



Central Highlands Council

MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING – 8th DECEMBER 2014

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Central Highlands Council held at Bothwell Council Chambers, on Monday 8th December 2014, commencing 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, Cllr J R Allwright, Cllr A W Bailey, Cllr R L Cassidy, Cllr E J Evans, Cllr E M McRae, Cllr L M Triffitt

3.0 APOLOGIES

THAT an apology be accepted for **Cllr R G Bowden**.

Carried

For the motion: Mayor D E Flint, Deputy Mayor A J Downie, Cllr J R Allwright, Cllr A W Bailey, Cllr R L Cassidy, Cllr E J Evans, Cllr E M McRae, Cllr L M Triffitt

4.0 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.

5.0 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.

5.1 MOTION INTO CLOSED MEETING

Moved **Clr L M Triffitt**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

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

Carried

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

5.2 MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED MEETING

Legal Matter

Personnel Matter

5.3 MOTION OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

Moved **Clr E M McRae**

Seconded **Clr L M Triffitt**

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 R L Cassidy, Clr E J Evans, Clr E M McRae, Clr L M Triffitt

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

Mayor D E Flint opened the Meeting to the public at 9.30am.

6.0 IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Lyn Eyles (General Manager), Mrs Casey Bryant (Minute Secretary), Mr Chris Absolom (Finance Manager)

Alan Colson from Tasmanian Irrigation gave an update on the Southern Highlands Irrigation Scheme

Casey Bryant left the meeting at 9.43am

Casey Bryant returned to the meeting at 9.53am

Moved **Clr A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr L M Triffitt**

THAT Council move to Agenda Item **16.1 SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS IRRIGATION WATER SALES**

Carried

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

16.1 SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS IRRIGATION WATER SALES

Moved **Clr A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr E M McRae**

THAT Council purchase 10mgs with the outlet to be at the Bothwell Recreation Ground and pay the 2% deposit. With the 8% balance of deposit to be paid when the Scheme is funded.

Carried

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

Council adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.07am

Council resumed at 10.28am

6.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7.0 MAYORAL COMMITMENTS

18 th November	Council Meeting – Hamilton
19 th November	General Meeting Local Government Association
20 th November	Mayor's Training Day
22 nd November	Wayatinah Country Event
24 th November	Bushfest Meeting Southern Highlands Irrigation Scheme
26 th November	Westerway Bush Watch Meeting
28 th November	Australasian Golf Museum Meeting
29 th November	Tall Poppies Ball
30 th November	Ellendale Market Day
1 st December	Ash Cottage Function
3 rd December	General Management Committee Meeting – Local Government Association Premier's Local Government Meeting
4 th December	Highlands Tasmania Tourism Meeting
6 th December	River Power Opening – Humbolt Power Station – Min. Matt Groom Bothwell Speed Shear

7.2 GENERAL MANAGER COMMITMENTS

18 th November	Council Meeting
20 th November	Meeting Andrew Graham, Plumber
24 th November	Highlands Bushfest Workshop Meeting EHO and on site Ellendale Southern Highlands Irrigation Scheme Launch
1 st December	Bothwell Swimming Pool Committee Meeting
3 rd December	Audit Panel Meeting
4 th December	Tourism Committee Meeting

8.0 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

Bushfest Workshop was held on Monday 24th November 2014 at Hamilton

8.1 FUTURE WORKSHOPS

9.0 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised that she had received great feedback from Bushfest and thanked all the staff involved.

10.0 MINUTES

10.1 RECEIVAL DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

Moved **Clr A W Bailey**

Seconded **Clr E M McRae**

THAT the Draft Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of **Council** held on **Tuesday 18th November 2014** be **received**.

Carried

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

10.2 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

Moved **Clr E M McRae**

Seconded **Clr L M Triffitt**

THAT the Draft Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of **Council** held on **Tuesday 18th November 2014** be **confirmed**.

Carried

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

10.3 RECEIVAL DRAFT AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

Audit Panel Minutes were not at hand at are to be deferred to the January Council Meeting

10.4 RECEIVAL DRAFT BOTHWELL SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved **Clr L M Triffitt**

Seconded **Clr A J Downie**

THAT the Draft Minutes of **Bothwell Swimming Pool Committee Meeting** of **Council** held on **Monday 1st December 2014** be **received**.

Carried

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

11.0 BUSINESS ARISING

12.0 NRM REPORT

Moved **Clr J R Allwright**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

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 R L Cassidy, Clr E J Evans, Clr E M McRae, Clr L M Triffitt

13.0 FINANCE REPORT

Moved **Clr E M McRae**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

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 R L Cassidy, Clr E J Evans, Clr E M McRae, Clr L M Triffitt

Chris Absolom left the meeting at 10.40am

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 E M McRae**

Seconded **Clr E J Evans**

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 R L Cassidy, Clr E J Evans, Clr E M McRae, Clr L M Triffitt

14.1 PA & SPA 2014/62 : SEPTIC TANK, HOLDING TANK, BOTTOMLESS SAND FILTER & FIT-OUT : 939 ELLENDALE ROAD, ELLENDALE : REMISSION OF FEES

Moved **Clr A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

THAT the Plumbing and Special Plumbing Application Fees of \$650.00 for the installation of a septic tank, holding tank, bottomless sand filter and fit-out of the Ellendale Hall be remitted.

Carried

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

Graham Rogers (DES Manager) and Kathy Bradburn (Senior Admin Officer) attended the meeting at 10.43am

Graham Rogers & Kathy Bradburn left the meeting at 10.59am

Jason Branch (Works Manager) attended the meeting at 10.59am

15.0 WORKS & SERVICES

Moved **Clr A W Bailey**

Seconded **Clr E M McRae**

THAT the Works & 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 R L Cassidy, Clr E J Evans, Clr E M McRae, Clr L M Triffitt

15.1 FOOTPATH AT BOTHWELL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Moved **Clr L M Triffitt**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

THAT Council contributes to half of the cost of replacing the footpath on the school grounds near the swimming pool.

Carried

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

15.2 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

Jason Branch left the meeting at 11.03 am

16.0 ADMINISTRATION

16.2 CLOSURE OF OLD ARTHURS LAKE ROAD

Moved **Clr A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr R L Cassidy**

THAT until Council receives notification from Crown; Council are not prepared to make a decision on the closure of Old Arthurs Lake Road not maintainable by Council.

Carried

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

16.3 BOTHWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

Moved **Clr A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr E M McRae**

That Council's solicitor be asked to prepare a lease between Council and the Bothwell Historical Society Inc for use of the rooms in the Old Headmasters House.

Carried

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

16.4 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Moved **Clr E M McRae**

Seconded **Clr E J Evans**

THAT Michael Brooks be named 2015 Citizen of the Year and Beth Hart, Senior Citizen of the Year.

Carried

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

16.5 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – LOCAL FOOD INITIATIVES OUSE

It was resolved that this item be deferred until Council consulted with local businesses, and invite Heather Bickford to Council's February Meeting.

16.6 LEASE OF PORTION OF COUNCIL LAND

Moved **Clr A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

THAT the lease be forwarded to Mr Stone for execution and the General Manager be authorised to sign and seal the lease.

Carried

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

16.7 CATTLE GRID POLICY

Moved **Clr E J Evans**

Seconded **Clr A W Bailey**

THAT Council adopt the Cattle Grid Policy.

Carried

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

16.8 SUBMISSIONS ON THE TASMANIAN ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

The Legislative Council Government Administration Committee "B" has recently determined to inquire and report upon the operations of the Tasmanian Electoral Office with particular reference to:

1. The administration of the Electoral Act 2004;
2. The resourcing available to the Tasmanian Electoral Commission;
3. Any deficiencies with the Electoral Act 2004;
4. Any other matters incidental thereto.

It was resolved that Councillors forward any comments to the General Manager by the 14th January, for the January Council Meeting.

16.9 CAPITAL VALUE RATING MODEL

Moved **Clr A J Downie**

Seconded **Clr L M Triffitt**

THAT the Local Government Office be invited to a Council workshop in February to present the Capital Value Rates Model.

Carried

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

16.10 STRATEGIC PLAN

Councils Strategic Plan expires in 2014 and a new 10 year plan needs to be developed. Council has a Strategic Planning Sub-Committee comprising Clr A Downie (Chair), Clr E McRae and Clr A Bailey. It is recommended that this sub-committee meet at the earliest opportunity to progress the new strategic plan.

Noted

16.11 REMISSIONS UNDER DELEGATION

The General Manager has given the following remission under delegation:

01-0806-03944	\$31.17	Penalty on rates
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Noted

17.0 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS

Moved **Clr L M Triffitt**

Seconded **Clr E M McRae**

THAT Council consider the matters on the Supplementary Agenda.

Carried

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

VOLUNTARY COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS

It was resolved that Council's view on Central Highlands is that it stays un-amalgamated as per the Monro Report.

DONATION RATHO GOLF DAY

A request for donation of \$3000 was received from Mr Greg Ramsay for a PGA golf day visit.

It was resolved that Council write to Mr Ramsay seeking more information on what the \$3000 would be used for and invite Mr Ramsay to the January Council Meeting.

Casey Bryant left the meeting at 12.15pm

MOTION INTO CLOSED MEETING

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Seconded **Clr R L Cassidy**

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18.0 CLOSURE

Mayor D E Flint closed the meeting at 12.45pm
