



Central Highlands Council

MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING – 17th MAY 2016

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council held at Hamilton Council Chambers, on Tuesday 17th May 2016, commenced at 9am.

1.0 OPENING

Mayor D E Flint opened the meeting at 9.00am

2.0 PRESENT

Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy, Clr E M McRae, Clr JR Allwright and Mrs Lyn Eyles (General Manager).

3.0 APOLOGIES

Moved **Clr R L Cassidy**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

THAT the apology for Clr L Triffitt be received.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

4.0 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) in any item of the Agenda.

Nil

5.0 MOTION INTO CLOSED MEETING

Moved **Clr R L Cassidy**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

THAT pursuant to Regulation 15 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council close the meeting to the public.

Items for Closed Session:

Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 15 March 2015 Regulation 15 (2) (g)

Personnel Matters Regulation 15 (2) (a)

Confidential Information 15 (2) (g)

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

5.1 MOTION OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

Moved **Clr A W Bailey**

Seconded **Clr R L Cassidy**

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

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

The Meeting will be opened to the public at 10.00am

6.0 IN ATTENDANCE

Emma Rayner – State President of Rural Youth and Samantha Downham attended the meeting at 10.00 a.m.
Donna Brown and Jesse Clark from Hydro Tasmania attended the meeting at 11.05 a.m.

6.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Emma Rayner and Samantha Downham attended at 10.00 a.m. and gave an update on the activities of the Central Highlands Rural Youth.

7.0 MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

19 th April 2016	Council Meeting
24 th April 2016	Unveiling of Plaque and Planting of tree in Honour of Mr I K Downie
25 th April 2016	ANZAC Service Bothwell
26 th April 2016	Launch STCA Airport Roundabout
27 th April 2016	Welcome Clr Benson on her election Budget Meeting Bothwell Hydro Site Inspection for proposed Waddamana signage
28 th April 2016	Planted Pine Tree at Ouse School for ANZAC Day
30 th April 2016	General Meeting – Southern Highlands Progress Ass
2 nd May 2016	Resource Sharing – Brighton Council, Derwent Valley Council and Southern Midlands Council
3 rd May 2016	Judging of Photographic Competition organised by Hydro of Power Stations in the Central Highlands area
7 th May 2016	Bothwell Cricket Club Trophy Presentation
9 th May 2016	Literacy and Numeracy Monitoring Top 1% of students in the Central Highlands
10 th May 2016	Planning Workshop Bothwell Budget Workshop Bothwell
13 th May 2016	Governors Reception / Presentation of award to Mr Colin Cunningham services to the Fire Service.
16 th May 2016	Citizenship Ceremony Hamilton

7.1 COUNCILLORS COMMITMENTS

7.2 GENERAL MANAGER COMMITMENTS

9 th May 2016	Tas Irrigation – Farm Water Access Plan
10 th May 2016	Planning Workshop Budget Workshop

8.0 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS HELD

10 th May 2016	Planning Workshop
10 th May 2016	Budget Workshop
27 th April 2016	Budget Workshop

8.1 FUTURE WORKSHOPS

Nil

9.0 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

10.0 MINUTES

10.1 RECEIVAL DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

Moved **Clr R L Cassidy**

Seconded **Clr E McRae**

THAT the Draft Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of **Council** held on **Tuesday 19th April 2016** be received.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

10.2 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

Moved **Clr A W Bailey**

Seconded **Deputy Mayor A J Downie**

THAT the Draft Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of **Council** held on **Tuesday 19th April 2016** be confirmed.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

11.0 BUSINESS ARISING

12.0 NRM REPORT

Moved **Clr A W Bailey**

Seconded **Clr R L Cassidy**

THAT the **NRM Report** be received.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

13.0 FINANCE REPORT

Moved **Clr R L Cassidy**

Seconded **Clr R Bowden**

THAT the **Finance Report** be received.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

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 R Bowden**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

THAT the Development & Environmental Services Report be received.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

14.1 SUBMISSION TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE DRAFT STATE PLANNING SCHEME

Noted

14.2 SA 2014/2 - DISC : EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PERMIT : REMISSION OF FEE

Moved **Deputy Mayor A Downie**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

THAT the \$85.00 fee associated with the Extension of Time for SA 2014/2 be remitted.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

14.3 DES BRIEFING REPORT

PLANNING PERMITS ISSUED UNDER DELEGATION

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

PERMITTED USE

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2016 / 00018	Parks & Wildlife Service	Pumphouse Point, Lake St Clair	New Shed
2016 / 00022	J Butler	RA 378 Marlborough Road, Bronte Park	Storage & Amenities

DISCRETIONARY USE

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
2016 / 00006 - Disc	J G Randall	46 Jones Road, Miena	Garage requiring a relaxation of rear setback

2016 / 00007 - Disc	Urban Design Solutions	452 Jones River Road, Ellendale	Visitor Accommodation - Holiday Cabin
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IMPOUNDED DOGS

Following a request by Council to be advised of all dogs impounded at Council's Bothwell and Hamilton pounds and the outcome of the impoundment, please be advised as follows:

There were no dogs impounded during the past month.

15.0 WORKS & SERVICES

Moved **Clr A W Bailey**

Seconded **Clr R L Cassidy**

THAT the Works & Services Report be received.

*Mr Jason Branch (Manager Works & Services) attended the meeting at 10.40 a.m.
Clr E McRae left the meeting at 10.46 a.m. and returned at 10.47 a.m.*

15.2 SURVEYORS MEMORIAL PARK

Noted

15.4 STATUS REPORT

- **328 - 20/4/2012**

Gorse at Christian Marsh, Responsible Officer: NRM

This item was asked to be placed on the Status Report at the March 2012 Meeting.

- **329 - 18/8/2012**

Platypus Walk, Responsible Officer: Works Manager

Regular Maintenance

- **332 - 17/9/2013**

Blackberry Removal, Responsible Officer: Works Manager / NRM

Clr Bowden requested that this item be placed on the Status Report

- **333 - 20/10/2015**

Schaw Street, Bothwell – Drainage, Responsible Officer: Works Manager

Clr L M Triffitt requested that this item be placed on the Status Report

- **334 - 20/10/2015**

Gorse at the Clyde River Bridge Interlaken, Responsible Officer: Works Manager / NRM

Clr R Bowden requested that this item be placed on the Status Report

Moved **Deputy Mayor A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr R Bowden**

THAT Council bring forward Item 16.3

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

16.3 GREAT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE – PROPOSED BONFIRE

Moved **Clr E McRae**

Seconded **Clr J Allwright**

THAT the request for holding a bonfire in the carpark at the Great Lake Community Centre be refused and Council suggests the Committee find an alternative location.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

Mr Jason Branch (Manager Works & Services) left the meeting at 11.00 a.m.

16.0 ADMINISTRATION

16.1 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

Certificate of Election was tabled

16.2 BOTHWELL BOOKS

Moved **Clr L Benson**

Seconded **Clr R L Cassidy**

THAT Council authorise Deputy Mayor A Downie to arrange for a Statement of significance for the Literacy Society Books with the cost to not exceed \$4,500.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

Donna Brown and Jesse Clark from Hydro Tasmania attended the meeting at 11.05 a.m.

They provided council with an update regarding issues associated with water levels and generator usage

Clr L Benson left the meeting at 11.24 a.m. and returned at 11.25 a.m.

Donna Brown and Jesse Clark left the meeting at 11.45 a.m.

16.4 POLICY 2016-43 PAYMENT OF COUNCILLORS EXPENSES & PROVISION OF FACILITIES POLICY

Moved **Clr R L Cassidy**

Seconded **Deputy Mayor A J Downie**

That Council approve Policy No. 2016-43 Payment of Councillors Expenses & Provision of Facilities Policy.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

The meeting was suspended for a break at 11.45 a.m. and resumed at 11.53 a.m.

16.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT 'S ROLE IN HEALTH

Moved **Clr E McRae**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

That Council forward the following comments to LGAT

Q1 In principle, supportive of a forum although would like to know more about the purpose / expected outcomes of such a forum ** (see notes below)

Q2 If referring to LG then the forum should be targeted at anyone within Council - staff / Councillors / LG Contractors who may have an interest in both personal and community health and wellbeing

Q3 After consultation with some community members it would appear that early evening would work, especially if nibbles were provided week-ends were considered possible but less of an option

Q4 Stakeholders outside of LG should include Education, private health & wellbeing providers, GP's, Health Advisory Committee, Rural Youth, RAW, Sports Clubs, TFGA, Primary Health - community members / clubs / groups that have an interest in personal and community health & wellbeing

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- a) Forum should be inclusive and not just about bureaucratic professionals
- b) An 'action' thing and not just a talkfest
- c) Clear definitions provided around 'health' ie sickness as opposed to wellness

- d) A pure spirit of intent about creating meaningful partnerships / relationships and not just about devolving state responsibilities / liabilities down to the Local Government level
- e) Need to 'feed and water, participants

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

16.6 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MOBILE BLACK SPOT PROGRAMME ROUND 2

Moved **Clr R L Cassidy**

Seconded **Clr E McRae**

That Council advise Telstra that Council is unable to commit funds towards any mobile black spot.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

16.7 WOMENSPORT & RECREATION GAP

Moved **Deputy Mayor A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr E McRae**

That Council provide a venue free of charge to Womensport & Recreation GAP to hold a Get Active Program in.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

Suspended for lunch 12.33 p.m. resumed at 1.20 p.m.

16.8 TARGETED REVIEW OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – DISCUSSION PAPER FOR CONSULTATION

Moved **Clr R L Cassidy**

Seconded **Clr L Benson**

THAT Council forward the following responses to LGAT and the Local Government Office regarding the discussion paper on the Targeted Review of the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

TARGETED REVIEW OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

DISCUSSION PAPER FOR CONSULTATION

RESPONSES FROM CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL

Question	Response
1	Agree to all 6 functions as listed under defining the leadership role of the Mayor
2	Mayor should liaise with general manager at least weekly
3	Agree
4	No
5	Yes
6	Acting as Mayor in his/her absence
7	Should be popularly elected
8	No Comment
9	Mayors and Deputy Mayors should be able to contact managers of Departments. Chairs of Committees should be able to liaise with Managers responsible for those committees
10	Yes – training in relevant legislation, planning, finance and budgeting, meeting procedures and communication
11	Mayor should be Chair of Recruiting Panel
12	Yes
13	At least weekly
14	All necessary information to enable councillors to make informed decisions
15	Operational
16	Yes
17	Two separate bodies
18	No Comment
19	Should have right of appeal provisions
20	No

21	Yes
22	No
23	Yes
24	No
25	No
26	No
27	Yes
28	Yes
29	Yes
30	No
31	Yes
32	Yes
33	No
34	retained
35	Yes – no donations
36	Yes
37	Yes
38	Yes
39	Yes
40	No
41	Flexible approach
42	No Comment
43	No Comment
44	No Comment

16.9 ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

Moved **Clr J R Allwright**

Seconded **Clr L Benson**

That Council make a donation of \$1,000 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

16.10 LEASE/MOU HAMILTON SHOW COMMITTEE

Moved **Clr J R Allwright**

Seconded **Clr L Benson**

That the Hamilton Show Committee be invited to the July Council Meeting to outline their proposal for a lease or alternatively an MOU for use of the Hamilton Recreation Ground and to provide their priorities for upgrade and current use of buildings at the recreation ground.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

16.11 CENTRAL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND STRATEGY 2016/17 TO 2026/27

Moved **Clr R L Cassidy**

Seconded **Clr L Benson**

THAT Council adopt the Central Highlands Council Long Term Financial Plan and Strategy 2016/2017 to 2026/27 with the following rate increases included: 2.80 in the 2016/17 financial year; CPI plus 3% for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae

Against: Clr R Bowden

16.12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT – MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

Moved **Deputy Mayor A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr R L Cassidy**

That Council:

- (a) Note the commencement of the new Local Government Code of Conduct Framework on 13 April 2016;
- (b) Adopt the Model Code of Conduct without variation;
- (c) Council terminate membership of its Code of Conduct Panel;
- (d) Council rescind 2015-38 Code of Conduct (Elected Members) Policy

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae.

16.13 Council Meeting Dates 2016-2017

Notice of Council & Committee Meetings July 2016– June 2017

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council and Council Committee meetings.

Ordinary Meetings of Council are held at the Council Chambers as indicated commencing at 9.00am. The meetings are open to the public, but Council is likely to close the meeting to the public between 9.10 – 10.00 am, and therefore the public may wish to consider attending from 10.00 am.

Ordinary Meeting of Council:

Tuesday 19th July 2016 - Hamilton
 Tuesday 16th August 2016 – Bothwell
 Tuesday 20th September 2016 – Hamilton
 Tuesday 18th October 2016 – Bothwell
 Tuesday 15th November 2016 – Hamilton
 Tuesday 6th December 2016 – Bothwell
 Tuesday 17th January 2017 – Hamilton
 Tuesday 21st February 2017 – Bothwell
 Tuesday 21st March 2017 – Hamilton
 Tuesday 18th April 2017 – Bothwell
 Tuesday 16th May 2017 – Hamilton
 Tuesday 20th June 2017 – Bothwell

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 6th December 2016 – Bothwell at 8.45 am.

Planning Committee Meeting of Council:

All Planning Committee Meetings are held at the Bothwell Council Chambers at 9.00 am.

Tuesday 12th July 2016
Tuesday 9th August 2016
Tuesday 13th September 2016
Tuesday 11th October 2016
Tuesday 8th November 2016
Tuesday 10th January 2017
Tuesday 14^h February 2017
Tuesday 14th March 2017
Tuesday 11th April 2017
Tuesday 9th May 2017
Tuesday 13th June 2017

The schedule of meeting dates is available on Council's website.

It should be noted that should there be any variation to the schedule, such variation will be advertised.

Other Committee Meetings will be advertised at least four days before the meeting.

Copies of agendas will be available from Council Offices or on Council's website www.centralhighlands.tas.gov.au four days prior to the date of each meeting.

Recommendation:

Moved **Deputy Mayor A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr E McRae**

THAT Council ratify the above meeting dates for the Ordinary Council Meeting and the Planning Committee Meetings for 2016/2017.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae.

16.14 GRANT DEED

Moved **Deputy Mayor A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr L Benson**

THAT the General Manager be authorised to sign and seal the Grant Deed for \$38,560 under the 2016 Major Grants program.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae.

17.0 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS

17.1 BOTHWELL INTERNATIONAL HIGHLAND SPININ

Moved **Clr A W Bailey**

Seconded **Clr L Benson**

THAT Clr R L Cassidy be appointed as Councils proxy to attend the Bothwell International Highland Spinin meetings.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae.

17.2 LGAT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

RESOLVED

General Manager	Full Conference
Mayor Flint	Full Conference
Deputy Mayor Downie	Full Conference
Clr L Benson	Workshops – Thursday and Friday
Clr R L Cassidy	Workshop – Friday

17.3 EXTERNAL FUNDING PROPOSED – TASWATER

Moved **Clr E McRae**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

THAT Council do not support the following motion which is being tabled at the TasWater Owners Representative meeting being held on 9th June.

“That Owner Councils agree to a moratorium on increases in distributions for a further seven years in the event that TasWater secures commitment from the State and Federal Governments to make grants totalling no less than \$400m over a ten year period”, unless further contrary information is received prior to the meeting.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Clr J R Allwright, Clr A W Bailey, Clr L Benson, Clr R Bowden, Clr R L Cassidy and Clr E M McRae.

17.4 LETTER KATHARINE MARSH WESTERN AUSTRALIA – MOBILE PHONE BLACK SPOTS

Noted

18.0 CLOSURE 2.30 P.M.
