

Central Highlands Council

Minutes – ORDINARY MEETING – 21st APRIL 2020

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council held via a virtual meeting room, on Tuesday 21st April 2020, commencing at 9am

1.0 OPENING

The Mayor advised the meeting that Council Meetings, not including Closed Sessions, are audio recorded and published on Council's Website.

Mayor L Triffitt opened the meeting at 9.00am.

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3.0 PRESENT

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cllr A Archer, Cllr A Bailey, Cllr S Bowden, Cllr A Campbell, Cllr R Cassidy, Cllr J Honner, Cllr J Poore, Mrs Lyn Eyles (General Manager), Mr Adam Wilson (Deputy General Manager), Mr Graham Rogers (Manager DES) and Mrs Kathy Bradburn (Minutes Secretary).

4.0 APOLOGIES

NIL

5.0 PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATIONS

In accordance with Regulation 8 (7) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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) or conflict of interest in any Item of the Agenda.

Cllr A Bailey 17.3 Request for Rates Remission Ouse Country Club 2019/2020

6.0 CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING

Regulation 15 (1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* states that at a meeting, a council by absolute majority, or a council committee by simple majority, may close a part of the meeting to the public for a reason specified in sub-regulation (2).

As per *Regulation 15 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, this motion requires an absolute majority

Moved: Cllr A Bailey

Seconded: Cllr R Cassidy

THAT pursuant to *Regulation 15 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, Council, by absolute majority, close the meeting to the public to consider the following matters in Closed Session

Item Number	Matter	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015
1	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 March 2020	Regulation 15 (2)(g) – information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to Council on the condition it is kept confidential
2	Legal Matter	Regulation 15 (4)(b) – possible future legal action that may be taken, or may involve, the council
3	Consideration of Matters for Disclosure to the Public	Regulation 15 (8) - While in a closed meeting, the Council, or Council Committee, is to consider whether any discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to that closed meeting are to be kept confidential or released to the public, taking into account privacy and confidentiality issues

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Clr J Allwright, Clr A Archer, Clr A W Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner & Clr J Poore

Mr G Rogers & Mrs K Bradburn left the meeting at 9.05 am.

6.1 MOTION OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Clr R Cassidy

Seconded: Clr A Archer

THAT the Council:

- (1) Having met and dealt with its business formally move out of the closed session; and
- (2) Resolved to report that it has determined the following:

Item Number	Matter	Outcome
1	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 March 2020	Minutes of the Closed Session of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 March 2020 were confirmed
2	Legal Matter	Council noted the contents of the advice provided.
3	Consideration of Matters for Disclosure to the Public	Matters were considered

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Clr J Allwright, Clr A Archer, Clr A W Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner & Clr J Poore

Mr G Rogers & Mrs K Bradburn returned to the meeting at 9.13 am.

Ms J Tyson joined the meeting at 9.13 am

Clr A Archer advised that he would continue to listen in on the meeting but would not be able to participate

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

Due to COVID-19 the virtual meeting is not open to the public.

7.0 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

7.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

8.0 MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

Wednesday 11 March	Meeting at Royal Yacht Club
Wednesday 11 March	Business of Council
Thursday 12 March	State Grants Commission Meeting Hobart
Friday 13 March	Business of Council
Sunday 15 March	Business of Council
Monday 16 March	Business of Council
Tuesday 17 March	Ordinary Meeting of Council
Wednesday 18 March	Business of Council
Wednesday 18 March	Ratepayer Meeting
Thursday 19 March	Business of Council
Thursday 19 March	Ratepayer Calls
Thursday 19 March	Deputy General Manager
Friday 20 March	Meeting with DES Manager via Phone
Friday 20 March	ABC
Monday 23 March	Business of Council
Monday 23 March	General Manager Update Meeting
Monday 23 March	ABC Mayors Monday
Monday 23 March	MP Tele-Meeting
Monday 23 March	Federal MP Tele-Meeting
Tuesday 24 March	Business of Council and General Manager
Wednesday 25 March	Business of Council and General Manager
Thursday 26 March	Ratepayer Calls and General Manager
Friday 27 March	LGAT Teleconference
Monday 30 March	Ratepayer Calls
Tuesday 31 March	Business of Council
Wednesday 1 April	Business of Council & Local Government
Thursday 2 April	General Manager and Deputy General Manager and Business of Council
Friday 3 April	Community Calls
Monday 6 April	Community Calls and Business of Council
Tuesday 7 April	Business of Council
Wednesday 8 April	Teleconference with Department of StateGrowth
Wednesday 8 April	Teleconference with GM & Teleconference with DGM
Thursday 9 April	Business of Council
Tuesday 14 April	Business of Council
Wednesday 15 April	Business of Council

8.1 COUNCILLOR COMMITMENTS

Clr R Cassidy

Tuesday 17 March Ordinary Meeting of Council

Clr J Honner

Tuesday 17 March Ordinary Meeting of Council

Clr A Campbell

Tuesday 17 March Ordinary Meeting of Council

Clr J Poore

Tuesday 17 March Ordinary Meeting of Council

STATUS REPORT COUNCILLORS

Item No.	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Task	Councillor Responsible	Current Status	Completed Date
1	18-Feb-20	12.1	Derwent Catchment Project - Strategic Plan for the development of Agriculture and Tourism	Deputy Mayor Allwright	On going to provide Council with updates each Council meeting	
2	18-Feb-20	16.3	AFLT Statewide Facilities Plan	Deputy Mayor Allwright	On going to provide Council with updates each Council meeting	
3	18-Feb-20	16.5	Cattle Hill Wind Farm Community Fund Committee	Mayor Triffitt, Clr Campbell & Clr Honner	On going to provide Council with updates each Council meeting	
4	18-Feb-20	16.9	Anzac Day Service Gretna Dawn Service	Mayor Triffitt & Clr Cassidy	To be confirmed at March Council Meeting	Cancelled
5	18-Feb-20	16.9	Anzac Day Service Hamilton Service	Deputy Mayor Allwright, Clr Cassidy, Clr Poore & Clr Bailey	To be confirmed at March Council Meeting	Cancelled
6	18-Feb-20	16.9	Anzac Day Service Bothwell Service	Mayor Triffitt, Clr Honner, Clr Bowden, Clr Archer & Clr Campbell	To be confirmed at March Council Meeting	Cancelled

8.2 ACTING / DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMITMENTS

Tuesday 17 March Ordinary Council Meeting
 Tuesday 24 March LGAT LG COVID Stimulus Package Discussion
 Tuesday 7 April Southern Region Social Recovery Committee Meeting
 Wednesday 15 April Managers Budget Meeting

9.0 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD

Nil

9.1 FUTURE WORKSHOPS

Budget Workshop – To be held in May - date to be confirmed

10.0 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Triffitt advised that several complaints had been received with regards to limited telephone services being experienced in Bothwell since the 6 April 2020. Following discussions with Minister Mark Shelton MP & Minister Michael Ferguson MP, technicians were on-site on Monday 20th April and resolved the problem.

Mayor Triffitt thanked Clr R Cassidy for his input into the telephone problem.

11.0 MINUTES

11.1 RECEIVAL DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

Moved: Clr J Honner

Seconded: Clr A Bailey

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Open Council Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 17th March 2020 be received.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

11.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

Moved: Clr J Honner

Seconded: Clr A Bailey

THAT the Minutes of the Open Council Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 17th March 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

12.0 BUSINESS ARISING

- 15.1 Development & Environmental Services Manager purchased toilet unit from Tasbulk for Bronte Park
- 15.3 Correspondence sent by Development & Environmental Services Manager
- 15.4 Development & Environmental Services Manager drafted letter for Mayor
- 15.5 Development & Environmental Services Manager organised inspection
- 16.1 Trens Tree Service removed trees and dead wood
- 16.2 Correspondence sent by Works and Service Manager
- 16.3 Correspondence sent by Works and Service Manager
- 17.2 Deferred until April 2020
- 17.3 Correspondence sent by Deputy General Manager
- 17.4 General Manager to obtain a quote
- 17.10 Correspondence sent by Deputy General Manager
- 17.11 Correspondence sent by Deputy General Manager
- 17.12 Correspondence sent by Development & Environmental Services
- 17.14 Correspondence sent by Deputy General Manager
- 18.1 2020 Anzac Day Service cancelled, Central Highlands Visitor Centre closed and correspondence sent by Development & Environmental Services.
- 18.2 Correspondence sent by Deputy General Manager

NOTED

13.0 DERWENT CATCHMENT PROJECT REPORT

Moved: Clr J Allwright

Seconded: Clr J Poore

THAT the Derwent Catchment Project report be received.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

14.0 FINANCE REPORT

Moved: Clr R Cassidy

Seconded: Clr J Honner

THAT the Finance Reports be received.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

15.0 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

In accordance with Regulation 25(1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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 A Campbell

Seconded: Clr J Honner

THAT the Development & Environmental Services Report be received.

15.1 DA2019/78: SUBDIVISION (1 LOT AND BALANCE) : 6011 HIGHLAND LAKES ROAD, STEPPES

Motion 1:

Moved: Clr R Cassidy

Seconded: Clr J Honner

THAT in accordance with section 57 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 the Planning Authority Refuse the Development Application DA2019/78 for subdivision (one lot and balance) at 6011 Highland Lakes Road, Steppes, for the reasons detailed below:

Reasons :-

1. Timing of the Development Application at Christmas;
2. Due process not followed;
3. There was no Planning Committee Meeting about this Development Application;
4. Insufficient opportunity for Planning Committee and Council to consider Development Application;
5. No email notification from Bothwell Office;
6. Mapping unclear, confusing & possibly inaccurate; and
7. Additional information required.

Clr Cassidy also referred to non-compliance with Section 26.1 of the Central Highlands Interim Planning Scheme 2015.

MOTION LOST 3/5

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Clr J Honner and Clr R Cassidy

AGAINST the Motion:

Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell and Clr J Poore

Motion 2:**Moved:** Clr J Allwright**Seconded:** Clr J Poore

THAT in accordance with section 57 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 the Planning Authority Approve the Development Application DA2019/78 for subdivision (one lot and balance) at 6011 Highland Lakes Road, Steppes, subject to conditions in accordance with the Recommended Conditions.

Recommended Conditions

General

- 1) The subdivision layout or development must be carried out substantially in accordance with the application for planning approval, the endorsed drawings and with the conditions of this permit and must not be altered or extended without the further written approval of Council.

Easements

- 2) Easements must be created over all drains, pipelines, wayleaves and services in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Municipal Engineer. The cost of locating and creating the easements shall be at the subdivider's full cost.

Covenants

- 3) Covenants or other similar restrictive controls that conflict with any provisions or seek to prohibit any use provided within the planning scheme must not be included or otherwise imposed on the titles to the lots created by this permit, either by transfer, inclusion of such covenants in a Schedule of Easements or registration of any instrument creating such covenants with the Recorder of Titles, unless such covenants or controls are expressly authorised by the terms of this permit or the consent in writing of the Council's General Manager.

Services

- 4) The Subdivider must pay the cost of any alterations and/or reinstatement to existing services, Council infrastructure or private property incurred as a result of the proposed subdivision works. Any work required is to be specified or undertaken by the authority concerned.

Access

- 5) A vehicle access must be provided from the road carriageway to each lot. Accesses must be located and constructed in accordance with the IPWE Aust. (Tasmania Division) standard drawings, the approved Bushfire Hazard management Report and to the satisfaction of Council's General Manager.

Final plan

- 6) A final approved plan of survey and schedule of easements as necessary, together with one copy, must be submitted to Council for sealing. The final approved plan of survey must be substantially the same as the endorsed plan of subdivision and must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Recorder of Titles.
- 7) A fee in accordance with Council's adopted fee schedule, must be paid to Council for the sealing of the final approved plan of survey.
- 8) All conditions of this permit, including either the completion of all works and maintenance or payment of security in accordance with this permit, must be satisfied before the Council seals the final plan of survey.
- 9) It is the subdivider's responsibility to notify Council in writing that the conditions of the permit have been satisfied and to arrange any required inspections.

The following advice applies to this permit:

- a) This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other legislation has been granted.

- b) This planning approval shall lapse at the expiration of two (2) years from the date of the commencement of planning approval if the development for which the approval was given has not been substantially commenced. Where a planning approval for a development has lapsed, an application for renewal of a planning approval for that development shall be treated as a new application.

CARRIED 5/3

FOR the Motion:

Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell and Clr J Poore

AGAINST the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Clr J Honner and Clr R Cassidy

15.2 DA2020/10: OUTBUILDING (SHIPPING CONTAINER) : 4 DENNISTOUR ROAD, BOTHWELL

Moved: Clr R Cassidy

Seconded: Clr J Honner

THAT in accordance with section 57 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 the Planning Authority Approve the Development Application DA2020/10 for an outbuilding (shipping container) at 4 Dennistoun Road, Bothwell, subject to conditions in accordance with the Recommended Conditions.

Recommended Conditions

General

- 1) The use or development must be carried out substantially in accordance with the application for planning approval, the endorsed drawings and with the conditions of this permit and must not be altered or extended without the further written approval of Council.
- 2) This permit shall not take effect and must not be acted on until 15 days after the date of receipt of this letter or the date of the last letter to any representor, whichever is later, in accordance with Section 53 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.

Approved Use

- 3) The outbuilding is approved as ancillary to the Residential use only and must not be used for any other purpose unless in accordance with a permit issued by Council or as otherwise permitted by Council's planning scheme.

External finishes

- 4) All exposed metal surfaces are to be pre-coloured, or alternatively suitably painted if the item is not available in such a finish.

Services

- 5) The developer must pay the cost of any alterations and/or reinstatement to existing services, Council infrastructure or private property incurred as a result of the proposed subdivision works. Any work required is to be specified or undertaken by the authority concerned.

Stormwater

- 6) Drainage from the proposed development must be retained on site or drain to a legal discharge point to the satisfaction of Council's General Manager and in accordance with any requirements of the Building Act 2016.

Construction Amenity

- 7) The development must only be carried out between the following hours unless otherwise approved by the Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services: Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday and State-wide public holidays 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- 8) All works associated with the development of the land shall be carried out in such a manner so as not to unreasonably cause injury to, or prejudice or affect the amenity, function and safety of any adjoining or adjacent land, and of any person therein or in the vicinity thereof, by reason of: a. Emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or otherwise. b. The transportation of materials, goods and commodities to and from the land. c. Obstruction of any public roadway or highway. d. Appearance of any building, works or materials. e. Any accumulation of vegetation, building debris or other unwanted material must be disposed of by removal from the site in an approved manner. No burning of such materials on site will be permitted unless approved in writing by the Council's Manager of Development and Environmental Services.
- 9) The developer must make good and/or clean any road surface or other element damaged or soiled by the development to the satisfaction of the Council's Manger of Works and Technical Services.

The following advice applies to this permit:

- a) This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other legislation has been granted.
- b) This planning approval shall lapse at the expiration of two (2) years from the date of the commencement of planning approval if the development for which the approval was given has not been substantially commenced. Where a planning approval for a development has lapsed, an application for renewal of a planning approval for that development shall be treated as a new application.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

It was suggested that the DES Office prepare an article for Council's newsletter on placement of shipping containers on lots, providing guidelines and details on any approval processes. It was also suggested that an article on backyard clean-ups be included in the next newsletter.

15.3 PLANNING APPEAL UPDATE

Moved **Clr J Honner**

Seconded **Clr R Cassidy**

THAT Council note the information.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

15.4 HAMILTON TOILETS MAINENANCE WORK

Moved **Clr J Honner**

Seconded **Clr T Bailey**

THAT

1. Grahams Plumbing and Excavations undertake the works as per Quote 2347 for \$9,350.00;
2. Quotes be obtained to paint the toilet block;
3. Re-allocate of \$15,000 from Capital Infrastructure – Great Lake Toilet Relocation for the Hamilton Toilet maintenance work.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

15.5 FOOD PREMISES REFUNDS

Moved **Clr A Bailey**

Seconded **Clr J Honner**

THAT Council approve a refund of six months of the Food Premise Licence fee paid for 2019/2020 for premises not operating due to Covid-19, upon request. Council's EHO to under a telephone check on those requesting a refund to ensure they are not operating.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

15.6 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Moved **Clr J Poore**

Seconded **Clr J Honner**

THAT Council accept the quote from Grahams Excavations and Plumbing to replace the septic tank and associated works; and

THAT a Caveat be placed on the Title for the property for the cost to replace the septic tank and associated works, the legal costs incurred in preparing and lodging the Caveat, CPI and 3% interest.

CARRIED 7/1

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, , Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

AGAINST the Motion:

Clr R Cassidy

15.7 FINAL EXPOSURE DRAFT MAJOR PROJECT BILL

Moved: Clr R Cassidy

Seconded: Clr A Bailey

THAT Councillors provide the Manager of Development & Environmental Services comments on the "draft Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Major Project) Bill 2020" by 12th May 2020.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

15.8 DES BRIEFING REPORT**PLANNING PERMITS ISSUED UNDER DELEGATION**

The following planning permits have been issued under delegation during the past month.

NO PERMIT REQUIRED

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2020 / 00012	L & G E Bush	13 Morrisons Way, Morass Bay	Dwelling Addition

DISCRETIONARY USE

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2020 / 00005	M E Lawes	3 Quartzite Close, Flintstone	Garage
2020 / 00008	W P Dexter	36 High Street, Bothwell	Carport
2020 / 00007	Smeekes Drafting Pty Ltd	554 Bluff Road, Gretna	Dwelling (Replace Existing)

NOTED

The meeting was adjourned at 10.30am and resumed at 10.50am

16.0 WORKS & SERVICES**Moved:** Clr A Bailey**Seconded:** Clr S Bowden**THAT** the Works & Services Report be received.**CARRIED****FOR the Motion:**

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

16.1 GRAVEL FOR PROPERTY AT PELHAM ROAD WORKS SITE**Moved:** Clr R Cassidy**Seconded:** Clr A Bailey**THAT** Council do not contribute any gravel to the private landowner's driveway.**CARRIED****FOR the Motion:**

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

16.2 ACCESS TO WATER BOTHWELL WORKS DEPOT**Moved:** Clr J Allwright**Seconded:** Clr A Bailey

THAT members of the public, during a COVID-19 lockdown of the Works Depot, could contact the Council on call employee to come and open the Works Depot to allow access to the water fill point. Provide these movements are allowed at the time of a COVID-19 lockdown.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

Mr J Branch left the meeting at 11.00am

17.0 ADMINISTRATION**17.1 LGAT GENERAL MEETING MOTION****Moved:** Clr J Honner**Seconded:** Clr R Cassidy

THAT LGAT be advised that Central Highlands Council approve the following Covid-19 relief mechanisms:

1. No penalties, charges, interest or debt collection for late rates payments and extended payment periods (with such measures in place) until 30 June 2020
2. Rent relief on council owned buildings where tenants are experiencing financial hardship until 30 June 2020.
3. A common approach to hardship/assistance policies with LGAT to develop a model policy based on engagement with councils.
4. 4a. Community grants to be refocussed as appropriate to support local business and not for profit recovery or conversion to a digital environment or circular economy until 30 June 2021.
- 4b. As a means of supporting local business recovery and injecting funds into communities in a timely manner, councils be encouraged to settle creditor invoices within a maximum 14-day timeframe (or sooner), irrespective of normal trading terms.
5. A 0% increase on general rates for 2020-21 and fees and charges may be indexed by CPI.
6. Seek the option of relaxing depreciation requirements or extending standard asset life for 2020-21 upon agreed criteria with the Auditor General (including asset condition) and subject to the Auditor General adjusting financial indicators accordingly.

CARRIED**FOR the Motion:**

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

17.2 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN**Moved:** Clr A Campbell**Seconded:** Clr A Bailey

THAT Council agree to the draft Community Health & Wellbeing Plan - 'Being Well and Staying Well in the Heart of Tasmania' being advertised for general public comments and feedback.

CARRIED**FOR the Motion:**

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

Clr A Campbell advised that she would like to thank everyone who has worked on the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Clr A Bailey declared an interest in Item 17.3 Request for Rates Remission Ouse Country Club 2019/2020 and did not participate in this item.

17.3 REQUEST FOR RATES REMISSION OUSE COUNTRY CLUB 2019/2020

Moved: Clr J Allwright

Seconded: Clr J Honner

THAT in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Council agree to deferral arrangements for 6 months for the Ouse Country Club due to hardship; and
2. Council agree to not charge any late payment penalties or interest on the outstanding rates for 6 months.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

Clr A Bailey resumed his position.

17.4 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE MODEL POLICY

Moved: Clr R Cassidy

Seconded: Clr A Bailey

THAT in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council agrees to:

1. Approve the Local Government Association of Tasmania Model Financial Hardship Assistance Policy, subject to any request for remission of any rates, late payment penalties or interest, in part or in full, is reserved only for the most serious and exceptional of financial hardship cases.
2. Applications for remission of any rates or late payment penalties or interest charges must be decided by Council and require absolute majority to be approved.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

17.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOANS PROGRAM GUIDELINE

Moved: Clr J Allwright

Seconded: Clr J Poore

THAT Council not consider any loans at this stage.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

17.6 TWWHA TOURISM MASTER PLAN EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Moved: Clr J Honner

Seconded: Clr R Cassidy

THAT any feedback on the Tourism Master Plan be provided to the General Manager by Friday the 5 June 2020 so the General Manager can lodge the feedback with the TWWHA Tourism Master Plan Project Manager by the 25 June 2020.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

17.7 RAAF2021 CENTENARY SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

Moved: Clr J Honner

Seconded: Clr A Bailey

That Council consider holding the RAAF2021 Centenary Sculpture Exhibition at the Central Highlands Visitors Centre or Bothwell Hall and Clr Cassidy be responsible for the supervision of the setup of the display on the condition that the Covid-19 Pandemic has been publicly cleared.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

17.8 CENTRAL HIGHLANDS BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN

Moved: Clr A Campbell

Seconded: Clr J Honner

THAT Council approve draft Attachment 2 - COVID-19 Virus Management Flowchart, draft Attachment 3 - Safe Work Method Statement COVID-19 Virus Management Controls and include both in the Central Highlands Business Continuity Plan.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

17.9 HIGHLANDS BUSHFEST 2020

Moved: Clr R Cassidy

Seconded: Clr A Bailey

THAT due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure the safety of the community, Council agree to cancel the Highlands Bushfest for 2020.

CARRIED

FOR the Motion:

Mayor L Triffitt, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Clr A Bailey, Clr S Bowden, Clr A Campbell, Clr R Cassidy, Clr J Honner and Clr J Poore

Councillors commented that once the Covid-19 Pandemic ends they would like to hold a smaller localised event / fair. It was agreed to make a tentative booking of the Bothwell Recreation Ground for the 21 & 22 November 2020.

18.0 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS

NIL

Clr Campbell stated that she would like to acknowledge all staff who are working in these difficult times.

19.0 CLOSURE

Mayor L Triffitt closed the meeting at 11.40am

DRAFT