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**MINUTES
OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
HELD AT THE SORELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2012**

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The meeting commenced at 7 pm with Mayor Vincent in the Chair.

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING, WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Mayor opened the meeting, noted a full attendance of Councillors and thanked all those present for their attendance.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Mayor K Vincent
Deputy Mayor B McDonald
Councillor G Evans
Councillor J Dunbabin
Councillor K Degrassi
Councillor M Purdon
Councillor L White
Councillor R Leach
Councillor Cllr R Bunyan

COUNCIL STAFF

Bill Costin, General Manager
Bill Hyndes, Manager Environment & Development
Steve Hodge, Manager Engineering Services
Robyn Watts, Manager HR & Community Services
Sue Charles, Manager Finance and Information
Betty Spaulding, Personal Assistant to the General Manager

ELECTORS

Geoff Gilbert, Sorell
Sharon Fotheringham, Forcett
Gail Reeves, Forcett
Peter Derkley, Lewisham
Julene Vantoff, Lewisham
Kylie McLaren, Lewisham

3.0 MEETING PROCEDURES

The Mayor advised that the meeting procedures were outlined in the Agenda.

4.0 ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

Copies of the Annual Report had been issued to Councillors and were also available at the Annual General Meeting.

The Mayor and General Manager both addressed the meeting with their annual summaries.

4.1 PRESENTATION BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO) SUE CHARLES – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4.2 MOTION – APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

“That Council approve the Annual Report 2011/2012, which includes the Financial Statements.”

1/2012 DEGRASSI/LEACH

The Motion was put.

For: Evans, Dunbabin, Degrassi, Purdon, White, Leach, Bunyan, McDonald and Vincent

Against: None

The Motion was carried **CARRIED**.

Mayor Vincent thanked and congratulated Bill Costin and Sue Charles, and her team for their input into an extremely positive year and invited any questions in relation to the Annual Report 2011/2012.

5.0 SUBMISSIONS FOR ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

The Mayor advised that no written submissions for issues to be discussed were received, prior to the designated closing.

6.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY

Sharon Fotheringham asked about the maintenance of State roads. She said the surface of the road between Forcett and Primrose Sands turn off was again lifting and had only recently been redone and her car windscreen had been chipped. She asked if Council could tackle the Government concerning the condition of this road.

Mayor Vincent advised that DIER representatives had met with Sam Fenny, Council Works Manager to discuss this issue. **Clr Leach** said he agreed concerning the bad condition of this road.

Sharon also asked if Council would consider an upgrade, with provision of a walkway to alleviate the parking problem recently created at the Car Exhibition held at Forcett, where over 3,000 people attended. Houston's had offered parking on the other side of the road, however she felt it was unsafe as was on the other side of the road. She said this event would become bigger and better.

Mayor Vincent advised this matter would be discussed. It had been raised previously in a positive manner around the Council table.

Peter Derkley enquired about an economic development policy for business in the region to enable promotion and working with the Business Council and Council.

The General Manager advised it had been discussed with the Business Council for a vision to be jointly created with the Business Council for economic development of business in the region. However, at this stage it had not happened. Council has continued with small progressive developments such as RV short term stay, irrigation, Sorell Rivulet and walkway. A greater participation with all parties would be good. There was no local tourism authority in the Sorell area and hopefully this could emerge in the future with the creation of Destination Southern Tasmania (DST).

Mayor Vincent said this subject had always been a passion of his. There were business opportunities in Sorell and discussion on how to better business in the area as a whole would be good.

Sharon Fotheringham also asked if the Copping C-cell could be a leverage for State Highway upgrading? **The Mayor** advised that it definitely would create possible substantial funding.

Gail Reeves thanked councillors for attending the Sorell Girl Guides 'Last Bash'.

Mayor Vincent acknowledged transport problems. We had an ageing population, also many youth in the area travel to the city.

Gail Reeve asked what had happened with the Expressions of Interest for Community Groups and when would the first meeting be held. **The Mayor** advised that Council had discussed Pembroke Park issues earlier.

Clr McDonald said all councillors needed to see the Expressions of Interest and all expressions would receive a reply. The first meeting will be held in the New Year.

Gail Reeves asked if it would go on the Website. **Sue Charles** said the information and minutes from meetings could go on the website.

Mayor Vincent also advised that he had attended a meeting which Jess Radford had recently held with the Youth Advisory Group from the Sorell School. He said there had been some sensible discussion held. Sam Fenney also attended. **Robyn Watts** advised the Group had boxed up a path in the skate park and painted the shed which had been their own recommendations.

Clr White asked if when the digitation of records was done, a Business Register for the municipality could be made available for people to access.

Sue Charles and **General Manager** said such a register was a good idea and would be of benefit however, needed to talk to the Business Council as there was a lot of work involved in creating and maintaining such a register. Could be placed on the Website. **Clr White** said the Business Council would work together with Council on this matter.

Julene Vantoff said a petition had been lodged with Council concerning the Copping C-cell however, no response had been received. **Clr McDonald** in his capacity as Acting Mayor had said he would organise a public meeting. To date had heard nothing and still wanted that meeting.

Mayor Vincent said Terry James had also asked about the meeting. The EPA and John Brennan would answer questions. As Mayor Vincent was new in his role and the time of the year, he would organise a meeting to happen early in January 2013.

7.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 7.56 pm.

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**MAYOR VINCENT
CHARIPERSON
15 January 2013**

8.0 ACRONYMNS

AGM	Annual General Meeting
AIMS	Asset Infrastructure Maintenance System
ASU	Australian Services Union
CAC	Community Administration Centre
CLRS	Councillors
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CRDSJA	Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority
DASC	Development Assessment Special Committee
DEDTA	Department Economic Development, Tourism & The Arts
DPAC	Department of Premier & Cabinet
DST	Destination Southern Tasmania
EYLF	Early Years Learning Framework
EPA	Environment Permit Authority
EWaste	Electronic Waste
GG	Girl Guides
GM	General Manager
ICT	Information Communication Technology
JAWS	JAWS Architects
KRA	Key Result Areas
LGA	Local Government Act
LGMA	Local Government Manager's Association
LTI	Lost Time Injury
MAST	Marine & Safety Tasmania
MGR E&D	Manager Environment & Development
MGR F&I	Manager Finance & Information
MGR HR&CS	Manager Human Resources & Community Services
NBN	National Broadband Network
NRM	Natural Resource Management
OSHC	Outside School Hours Care
PCYC	Police & Citizens Youth Club
RDA	Regional Development Australia
RSL	Returned Services League
RTI	Right to Information
SEI	South East Irrigation
SMH	Sorell Memorial Hall
SW	Southern Water
STCA	Southern Tasmanian Councils Association
SWSA	Southern Waste Strategy Association
TCF	Tasmanian Community Fund
TFS	Tasmania Fire Service
TIC	Tasmanian Industrial Commission
WR	Workplace Relations