



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

Agenda of an Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council scheduled to be held at Hamilton Council Chambers, on Tuesday 20th September 2011, commencing at 9.00am and be closed to the public until 10.00am.

I certify under S65(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 that the matters to be discussed under this agenda have been, where necessary, the subject of advice from a suitably qualified person and that such advice has been taken into account in providing any general advice to the Council.

Lyn Eyles
General Manager

1.0 OPENING

2.0 PRESENT

3.0 APOLOGIES

4.0 COMMITTEE

Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) regulations 2005 provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in Closed Agenda which relate to:

- Personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the Council;
- Industrial matters relating to a person;
- Contracts for the supply and purchase of goods and services;
- The security of property of the Council
- Proposals for the Council to acquire land or an interest in the land or for the disposal of land;
- Information provided to the Council on the condition it is kept confidential;
- Trade secrets of private bodies;
- Matters relating to actual or possible litigations taken by or involving the Council or an employee of the Council;
- Applications by Councillors for leave of absence;
- The personal affairs of any person.

The decision to move in Closed Council requires an absolute majority of Council.



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

4.1 MOTION INTO COMMITTEE

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council move into Committee to discuss confidential matters in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005.

Carried

4.2 MOTION OUT OF COMMITTEE

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council move out of Committee and resume the Ordinary Meeting.

Carried

5.0 OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

The Meeting will be open to the public at 10.00am.

6.0 IN ATTENDANCE

7.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

8.0 PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATIONS

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005, the Mayor requests Councillors to indicate whether they or a close associate have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary or pecuniary detriment) in any item of the Agenda.



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

9.0 MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

- | | |
|---|---|
| Tuesday 16 th August
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Meeting – Bothwell |
| Thursday 18 th August
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southern Tasmanian Councils
Authority Meeting |
| Saturday 20 th August
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forestry Public Rally –
Parliament House |
| Thursday 25 th August
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ellendale Community Hall
Meeting |
| Saturday 27 th August
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ALWGA – AGM |
| Monday 29 th August
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with General Manager |
| Tuesday 30 th August
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Central Highlands Regional
Meeting – Bothwell |
| Friday 2 nd September
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Health Consultation
Meeting |
| Saturday 3 rd September
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Country Club Ouse BBQ• Bothwell International Spin In –
Meeting |
| Monday 5 th September
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Manager Review
Centre for Tasmanian Industries |
| Tuesday 6 th September
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Central Highlands Community
Health Meeting – Ouse• Councils Amalgamation Meeting
– Brighton Civic Centre• Councils Amalgamation Meeting
– Hobart City Council |
| Wednesday 7 th
September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit Committee Meeting• Independent Living Units
Meeting• Plant Committee Meeting |



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

-
- | | |
|--|--|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councils Amalgamation Meeting – Clarence |
| Thursday 8 th
September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building Appeals Board – Hearings |
| Tuesday 13 th
September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion with Premier Lara Giddings re: Funding for Bothwell International Spin-In |
| Friday 16 th September
2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Premiers Local Government Council Meeting |
| Monday 19 th
September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Managers Meeting – Hamilton |
-

9.1 COUNCILLORS COMMITMENTS

Clr A J Downie

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 16 th August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Meeting – Bothwell |
| 29 th August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waste Committee - Bothwell |
| 20 th August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forestry Rally – Parliament |
| 6 th September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• STCA Council Structural Options Meeting – Brighton |
| 7 th September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit Committee- Hamilton |
| 19 th September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Go Highlands Workshop - Ouse• Council rating information - Hobart |

Clr L M Triffit

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 16 th August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Meeting – Bothwell |
| 7 th September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ILU Meeting – Hamilton• Meeting with GM – Re: Bothwell Cemetery Update |
-

9.2 GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| 16 th August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Meeting – Bothwell |
| 17 th August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting Insurance Broker |
| 18 th August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• STCA Meeting |
| 22 nd August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tas Planning Commission Workshop |
-



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

9.3 COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

-
- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 25th August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southern Water General Managers Meeting |
| 29th August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting PWS Re: Access issues |
| 31st August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate Change Adaptation Plan Meeting |
| 6th September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structural Options Review Workshop – Brighton |
| 7th September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit Committee Meeting• Independent Living Units Committee Meeting• Plant Committee Meeting• Meeting with Clr Triffitt Re: Cemetery |
| 12 th September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tourism Action Group Meeting |
| 19 th September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Government Office Rating Seminar/Workshop |
-
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 23 rd August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Events Workshop 'Why Didn't I think of that?' – Hobart |
| 25 th August July 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gwen Hardstaff – Tas Community Fund Application – Bothwell |
| 26 th August 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Western Wilderness Zone Marketing Group - Cradle Mountain |
| 2 nd September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dean Stockle – New Business operator - Westerway |
| 3 rd September 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bothwell Spin-In meeting – Bothwell |
-



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

5th & 6th September
2011

- Geoff Marsh & Barrie Muir –
Tidy Towns Judging

7th September 2011

- Go! Highlands Planning Session
& AGM – Ouse

9th September 2011

- Jennifer Fitzpatrick – Tourism
Tasmania – Hobart

13th September 2011

- Community Road Safety
Partnership Meeting – Bothwell
- Lance Stapleton & Jamie Woods
– Southern Water - Moonah

10.0 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

11.0 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.0 MINUTES

12.1 RECEIVAL MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of **Council** held on **Tuesday 16th August 2011** be **received**.

Carried

12.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of **Council** held on **Tuesday 16th August 2011** be **confirmed**.

Carried



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

12.3 RECEIVAL MINUTES AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Minutes of the **Audit Committee** of **Council** held on **Wednesday 7th September 2011** be received.

Carried

12.4 RECEIVAL MINUTES PLANT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Minutes of the **Plant Committee** of **Council** held on **Wednesday 7th September 2011** be received.

Carried

12.5 RECEIVAL MINUTES INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Minutes of the **Independent Living Units Committee** of **Council** held on **Wednesday 7th September 2011** be received.

Carried

13.0 BUSINESS ARISING

- 1) The following recommendations from the plant committee have been referred to Council for adoption:

(a) Replacement Mack Truck Hamilton

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council accepts the tender from Websters Truck for a Mack Granite 465 MP8 truck and tray.

Carried

(b) Purchase Hamilton Light Truck

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council accepts the tender from FRM Toyota for a Hino 500 series FC1022 Euro 5.

Carried



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

2) Independent Living Units

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council accept the recommendation from the Independent Living Units Committee for the tenancy of Unit 4.

Carried

3) Audit Committee

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT a further \$1.3 million be invested for 90 days.

Carried



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

14.0 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

In accordance with Regulation 25(1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005, the Mayor advises that the Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, to deal with the following items:

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the **Development & Environmental Services Report** be received.

Carried

14.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION : TASMANIAN IRRIGATION – MIDLANDS WATER SCHEME : FEES

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council agree to accept a development application fee for the "Midlands Water Scheme" proposal that is a flat fee of \$5000 plus any advertising costs. The fee can be recovered by invoicing Tasmanian Irrigation once the application has been formally lodged to Council.

Carried

14.2 APPLICATION TO VARY THE BUDGET : LYELL HIGHWAY, BRADYS LAKE – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE UPGRADE OF WOODWARDS BAY ROAD & LYELL HIGHWAY (NORTHERN JUNCTION)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council agree to commit \$8,000 (to match previous developer's contribution of \$8,000) as an unbudgeted item from the Capital Works finances towards the upgrade of the junction of the Woodlands Bay Road access road with the Lyell Highway to the satisfaction of the Department of Infrastructure Energy and Resources and the closure of the current southern entry to that access road.

Carried



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

14.3 NAMING OF STREET OFF SCHAW STREET, BOTHWELL

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the unnamed road off Schaw Street, between Last Street and Barr Street be named and the Nomenclature Board be advised accordingly.

Carried

15.0 COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the **Community & Economic Development Report** be received.

Carried

15.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2011/2012 – SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (PAGES 1-9)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council grant Southern Highlands Progress Association \$909.81 to undertake Weed Control at Brady's Lake Shack Area.

Carried

15.2 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2011/2012 – BRONTE PARK CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY (PAGES 10-13)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council grant Bronte Park Children's Christmas Party \$300.00 to assist in funding the annual Christmas Party.

Carried



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

15.3 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2011/2012 – GRETNA FIRE BRIGADE (PAGES 14-18)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council grant Gretna Fire Brigade \$500.00 to assist in funding Team Polo Shirts and Annual Christmas Children’s lolly run.

Carried

15.4 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2011/2012 – GO! HIGHLANDS INC (PAGES 19-23)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council grant Go! Highlands Inc \$500.00 to assist in funding the Rural Health Week 2011 Community BBQ.

Carried

15.5 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2011/2012 – OUSE ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE (PAGES 24-27)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council grant Ouse Online Community Access Centre \$500.00 to assist with electricity costs.

Carried

15.6 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM – GRANT TO THE ELLENDALE CRAFT GROUP 2010

For discussion

15.7 DONATION TO ROBERT GLOVER (PAGE 28)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council make a donation of \$500.00 towards Robert Glover’s travelling expenses to attend the Australian National Sports Shear Incorporated championships in Perth.

Carried



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

15.8 NEW NORFOLK HIGH SCHOOL BURSARY (PAGE 29)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT

a) Council make a bursary donation of \$250.00 towards a Central Highlands student proceeding to further education at New Norfolk High School.

b) The presentation is attended by a Council representative.

Carried

15.9 SPONSORSHIP OF CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK (PAGE 30)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT

a) Council sponsor the 2011 Child Safety Handbooks at a cost of \$308.00; and

b) Include the Council's website in the advertisement.

Carried

15.10 SPONSORSHIP OF 2011 TOUR OF TASMANIA ROAD CYCLING CLASSIC (PAGES 31-35)

For information

15.11 COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PAGES 36-37)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council agree to implement the Crash Marker initiative in the Central Highlands municipality.

Carried



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

15.12 FESTIVAL AND EVENT MANAGEMENT MASTERCLASS (PAGES 38-41)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council support the Community and Economic Development Officer attending the Festival and Event Management Masterclass.

Carried

15.13 GRANTS UPDATE

For information

15.14 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA FUNDING – ELLENDALE SEWERAGE (PAGES 42-43)

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council seek legal advice on the ability to own a sewage asset and lease to Southern Water for 5 years before a formal transfer.

Council Officers continue to develop up the application with Southern Water to support a sewage scheme for Ellendale. The current design may need some changes to satisfy Southern Water and operational costs are to be determined (Southern Water to provide).

Carried

15.15 PROPOSED COMMUNITY GARDEN AT OUSE

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council allocate the piece of land at Ouse for a sustainable Community Garden.

Carried

16.0 WORKS & SERVICES

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the **Works & Services Report** be received.

Carried



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

16.1 TREES OLD SCHOOL SITE

16.2 TRUCK TENDERS FOR MACK TRUCK

16.3 NRM REPORT

17.0 FINANCE REPORT

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the Finance Report be received.

Carried

17.1 REQUEST FOR REMISSIONS

01-0830-02555 Request to alter Waste Charge

Property has been charged an Extension to Domestic Waste Charge. The Garbage collection point is on the Ellendale Road and this property is a vacant shack that is 3.10 km off the Ellendale Road.

The ratepayers have requested that the charge be changed from Extension to Domestic Waste to Solid Waste Domestic.

For discussion

17.2 REQUEST FOR REMISSIONS

01-0852-03630 Request to alter Waste Charge

Property has been charged an Extension to Domestic Waste Charge. The Bins have been returned as the property is over 5 km from the collection point on the Victoria Valley Road.

The ratepayer has requested that the charge be changed from Extension to Domestic Waste to Solid Waste Domestic.

For discussion

18.0 ADMINISTRATION



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

18.1 RELOCATING A SECTION OF BOOMER ROAD (PAGE 1)

A request had been received from Uralla Pastoral to relocate a section of approximately 350 metres of Boomer Road at no cost to Council. The owners of Uralla will liaise with Council to ensure that the road is constructed to Council requirements.

This matter was deferred from the August Council Meeting to obtain a legal opinion on the ownership of the road as the request included fencing off the old section of road for future agricultural purposes.

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council agree to the owners of Uralla Pty Ltd relocating 350 metres of Boomer Road at their cost and to Council's standards and have no objection to the old portion being fenced off.

Carried

18.2 OPTIONS FOR STRUCTURAL REFORM

All Councillors were provided with the Review of Structural Reform Options which explored four options:

Option 1: Status Quo with Shared Services

Option 2: A Single Southern Tasmanian Council

Option 3: Greater Hobart

Option 4: Separate Eastern & Western Shore Councils and Rural Mergers

Workshops were held by the Panel for Council Members where a SWOT analysis was undertaken by those attending on each of the four options.

The Panel has invited submissions and feedback on these options before finalising their report to the STCA.

For Discussion



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

18.3 REFRIGERATOR FOR OUSE HALL (PAGE 2)

A request has been received from Frances Macdonald that Council consider purchasing a fridge for the Ouse Hall. Apparently the old fridge has been removed because of its condition.

Recommendation

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council purchase a fridge for the Ouse Hall.

Carried

18.4 LGAT – NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE STATE GRANTS COMMISSION (PAGES 3-5)

The Minister for Local Government has requested that the Association seek nominations for 4 Local Government Representatives vacancies, from which he can choose 2 as the Local Government Representatives on the Commission. The current representatives are Mr Barry Southern (16 years) and Mr Geoffrey Denny (9) years whose term expires on 27 November, 2011. LGAT advises that the State Government in recent times adopted a policy relating to the periods of tenure of Board Members where Board Members are not generally appointed for more than 2 or 3 year terms, or a period exceeding 9 years. The State Grants Commission makes recommendations to the Treasurer concerning the distribution of the Australian Government financial assistance grants (FAGS) and identified local roads funds (ILRFs) to Local Government.

A position statement for a Member is attached. Closing dated for nominations to LGAT is 30 September, 2011.

For Discussion

18.5 REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROJECT (PAGES 6-23)

The STCA were successful in obtaining Commonwealth funding for the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Project (RCCAP) to develop a climate change adaptation plan for each of its 12 member councils.

Hyder Consulting has been engaged to undertake this project. A brief meeting has been held with Council staff to introduce the project.

Hyder Consulting will be undertaking 2 workshops with Council senior staff:



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

- (1) Risk Assessment – identification and assessment of risks associated with climate change (**Bothwell -Wednesday 28th September, 2011 9.30 am to 12 Noon**); and
- (2) Adaptation actions and options – prioritisation of adaptation actions and identification of optimal processes to integrate the actions into Council's business processes (**Bothwell - Wednesday 26 October, 2011 9.30 am to 12 Noon**).

Although this project is run with Council staff, I believe it may be beneficial for some Councillor representation. With this in mind, I would like to suggest that perhaps the Chair of the Audit Committee, Clr McMichael and Clr Jacka may wish to participate in the workshops.

For Discussion

18.6 WINDING UP OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PROJECT TEAM

At the August meeting of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority the Board considered a report whose purpose was to advise it of the pending cessation of the Southern Regional Planning Project.

As background, it was reported that the Southern Regional Planning Project was a joint initiative between the State Government, the STCA and the 12 Southern Tasmanian Councils established under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in late 2008.

The project was being run under the auspices of the STCA and was primarily funded by the State with the active participation and in-kind assistance of all Councils. The two major outputs of the project were:

1. A Regional Land Use Strategy, which had recently been developed and endorsed by all Councils and forwarded to the Minister for Planning for consideration for declaration as a statutory Regional Strategy under the s.30C of *the Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993*.
2. A suite of contemporary and consistent new draft 'interim' planning schemes for all planning authorities within the region. These would be preceded by the development of a Regional Model Planning Scheme, upon which all schemes would be based. This work was currently the focus of the project.



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

It was further reported that on 18 November 2011 the Southern Regional Planning Project would run out of funds. The two Joint Project Managers would then cease their engagements. This would leave the Project in the following position:

- The Regional Land Use Strategy completed and (presumably by then) formally declared by the Minister.
- The Regional Model Planning Scheme (ordinance) completed.
- Work on each of the Council's individual planning schemes (ordinance) substantially progressed (in partnership with each Council).
- Work on each of the Council's individual planning schemes (maps) substantially progressed (in partnership with each Council).

It had been intended that the Southern Regional Planning Project would be concluded upon the submission of the draft interim planning schemes to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC). Therefore, following 18 November, the Councils would be largely left to their own devices to complete the drafting of their individual

schemes. The facilitation, coordination and direction provided by the Project would not exist. This was likely to result in the following outcomes:

Less 'commonality' in planning scheme provisions in the region.

- The Regional Model provisions will be varied by different Councils in different ways.

No timeframe coordination.

- Various Councils will put their schemes out for informal public consultation at different times.
- They will finalise their draft schemes at different times.
- Some Council's may not finalise a scheme until very much later than the others.
- The draft schemes will be submitted to the TPC at different times.
- Schemes going through the TPC hearing process at different times will add further to the loss of



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

'commonality'.

Less robust implementation of regional strategy in the draft planning schemes.

- The benefits of the regional strategy will be lessened.
- The TPC will require more resources during the hearing process to ensure the regional strategy is being properly implemented.

The hearing process for all schemes generally will be more time and resource hungry for all concerned. It is noted that the Joint Project Managers would not have been involved at the formal hearing stage in any case, however if the schemes entered the process in good shape from a strategy and commonality point of view, the hearing process will be a less onerous affair.

The report then described the reasons why funding for the project running was running out.

In negotiations between the State and Local Government to establish the Project, the STCA had made the point that this was a 3-year, \$1 million project. This was not accepted by the State and the Project was nevertheless started in March 2009 with a 2-year timeframe and \$736,000 provided by the State.

The Project could potentially have been completed by the end of 2011 (with additional funding provided by the State earlier this year). However a number of matters outside the control of the Project had caused delays. The key reason had been the delay in resolving the State's new Planning Scheme Template for Tasmania. Initially this was going to be resolved in mid 2010, then by the end of 2010. This delayed work on the Regional Model Planning Scheme, which was progressed to point in February 2011 when it was adjudged prudent to put it aside to await the final Template.

The new Template was finally delivered in May 2011.

Advice provided to the Government during 2010 on the size of the budget shortfall was premised on the finalisation of the Template in December 2010.



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

In mid 2010, the STCA requested an additional \$225,000. This was not provided, and the STCA was advised to revise the figure. A figure of \$175,000 was subsequently requested (still premised on the Template being resolved by December 2010).

This was eventually agreed to by the State in May (at State Budget time), and \$160,000 has now been received. The remaining \$15,000 will only be provided once the new draft interim planning schemes have been submitted to the TPC.

The State's Position

The State Government has rejected requests to further fund the Project. The strong message seems to be *"if the Project needs more cash, Local Government should provide it"*.

Local Government's Position

The issue of local government providing additional cash to the Project had been considered several times at the STCA Board over the course of the Project, in April 2010 and again in December 2010.

The STCA Board had determined that Local Government should not be contributing any further cash to the Project.

This was determined on the basis that this was the State's responsibility under the MoU, and that Councils were already contributing very substantially to the work through the development of the planning schemes from their end.

The development of a new planning scheme is costly to a Council. Based on figures recently obtained by STCA it could be reasonably estimated that Local Government in Southern Tasmania would collectively have expended \$4.5 million dollars on its end of planning scheme development by the time the new schemes were submitted to the TPC.

In addition, the lion's share of Project participation and input over the last two and a half years had come from Local Government through the Technical Reference Group. The officer time involved was conservatively estimated at \$150,000. It was concluded that the argument that Local Government was already paying its fair share of Project costs was valid.

The STCA had also pointed out to the Government that the scope of the Southern project was significantly greater and more complex than the North and North West projects as there were 13 new planning schemes to produce compared to 8 and 9 in the North and North West respectively



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

It was noted that at the December 2010 Board meeting, a decision had been made to wind up the Project when it was then due to run out of funds. Because of the additional funding subsequently provided by the State, this did not then need to occur.

Conclusion

The STCA had consistently maintained its position that the Project had been under-funded from the start, and that Local Government was contributing its fair-share of resources (more than its fair share in fact).

The Project would run out of funds and needed to cease on 18 November.

The Project would nevertheless leave the Councils in a good position to complete the development of their planning schemes individually.

However this would come at the cost of less commonality between schemes, less robust regional strategy implementation, little timeframe coordination for planning scheme development and more resources needed by the TPC through the planning scheme hearing process.

The STCA has written to the Minister for Planning outlining the Boards concerns and asking if further consideration could be given to funding the further employment within the STCA of the Project Officers in order for them to provide the necessary day to day co-ordination of the redevelopment of the 13 planning schemes.

For Information

18.7 CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE – USE OF COUNCIL PREMISES (SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS)

The Central Highlands Community Health Centre through the Department of Health and Human Services would like to formalise their occupation of Council premises to provide services managed by the Centre.

DHHS has drawn up Licence Agreements for the following:

- (a) Bothwell Hall – to occupy the Bothwell Hall each Tuesday to provide a Day Centre for the Bothwell area and reasonable ancillary purposes for a fee of \$200 per annum.
There is no fixed term for the expiry of this licence.



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

- (b) Ouse Hall – to occupy the hall each Thursday to provide a Day Centre for the Ouse area and reasonable ancillary purposes. **There is no fixed term for the expiry of this licence or Annual Fee.**
- (c) Bothwell Medical Centre – to occupy the medical centre each Thursday or as required in consultation with the General practitioner to provide a Nursing Service from the Medical centre for the Bothwell area and reasonable ancillary purposes. **There is no fixed term for the expiry of this licence and no Annual Fee.**

For Discussion

18.8 PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was briefly discussed at the August Council meeting that Council should consider forming a Planning Committee to pursue planning applications and suitable planning permit conditions prior to submission of development applications to Council as the Planning Authority. The Committee could also be responsible for monitoring the progress of Council's new Planning Scheme. The Committee could consist of the Planner, Manager DES, Kathy Bradburn as minute secretary, and perhaps 3 Councillors with expertise/knowledge of contemporary planning and relevant legislation.

For Discussion

18.9 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

From time to time matters come before Council that would benefit from being discussed in a workshop environment e.g Council's response to the Structural Options Paper, Occupational Health & Safety, Risk Management, Depreciation of Council assets etc. A workshop would allow Council to discuss issues in an informal setting and also allow Managers to participate. The Budget Workshops are a good example of what can be achieved.

This matter has been listed to seek Council's views on the following:

- (a) Does Council wish to have regular workshops
- (b) If yes, how often

For Discussion



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

18.10 ELLENDALE HALL (PAGE 24)

Mrs Trudy Murphy, President Ellendale Hall Committee is seeking an update on the progress of the investigation into the ownership of the Ellendale Hall.

She has also requested that if there is a problem with the hall or if a group wants to add an item to the hall, could we let the President know in writing as that way it is keeping communication open and because the Committee is currently Caretaker of the Hall.

For Discussion

18.11 CHCMS - WAGS ROOM (PAGES 25-27)

The Executive Committee of the Central Highlands Community Mens Shed Inc are seeking clarification of council's plan for the room (currently used by the WAGS) at the old Hamilton School. Among other things, the Committee has undertaken work and purchased a fridge, urn and sundry goods for all volunteers. Curtains were replaced and the ladies toilet has been painted. Donations of a TV, computers, sewing machine, furniture and multiple items have been made by community members for use in this room. The room also houses a small library. A local artist has decorated a 'children's corner'.

For Discussion

18.12 SOUTHERN WATER QUARTERLY REPORT TO OWNERS REPRESENTATIVES (PAGES 28-31)

Southern Water's Quarterly Report to the Owner's Representatives for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (unaudited) is provided. David Lovell Joint CEO of the STCA has provided commentary on three issues dealt with by the Owners' Representatives:

- Consideration of the Prices and Services Plan
- Corporate Plan
- Quarterly Report April to June 2011

19.0 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT Council consider the matters on the Supplementary Agenda.

Carried



Central Highlands Council

AGENDA – ORDINARY MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

**20.0 RECEIVAL OF STATUS
REPORT**

Moved **Clr**

Seconded **Clr**

THAT the **Status Report** be **received**.

Carried

**20.1 STATUS REPORT
DISCUSSIONS**

21.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

22.0 CLOSURE
