

MINUTES OF A GOVERNANCE, FINANCE & COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE ABERDEEN ROOM, LEVEL 2, paranable centre, 137 ROOKE STREET, DEVONPORT ON MONDAY, 18 MARCH 2019 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, P West
Deputy General Manager, M Atkins
Executive Manager Corporate Services, J Griffith
Executive Manager Organisational Performance, K Peebles
Community Services Manager, K Hampton
Convention and Arts Centre Manager, 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 Audio 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

BOB VELLACOTT – 11 COCKER PLACE, DEVONPORT

Q1 Deputy Mayor and Councillors, now that Lot 1 subdivision to facilitate the hotel development has been approved by Council and the building that was occupied by Harris Scarfe has been demolished at a shared cost between Fairbrother and Council, can Council confirm that the current arrangement with Fairbrother now includes a guarantee to build a hotel in accordance with the concept drawings; and

Q2 What is the anticipated date of the commencement for construction of the hotel?

Response

The General Manager advised that the situation is that the concept design for the hotel is what is expected to be built in accordance with the DA that was submitted and the second part of the question, the anticipated date would be within the next two months.

RODNEY RUSSELL – 225 STEELE STREET, DEVONPORT

Item 4.3 Community Survey. I was one of those that did the EMRS telephone survey I was called on my landline phone number so I can see that it is possible that Devonport City Council would have my name if EMRS handed on this information to Devonport City Council as part of the results.

Q1 Do you have the results with numbers and names?

Response

The Chairperson advised that, no we don't. You will see tonight in the actual report, we have actually got the report for you to see and no, there are no names, there is just a survey with statistics.

Q2 Item 5.1 Finance Report, page 136 to the end of February, Fees and User Charges were unfavourable, relates to rental income. Could you be a little bit more informative on the rental income?

Response

The General Manager advised that the unfavourable amount at this stage is based on user charges and fees, as the commentary states a forecast adjustment of \$160,000 has been made, but at this stage there is only a \$56,000 unfavourable variance and it is made up of a number of items, including some rental income that we haven't received, but there is also additional fees and charges that we have received, so it is a real mixture of things which makes up the variation.

MALCOLM GARDAM – 4 BEAUMONT DRIVE, MIANDETTA

My question is to the General Manager. I received a letter some time back. It was a question from the 26 March 2018, initially and my question at that time was:

Will you reaffirm that there were six expressions of interest received from hotel developers?

The response was:

As previously advised Council received six submission, from a mix of both operators and developers in response to its expression of interest process for the development of the LIVING CITY Waterfront Hotel. The information relating to the Expression of interest process for the Waterfront was considered by Council in Closed Session and there is no intention to provide specific details other than what has previously been released by Council publicly.

This is a little bit of a follow up where the previous Mayor, had stated at an AGM that there were six expressions of interest from hotel developers. My question to Mr West tonight is and let me be very clear that there were six submissions from a mix of both operators and developers in response to the expressions of interest.

Q1 Do you stand by the accuracy of your statement that submission were received from a mix of both operators (plural) and developers (plural)?

Response

The General Manager advised that the correspondence that you are referring to if that's what is stated in that letter, (which I don't have in front of me), I would stand by the comments that were provided at that time in that correspondence.

Malcolm Gardam

So there was more than one developer?

Response

The General Manager advised that as the letter outlines all of those discussions in relation to hotel development were considered by Council in Closed Session and I am not at liberty to give any more information than I already have.

BOB VELLACOTT – 11 COCKER PLACE, DEVONPORT

Q3 I note on page 136 Attachment (1) of the Agenda – Financial Report the following, Fees and User Charges - \$56K Unfavourable. Deputy Mayor, can the author of the report elaborate about the rental returns being in the majority of the amount owing and the forecast adjustment of \$160K; will the majority of that amount of \$160K be attributed to one particular property?

Response

The General Manager advised that the response provided to Mr Russell's question remains all that can be provided.

RODNEY RUSSELL – 225 STEELE STREET, DEVONPORT

Q3 Agenda Item 7.3 Governance and Finance Report, Organisational Performance, page 181 with a reference of REG/471. Transfer of Land Titles – Devonport City Council to the Crown with \$0.00 in consideration of a development agreement dated 9/12/2016. Can you give us more information please?

Response

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

MALCOLM GARDAM – 4 BEAUMONT DRIVE, MIANDETTA

Q3 On page 136 of the current agenda. The second item, Fees and User Charges \$56K unfavourable. It states "the majority of the unfavourable variance relates to rental income. A forecast adjustment of \$160K has been made". My question relates to the second part of that statement. In layman's terms, a forecast adjustment of \$160K has been made, does that mean that we are now adjusting the budgets to accommodate a \$160,000 lost revenue, which again in layman's terms means that going forward we will be able to say that the outcome is favourable and potentially we have met budget, or exceeded budget in the future?

Response

The General Manager responded, Council do not modify its budgets. At this stage of the year we start to provide a forecast, so that when we get to end of the year, we are forecasting where we think we will end up to assist budgeting for the next year. The actual budgets that were adopted in June last year are the budgets that we will report against in the Annual Report, so if there is a reduction in the amount of fees and charges we receive for the year, then they will be clearly outlined in the Annual Report in the financial statements.

3.2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil

3.3 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

4.0 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

4.1 PUBLIC LAND REGISTER - REVIEW OF REGISTER (D567522)**GFC 15/19 RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr Milbourne

SECONDED: Cr Laycock

That it be recommended to Council that:

(a) the Public Land Register be updated to include land at:

- Loane Avenue, East Devonport;
- John Street, East Devonport;
- 33 Dana Drive, Devonport; and
- 46 Dana Drive, Devonport and

(b) an updated copy of the Register be publicly available on Council's website and at the Council offices.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 ELECTORAL SIGNAGE POLICY (D566917)**GFC 16/19 RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr Laycock

SECONDED: Cr Milbourne

That it be recommended to Council that the Electoral Signage Policy be adopted with immediate effect.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 COMMUNITY SURVEY 2019 - RESEARCH REPORT (D569645)**GFC 17/19 RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr Rockliff

SECONDED: Cr Ennis

That it be recommended to Council that the results of the EMRS Survey be received and noted and that the information contained in the Research Report be considered during the review of the Strategic Plan.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 ELECTED MEMBERS' EXPENDITURE REPORT JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019 (D569903)

GFC 18/19 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Laycock
SECONDED: Cr Milbourne

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

4.5 ANNUAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT - 1 JANUARY 2019 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2019 (D569914)

GFC 19/19 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Rockliff
SECONDED: Cr Milbourne

That it be recommended to Council that the 2018/19 Annual Plan Progress Report for the period ended 28 February 2019 be received and noted.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.6 BUDGET CONSULTATION 2019-20 (D564437)

GFC 20/19 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Laycock
SECONDED: Cr Rockliff

That it be recommended to Council that it receive and note the Budget Consultation 2019-20 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

4.7 PROPOSED SALE OF LAND - CANNING DRIVE EAST DEVONPORT (D566689)

GFC 21/19 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Rockliff
SECONDED: Cr Alexiou

That it be recommended to Council that in relation to property owned by it at Canning Drive, East Devonport, Council:

- (a) determine that the property is surplus to its requirements and therefore is to be sold;
- (b) authorise the General Manager to obtain an independent valuation of the title;
- (c) in consultation with Council's real estate service provider, Michael Burr Real Estate, progress the sale of the land; and
- (d) authorise the General Manager to accept any offer which is equal to, or more than, the independent valuation.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 FINANCE REPORTS

5.1 FINANCE REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2019 (D570728)

GFC 22/19 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Milbourne
 SECONDED: Cr Alexiou

That it be recommended to Council that the Finance Report for February 2019 be received and noted.

	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 (D568329)

GFC 23/19 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Laycock
 SECONDED: Cr Ennis

That it be recommended to Council that the minutes of the 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

6.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PARANAPLE ARTS CENTRE SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (D569476)

GFC 24/19 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Rockliff
SECONDED: Cr Laycock

That it be recommended to Council that it endorse the terms of reference for the paranaple arts centre Special Advisory Committee, under Section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, noting this will result in the:

- amalgamation of the current Devonport Regional Gallery Advisory Board and former Public Art Special Interest Group;
- broadening of function to include performing arts programming in context to the paranaple arts centre;
- seeking of members for the new committee in July 2019, in accordance with the biennially reviewed membership clause of the current Advisory Board members.

	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/FEBRUARY 2019 (D563935)

GFC 25/19 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Milbourne
SECONDED: Cr Rockliff

That it be recommended to Council that the Community Service 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 CULTURE REPORT - JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019 (D563943)

GFC 26/19 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Rockliff
SECONDED: Cr Alexiou

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE REPORT (D570267)

GFC 27/19 RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Laycock
 SECONDED: Cr Milbourne

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

There being no further business on the agenda the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:03pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson