

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Devonport City Council
held on Monday, 30 October 2023, in the Aberdeen Room, level 2, paranapple centre,
137 Rooke Street Devonport, and live streamed from 5:30pm**

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Cr A Jarman (Mayor)
Cr S Sheehan (Deputy Mayor)
Cr G Enniss
Cr A Moore
Cr L Murphy
Cr J Wilczynski
Cr D Viney

Council Officers:

General Manager, M Atkins
Deputy General Manager, J Griffith
Executive Manager, M Skirving
Executive Coordinator, C Jordan
Governance Trainee, A Chapman

Electors:

Douglas Janney	Karen Stone		
Jennifer Taylor	Annette Rockliff		
Petra Wilden			
Sarah Kersey			

Other:

J Bellchambers	G Dobson	J Jackson	D Harvey
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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 Mayor 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. Members of the public in attendance at the meeting who do not wish for their words to be recorded and/or published on the website, should contact a relevant Council Officer and advise of their wishes prior to the start of the meeting.

1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GUIDELINES

The Mayor outlined the AGM Guidelines.

2 APOLOGIES

Cr Steve Martin
Cr Peter Hollister
Executive Manager, K Lunson
Community Service Manager, K Hampton

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were advised.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Cr Murphy
SECONDED: Cr Enniss

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 October 2022, as attached, be confirmed.

FOR	10
AGAINST	0
OUTCOME	Carried

5 TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

The General Manager tabled the 2022/23 Annual Report.

6 SUBMISSIONS/QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO THE ANNUAL REPORT

Nil

7 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Petra Wilden, 17 Forest Heights Drive, Tugrah

Ms Wilden expressed her concerns in respect of Goal 1 of Council's Strategic Plan – '*Living Lightly on our Environment*', and wider issues of climate change, deforestation and urbanisation, and their impacts on biodiversity, habitat and areas of conservation. Ms Wilden would like Council to commit more funds in upcoming budgets to support the environment and provided a number of suggestions and key areas of focus.

Q1. Can Council do a bit better than 0.6% (of its budget on the environment)?

Response

The Mayor sought clarification that Ms Wilden would like this to be considered as part of next year's budget as a submission, to which Ms Wilden confirmed this to be correct.

The General Manager advised that Council would take her suggestions on board in the development of next year's budget.

Vicki Ward, 3 Woodland Grove, Tugrah

Ms Ward, as a teacher of 42 years, expressed her concerns regarding both the educational outcomes of local students and instances of child sexual abuse and its reporting. Ms Ward advised that she understood that education is the responsibility of the State Government but requested that Council take a role in improving educational outcomes for its local students and to think about how Council could assist in improved outcomes and safety of students within the municipality.

Response

The Mayor responded by advising that she would be happy to meet with Ms Ward, to provide her with information on what Council has done and continues to do to support local students.

The Mayor also advised that Council would take direction as to the response and obligations for local government in respect of outcomes and recommendations contained within the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework, following the recent Commission of Inquiry.

9 CLOSURE

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5:49 pm.