

MINUTES OF A GOVERNANCE, FINANCE & COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE ABERDEEN ROOM, LEVEL 2, PARANAPLE CENTRE, 137 ROOKE STREET, DEVONPORT ON MONDAY, 16 MARCH 2020 COMMENCING AT 5:30PM

PRESENT: Cr A Jarman (Chairman)
Cr J Alexiou
Cr G Ennis
Cr L Laycock
Cr S Milbourne
Cr A Rockliff

Councillors in Attendance:

Cr P Hollister
Cr L Murphy
Cr L Perry

Council Officers:

General Manager, M Atkins
Deputy General Manager, J Griffith
Executive Manager People & Finance, K Peebles
Community Services Manager, K Hampton
Convention and Arts Centre Director, G Dobson
Finance Manager, J Jackson

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. The audio recording of this meeting will be made available to the public on Council's website for a minimum period of six months.

1.0 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3.0 PROCEDURAL

3.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

RODNEY RUSSELL – 225 STEELE STREET, DEVONPORT

Q1 Is Devonport City Council still giving Housing Tasmania a discount on the payment of its rates?

Response

The General Manager advised that the question would be taken on notice and a response provided in writing.

Q2 What precautions is Devonport City Council taking against the COVID-19 virus for any multiple people events/functions under its control? Eg Council meetings, Town Hall Functions or even Julie Burgess trips.

Response

The Chairperson advised that we have certainly got measures underway.

The General Manager said certainly it was a moving situation and we have got a team working through the impacts on the organisation. We are taking advice from the Director of Public Health and the Department of Health and being guided by them in regards to restrictions and measures that we should put in place.

CHRISTOPHER MILLS – 52 CAROLINE STREET, EAST DEVONPORT

The Australian (Government) Building Codes Board "Handbook of Landslide Hazards" defines a Geotechnical Practitioner as:

"A professional Geotechnical engineer, or engineering geologist with chartered status in a recognized national professional institution and relevant training, experience and core competencies in landslide risk assessment and management."

This then is the definition of a Geotechnical Engineer.

Q1 How many appropriately qualified and experienced Geotechnical Engineers does this Council have on the staff that are professionally capable to conduct a landslide risk assessment?

Response

The General Manager advised that Council doesn't have any qualified Geotechnical Engineers on staff.

Christopher Mills

With respect, are you sure about that?

General Manager

Yes, through the Chair, any geotechnical assessments we get done, we outsource, we don't have anyone with those qualifications. Certainly we have Engineers on staff, but we don't have an Engineer with specific geotechnical qualifications.

Q2 Can Mr Atkins confirm that he is a Designated Public Officer according to the Integrity Commission Act (Tasmania) 2009 Section 6(1)(b).

Response

The General Manager advised that a response will be provided in writing.

RODNEY RUSSELL – 225 STEELE STREET, DEVONPORT

Q3 Queen Mary Rest Park. There is a vehicle parked on the property and beside it is a 200 litre drum, which appears to be overflowing a black oil which has run right down to the park boundary, but appears not to have run onto the park as yet. Would you care to keep a watch on it?

Response

The Chairperson advised that we certainly will.

3.2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil

3.3 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

4.0 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

4.1 BUDGET CONSULTATION 2020/21

GFC 10/20 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Milbourne
 SECONDED: Cr Enniss

That it be recommended to Council, that it receive and note the Budget Consultation 2020/21 report and refer submissions to its budget considerations.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Jarman	✓		Cr Laycock	✓	
Cr Alexiou	✓		Cr Milbourne	✓	
Cr Enniss	✓		Cr Rockliff	✓	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 ANNUAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT TO 29 FEBRUARY 2020

GFC 11/20 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Laycock
 SECONDED: Cr Milbourne

That it be recommended to Council that the 2019/20 Annual Plan Progress Report for the period ended 29 February 2020 be received and noted.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Jarman	✓		Cr Laycock	✓	
Cr Alexiou	✓		Cr Milbourne	✓	
Cr Enniss	✓		Cr Rockliff	✓	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 ELECTED MEMBERS EXPENDITURE REPORT JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020

GFC 12/20 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Alexiou
 SECONDED: Cr Laycock

That it be recommended to Council that the bi-monthly report advising of Councillor allowances and expenses be received and noted.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Jarman	✓		Cr Laycock	✓	
Cr Alexiou	✓		Cr Milbourne	✓	
Cr Enniss	✓		Cr Rockliff	✓	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 FINANCE REPORTS

5.1 FINANCE REPORT TO 29 FEBRUARY 2020**GFC 13/20 RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr Rockliff
 SECONDED: Cr Enniss

That it be recommended to Council that the Finance Report as at 29 February 2020 be received and noted.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Jarman	✓		Cr Laycock	✓	
Cr Alexiou	✓		Cr Milbourne	✓	
Cr Enniss	✓		Cr Rockliff	✓	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 ADJUSTMENT TO CAPITAL BUDGET**GFC 14/20 RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr Rockliff
 SECONDED: Cr Milbourne

That it be recommended to Council that the report relating to the adjustment to the 2019/20 capital budget be received and that Council in accordance with Section 82(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* by absolute majority:

1. amend the 2019/20 estimates to adjust the capital expenditure as listed in this report to the value of \$3,730,172;
2. note this amendment results in a revised capital expenditure budget for 2019/20 of \$28,151,776; and
3. note the external capital funding for the 2019/20 estimates will increase by \$3,730,172.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Jarman	✓		Cr Laycock	✓	
Cr Alexiou	✓		Cr Milbourne	✓	
Cr Enniss	✓		Cr Rockliff	✓	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 DEBT FACILITY REVIEW**GFC 15/20 RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr Rockliff
 SECONDED: Cr Alexiou

That it be recommended to Council that it receive and note the report regarding its debt financing and authorise the General Manager to:

1. accept an offer from the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ) to refinance Council's existing debt of approximately \$50,618,000;
2. solely execute the necessary loan and security documentation with ANZ, including authorising opening and closing accounts and amending signatories on accounts; and

3. determine and modify, as required, the mix of variable and fixed components of the total borrowings, based on anticipated business needs.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Jarman	✓		Cr Laycock	✓	
Cr Alexiou	✓		Cr Milbourne	✓	
Cr Ennis	✓		Cr Rockliff	✓	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL'S SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND ADVISORY BOARDS

GFC 16/20 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Laycock

SECONDED: Cr Ennis

That it be recommended to Council that the minutes of the Devonport Maritime and Heritage Special Interest Group, paranaple arts centre Special Advisory Committee and East Devonport Special Interest Group be received and noted.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Jarman	✓		Cr Laycock	✓	
Cr Alexiou	✓		Cr Milbourne	✓	
Cr Ennis	✓		Cr Rockliff	✓	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT - JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020

GFC 17/20 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Alexiou

SECONDED: Cr Laycock

That it be recommended to Council that the Community Services report be received and noted.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Jarman	✓		Cr Laycock	✓	
Cr Alexiou	✓		Cr Milbourne	✓	
Cr Ennis	✓		Cr Rockliff	✓	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 ARTS AND CONVENTION REPORT - JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020

GFC 18/20 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Milbourne

SECONDED: Cr Alexiou

That it be recommended to Council that the Arts and Convention report be received and noted.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Jarman	✓		Cr Laycock	✓	
Cr Alexiou	✓		Cr Milbourne	✓	
Cr Enniss	✓		Cr Rockliff	✓	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE REPORT - JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020

GFC 19/20 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Rockliff

SECONDED: Cr Alexiou

That it be recommended to Council that the Governance and Finance report be received and noted.

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Jarman	✓		Cr Laycock	✓	
Cr Alexiou	✓		Cr Milbourne	✓	
Cr Enniss	✓		Cr Rockliff	✓	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 CLOSED SESSION

GFC 20/20 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Rockliff

SECONDED: Cr Alexiou

That in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* the following items be dealt with in Closed Session:

Item No	Matter	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference
8.1	Shared Audit Panel – Appointment of Independent Member	15(2)(g)

	For	Against		For	Against
Cr Jarman	✓		Cr Laycock	✓	
Cr Alexiou	✓		Cr Milbourne	✓	
Cr Enniss	✓		Cr Rockliff	✓	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:49pm to reconvene in Closed Session at 5:00pm.

The Council moved out Closed Session at 5:52pm.

Council resumed in open session at 5:52pm.

CLOSURE

There being no further business on the agenda the closed session was declared closed at 5:52pm.