



City of
LAUNCESTON

STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 3 JULY 2017**

10.00am

COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, ST JOHN STREET, LAUNCESTON

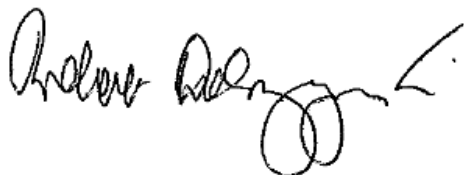
Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the General Manager to certify that any advice, information or recommendation given to Council is provided by a person with appropriate qualifications or experience.

Declaration

I certify that persons with appropriate qualifications and experience have provided the advice, information and recommendations to Council in the Minutes Items for this Meeting.



Robert Dobrzynski
General Manager

The reports in this Minutes are provided to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee in order to explain the intent of the process/proposal proposed. Whilst the reports are in Council Meeting format, no decision is being sought.

Venue: Committee Room, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston

Time: 10.00am

Present: Alderman A M van Zetten (Mayor)
R I Soward (Deputy Mayor)
R L McKendrick
R J Sands
D H McKenzie
J G Cox
D C Gibson
J Finlay
D W Alexander
S R F Wood
E K Williams
K P Stojansek

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, opened the Meeting at 10.00am.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest for this Meeting

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

DECISION STATEMENT:

To resolve that the Minutes of the previous meeting are a true and correct record.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 3 July 2017

MOTION

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.

That the Motion, as per the Recommendation, be adopted.

CARRIED

4 MINUTES ITEMS

4.1 Deputation - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association

FILE NO: SF0097

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation at 10.00am from Mr Rod Johnstone (President), Mr Ian Dalton (Secretary) and Mr Mike Essex (Member - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association) initiated by Barry Pickett (Natural Environment Manager).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receives a deputation from Mr Rod Johnstone (President), Mr Ian Dalton (Secretary) and Mr Mike Essex (Member - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association). regarding the St Patricks River Valley Progress Association's Community Plan.

Mr Rod Johnstone (President), Mr Mike Essex (Member), Ms Adriana Sorman (Hall Committee) and Mr Ian Dalton (Secretary - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association) presented to the Committee regarding arrangements for transfer of ownership of the Nunamara Hall to community ownership. Mr Dalton outlined background information with regards to the St Patricks River Valley and its contribution, in terms of tourism and community, to the Launceston Municipality. Mr Dalton also provided commentary on the Nunamara Hall and its contribution to the community and surrounding areas, noting that if the Hall is to transfer to the St Patricks River Valley Progress Association then ongoing maintenance and assistance will be required. Ms Adriana Sorman provided information on community and continuing development of the area with regards to facilities, including the Nunamara Hall and associated infrastructure. Ms Sorman also noted that the community is aware that challenges will occur, but as a community, they will be overcome. Mr Mike Essex continued with a presentation of alternative uses for the Hall should ownership occur highlighting the positive impact on the community and its members. Mr Rod Johnstone provided further information on the community and indicated that the residents were passionate and committed to the Hall.

4.1 Deputation - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association ...(Cont'd)

Aldermen discussed the presentation noting that the Hall may require some maintenance and upkeep prior to a possible handover. Issues such as the tourism potential; infrastructure in the area and the presentation of the plan were also discussed. A report will be presented to Council in due course.

4.2 Dog Management Policy Review

FILE NO: SF0079

AUTHOR: Debbie Fortuin (Manager Environmental Services)

DIRECTOR: Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 24 September 2007 - Agenda Item 11.1 - Dog Management Plan

SPPC - 29 May 2017 - Agenda Item 4.3 - Dog Management Policy Review

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Management and Policy Committee discusses the Dog Management Policy 10-Plx-013 (ECM Document #4093884, Version 18) with the proposed amendments.

Ms Debbie Fortuin (Manager Environmental Services) and Ms Erica McCarthy (Regulations Officer) presented updated community maps to the Committee following modifications. Aldermen discussed the presentation and noted the communication required for the community following the changes. The issue of registration was also mentioned with regard to the upkeep of the facilities for dog owners. Budget considerations were mentioned with regard to the removal of off-lead areas and the maintenance of the fences. It was suggested that a map be prepared for public distribution to indicate available off-lead areas for use. Issues regarding enforcement were also discussed along with communication regarding legislation and community education. The matter will be referred to Council for adoption.

4.3 Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce Nomination

FILE NO: SF2377

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To discuss a Council nomination to the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee discusses a nomination to the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce with the nomination to be forwarded to Council for adoption.

Mr Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager) noted that the Council has led the lobbying for this initiative and noted that it is a vitally important issue for the community in terms of improving river health and economy. It was suggested a Working Group be established so that the elected member can contribute to positive Committee discussion. The establishment of priority projects, the on-going estuary management and community input were highlighted.

A Working Group, consisting of Aldermen Sands, Williams, Wood and Finlay was established. The Committee nominated the General Manager as the Council's representative. The nomination will be forwarded to Council for adoption.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

No General Business Items were identified for this Meeting

6 CLOSED ITEMS

No Closed Items were identified for this Meeting

7 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, closed the Meeting at 11.09am.
