



MINUTES

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC), 47 COLE STREET, SORELL
ON 19 January 2021

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The meeting commenced at 6.00pm with Mayor Vincent in the Chair.

1.0 ATTENDANCE

Mayor K Vincent
Deputy Mayor N Reynolds
Councillor K Degrassi
Councillor V Gala
Councillor G Jackson
Councillor C Torenus
Councillor M Reed
Councillor B Nichols
Councillor D De Williams

2.0 APOLOGIES

NIL

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

R Higgins General Manager
S Gunn Manager Finance & Information

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Mayor requested any Councillors to indicate whether they had, or were likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda.

No Councillor indicated they had, or were likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any items on the agenda.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 15 DECEMBER 2020

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 15 DECEMBER 2020

RECOMMENDATION

“That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15 December 2020 be confirmed.”



1/2021 REED/DEGRASSI

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams, Gala and Vincent

Against: None

4.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 15 DECEMBER 2020

RECOMMENDATION

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 December 2020 be confirmed.”

2/2021 TORENIUS/NICHOLS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams, Gala and Vincent

Against: None

5.0 MAYOR’S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

“That the Mayor’s communication report as listed be received.”

3/2021 DEGRASSI/DE WILLIAMS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams, Gala and Vincent

Against: None



6.0 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

“That the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.”

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Council by absolute majority may approve the consideration of a matter not appearing on the agenda, where the General Manager has reported:

- a) The reason it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda; and
- b) That the matter is urgent; and
- c) That advice has been provided under section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

NIL Supplementary Items

7.0 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS REPORT

The following Council Workshops were held:

Date	Purpose	Councillor Attendance	Councillor Apologies
12 January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and 200th Anniversary Grant applications • Rates restructure • Sorell Rail Line / Shed 	All Councillors present	
19 January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-year budget review • Rates restructure 	All Councillors present	



8.0 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

“That the Departmental reports as listed be received.”

4/2021 DEGRASSI/GALA

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams, Gala and Vincent

Against: None

9.0 PETITIONS

At the time of preparation of this agenda no petitions had been received.

10.0 LAND USE PLANNING

The Mayor advised in accordance with the provisions of Part 2 Regulation 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the intention of the Council to act as a planning authority pursuant to the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 is to be noted.

In accordance with Regulation 25, the Council will act as a planning authority in respect to those matters appearing under item 10 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

10.1 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

“That the minutes of the Development Assessment Special Committee (DASC) Meeting of 12 January 2021 be noted.”

5/2021 JACKSON/REYNOLDS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams Gala and Vincent

Against: None



11.0 GOVERNANCE

11.1 MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

“That Council resolve to nominate the following employees for the appointment by the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to the roles of:

- Municipal Coordinator – Amy Neubauer (Works Manager;
- Deputy Municipal Coordinator – Robert Higgins (General Manager); and
- Deputy Municipal Recovery Coordinator – Robert Higgins (General Manager).”

6/2021 REED/NICHOLS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams Gala and Vincent

Against: None

12.0 HR & COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

“That Council approve the Country Women’s Association receiving a \$913.50 grant under the Community Grants Program.”

7/2021 DEGRASSI/REED

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams Gala and Vincent

Against: None



13.0 FINANCE & INFORMATION

13.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2020 YTD

RECOMMENDATION

“That the Executive Summary – FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2020 YEAR-TO-DATE be received and noted by Council.”

8/2021 NICHOLS/REED

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams Gala and Vincent

Against: None

14.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Regulation 31 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council will conduct a Public Question Time.

At each meeting the Mayor will invite those members of the public present to ask questions. When requested please:

- Stand up; and
- State clearly your name and address.

This time is allocated for questions from the public. Questions are to be kept brief and specific to the topic to which they relate.

Members of the public are reminded that questions and any answers to such questions are not to be debated.

Questions may be submitted to Council in writing at least seven (7) days before an ordinary Council meeting.

Sharon Fotheringham asked about the airport roadworks causing traffic delays. Mayor Vincent advised Sharon that Council are involved in some of the meetings. However, there is no easy way around the traffic congestion due to the size of the project.



CLOSED MEETING

Members are advised that items listed below in the CLOSED SESSION AGENDA are classified as CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

A Councillor must not discuss any item listed in a CLOSED SESSION AGENDA with any person (except another elected member, the General Manager or the author of a report to the closed session of Council or a Council Committee) without a specific resolution of the Council or a Council Committee that considered the report.

Section 338A (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 states that a Councillor must not disclose information:

- (a) seen or heard by the Councillor at a meeting or part of a meeting of a council or council committee that is closed to the public that is not authorised by the council or council committee to be disclosed; or*
- (b) given to the Councillor by the mayor, deputy mayor, chairperson of a meeting of the council or council committee or the general manager on the condition that it be kept confidential.*

Section 338A (3) states that a member must not disclose information acquired as such a member on the condition that it be kept confidential.

Additionally, Section 339 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that:

- (1) A councillor or a member must not make improper use of any information acquired as a councillor or member.*
- (3) Improper use of information includes using the information –*
 - (a) to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage or to avoid, directly or indirectly, a disadvantage for oneself, a member of one's family or a close associate; or*
 - (b) to cause any loss or damage to any council, controlling authority, single authority, joint authority or person.*



15.0 CLOSED MEETING

The General Manager advised that in his opinion the listing of agenda item/s:

Reference	Item
15.1	Confirmation of the Closed Council Minutes of the Council Meeting of 15 December 2020 – <i>Regulation 34(3)</i>
15.2	General Managers Performance Review – <i>Regulation 15(2)(a)</i>
15.3	Disclosure of confidential information – <i>Regulation 15(8)</i>

As prescribed items in accordance with Regulations 15 and 34 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, and therefore Council may by absolute majority determine to close the meeting to the general public.

RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be closed to the public to enable Council to consider agenda items 15.1 - 15.3 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulations 34 and 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

9/2021 JACKSON/DE WILLIAMS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams Gala, and Vincent

Against: None

15.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE CLOSED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 15 DECEMBER 2020

RECOMMENDATION

“That the Closed Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 December 2020 be confirmed.”

10/2021 JACKSON/DE WILLIAMS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams, Gala and Vincent

Against: None



15.2 GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW

11/2021 REED/NICHOLS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams Gala and Vincent

Against: None

15.3 AUTHORISATION TO DISCLOSE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

RECOMMENDATION

“That in accordance with Regulation 15(9) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to disclose information from this ‘Closed Section’ of this meeting in the course of implementing the decisions of Council.”

12/2021 REED/DE WILLIAMS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Torenus, Reynolds, Nichols, Reed, Jackson, Degrassi, De Williams Gala and Vincent

Against: None

The meeting closed at 7:34pm



16.0 ACRONYMNS

ACWC	Arts & Cultural Working Committee
AGM	Annual General Meeting
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
DSG	Department of State Growth
DST	Destination Southern Tasmania
EOI	Expressions of Interest
EPA	Environment Permit Authority
EWaste	Electronic Waste
GM	General Manager
ICT	Information Communication Technology
KAB	Keep Australia Beautiful
LGAT	Local Government Association of Tasmania
LTI	Lost Time Injury
MAST	Marine & Safety Tasmania
MGR E&R	Manager Engineering & Regulatory Services
MGR F&I	Manager Finance & Information
NBN	National Broadband Network
NRM	Natural Resource Management
PCYC	Police & Citizens Youth Club
RDA	Regional Development Australia
RSL	Returned Services League
RTI	Right to Information
SEI	South East Irrigation
SERDA	South East Region Development Association
SMH	Sorell Memorial Hall
SMT	Senior Management Team
STAARC	Sorell/Tasman Affected Area Recovery Committee
STCA	Southern Tasmanian Councils Association
SWSA	Southern Waste Strategy Association
TCF	Tasmanian Community Fund
TOR	Terms of Reference

