant application and subsequent Agreements.

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan, Cr Viney
and Cr Wilczynski
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 7 / 0

6 INFORMATION

6.1 WORKSHOPS AND BRIEFING SESSIONS HELD SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Cr Jarman returned to the meeting at 6:26pm

26/26 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Viney

That the report advising of Workshop Sessions held since the last Council meeting be received and the information noted.

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan,
Cr Viney and Cr Wilczynski
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.2 MAYOR'S REPORT

26/27 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Moore
SECONDED: Cr Wilczynski

That the Mayor's Monthly Report be received and noted.

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan,
Cr Viney and Cr Wilczynski
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.3 CEO'S REPORT

26/28 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Wilczynski
SECONDED: Cr Viney

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received and noted, and the attached submission regarding the Single Start Up Permit be endorsed.

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan,
Cr Viney and Cr Wilczynski
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

6.4 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT - JANUARY 2026

26/29 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Viney
SECONDED: Cr Hollister

That Council receive and note the Monthly Operational Report for the period ending 31 January 2026.

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan,
Cr Viney and Cr Wilczynski
AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

7 CLOSED SESSION

26/30 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Viney

SECONDED: Cr Murphy

That in accordance with Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the following be dealt with in Closed Session.

| Item No | Matter | Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 Reference |
|---------|--|--|
| 3.1 | Confirmation of Closed Minutes – Council Meeting – 27 January 2026 | 17(2)(h) |
| 3.2 | Requests and Notifications for Leave of Absence or Parental Leave | 17(2)(i); 17(2)(j) |
| 4.1 | Confidential Attachments | 17(2)(h) |
| 5.1 | paranaple Convention Centre Business Plan | 17(2)(d) |
| 5.2 | Devonport Stadium – High Performance Centre | 17(2)(c) |

FOR: Cr Hollister, Cr Jarman, Cr Martin OAM, Cr Moore, Cr Murphy, Cr Sheehan, Cr Viney and Cr Wilczynski

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED 8 / 0

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:44pm to reconvene in Closed Session at 6:49pm. The Council moved out Closed Session at 7:49pm.

Council resumed in open session at 7:49pm.

The Closed Session of Council having met and dealt with its business resolved to report that it had determined the following:


| Item No | Matter | Outcome |
|---------|--|-----------|
| 3.1 | Confirmation of Closed Minutes – Council Meeting – 27 January 2026 | Confirmed |
| 3.2 | Requests and Notifications for Leave of Absence or Parental Leave | Approved |
| 4.1 | Confidential Attachments | Noted |
| 5.1 | paranaple Convention Centre Business Plan | Deferred |
| 5.2 | Devonport Stadium – High Performance Centre | |

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:44pm to reconvene in Closed Session at 6:49pm.

8 CLOSURE

There being no further business on the agenda the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:49pm.

Confirmed : Minutes confirmed 23 March 2026 - MIN 26/38 Refers



Chairperson – Mayor Alison Jarman