Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Devonport City Council held on Monday 26 October 2026 in the Aberdeen Room, Level 2, paranaple centre, 137 Rooke Street Devonport and live streamed from 5:30pm.

PRESENT:

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

Council Officers:
Chief Executive Officer, M Atkins
Executive Manager, M Skirving
Executive Manager, K Lunson
Finance Manager, N Maggs
Executive Coordinator, C Jordan
Governance Officer, C Delphin
Governance Trainee, K Melse

Electors:

Robert Vellacott	Claire Connelly		
Rodney Russell	Rod Bramich		
Shannon Eade	John Alexiou		
Karen Stone			

Other:
Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
Devonport City Council acknowledges and pays respect to the palawa-pakana people as the traditional and original owners of lutrawita and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather.

We also acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal elders past and present.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Welcome and introductions by the Mayor, Cr Alison Jarman.

IN ATTENDANCE
All persons in attendance are advised that it is Council policy to record Council Meetings, in accordance with Council's Digital Recording Policy. The digital recording of this meeting will be made available to the public on Council's website for a minimum period of six months. The meeting will also be live streamed on Council's YouTube channel.

All persons in attendance are to be respectful of and considerate towards other persons attending and participating in the meeting. Any language or conduct that is considered offensive, defamatory or threatening to any person attending or participating in the meeting, or listening to the recording, will not be accepted.

Being an AGM, and in reference to the AGM Guidelines, as far as practicable, the meeting will be conducted as per an Ordinary Meeting of Council, and questions will generally be in accordance with Council's Public Question Time Policy.

The AGM Meeting Guidelines are outlined at Item 1 of the Meeting Agenda.

1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GUIDELINES

The Mayor outlined the AGM Guidelines.

2 APOLOGIES

The following apologies were received for the meeting:

Name	Apology or Leave of Absence
Cr G Enniss	Apology
Cr A Moore	Leave of Absence
Mr Malcolm Gardam (Ratepayer)	Formal Apology received

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 27 OCTOBER 2025

MOVED: Cr Murphy

SECONDED: Cr Wilczynski

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 October 2025 as previously circulated be confirmed.

FOR:	14
AGAINST:	0
OUTCOME	CARRIED

5 TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

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The Chief Executive Officer tabled the 2025/2026 Annual Report.

6 SUBMISSIONS/QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO THE ANNUAL REPORT

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MOVED: Cr Murphy

SECONDED: Cr Sheehan

That:

1. the Annual Report, outlining the achievements and performance of the Devonport City Council over the 2025/26 financial year be received; and
2. it be noted that no submissions or questions on the Annual Report were received during the statutory advertising period.

FOR	14
AGAINST	0
OUTCOME	CARRIED

7 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Bob Vellacott, 11 Cocker Place, Devonport.

Q1 Mayor, congratulations on the Annual Report and what's been done over the year. And it's good to see so much progress in the town and especially from properties that will be increasing the income and rates.

Hopefully in the near future, not too far in the future, we might be able to see an actual reduction in rates each year rather than an increase. So, let's hope that can eventually happen. I think that's something that we should be striving for.

Now Mayor, I refer in the Annual Report, particularly in reference of the Good Governance on Report page 44, and it reveals that 9,376 parking infringements were issued for 2025/2026. That's approximately 100 infringements a day, quite astounding I thought, based on a 5.5 day week. Also, I refer, and these are related in a fashion, to The Advocate Newspaper Friday the 23rd and the blaring headlines were, "*the shopkeepers shouted at, stolen from and afraid, the heavy emotional toll on our shops*".

Mayor and Council, it certainly is not a good reflection on our city and shows what a hard time it is for those particularly in business in the CBD. The amount of parking infringements must indicate people do not fully understand the system, and it's just another reason many are going elsewhere, thus adding to the angst of those business people.

In regard to the behavioural problems, it is not, I believe, private businesses or Council's job to employ security guards to protect their businesses, employees, the public and infrastructure - it is a State matter for policing, and my question then is:

"Will Council arrange a public forum with the Honourable Minister for Police to attend, so as for all to have an input as to how this important problem can be in some way be at least reduced?"

Maybe you could work in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and other, because it directly affects those people in particular, and of course the public.

Response

The Mayor responded that there recently was a police forum held at the paranaple centre, that was organised by the Devonport Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Mayor advised that it was an open forum and was open to all retailers and businesses.

The Mayor further advised that a meeting with the Minister for Police, Felix Ellis MP has been arranged, but was scheduled for following the local government elections, as Council is currently in caretaker mode. The Mayor confirmed that the Minister would be in attendance, along with Tasmania Police, and that the invitation had been extended to Anita Dow MP, and various other stakeholders.

Mr Vellacott further responded that he realised that there's no magic wand to solve this problem. It's ongoing, not here and everywhere, but I think you know, with a bit of help from everyone concerned and what have you, you know, we may help at least try to turn this thing around. I mean, Devonport at the moment, I would say, in all my travels, and they've been pretty extensive over the years, I don't think there's any other place that has got as much facilities in the way of sports grounds, different organisations for the youth, but they're sadly a section that aren't being catered for, and I think that's the ones that we should be actually concentrating on.

The Mayor thanked Mr Vellacott for his questions and comments.

9 CLOSURE

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5:51 pm.