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**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 23 APRIL 2001**

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MEETING HELD AT: Town Hall, Launceston

Present: Alderman J B Lees (Mayor)
A L Waddle (Deputy Mayor)
A C Peck
G W Beams
R L McKendrick (1.04 pm)
H G Brookes
I J N Routley
M E Smart
R W Shipp
J Walters
R J Sands
J Dickenson

In Attendance: Mr R G Campbell (General Manager)
Mr M Reynolds (Corporate Secretary)
Mr S Pound (Committee Clerk/Admin Officer)

Apologies: Alderman Nil

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 Mr T Seymour – Kings Meadows- Refuse Collection

Mr T Seymour asked a question in relation to Agenda item 11.2 – Refuse Collection.

Mr Seymour asked –

I note that other environmental or alternative environmental projects have been suggested for meeting 3.

Please elaborate on what might be discussed at this meeting.

- If it is not planned to discuss public place recycling, business recycling or dial up recycling for people unable to get to remote recycling facilities would it be possible to place these items within the committee's brief?**

4 DEPUTATION**4.1 Deputation - Rob Gaison - Tourism Tasmania**

FILE NO: SF2368

AUTHOR: Ian Abernethy (Manager Strategic Development)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation at 1.00 pm in the form of Rob Gaison, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Tasmania to discuss matters of common interest relevant to tourism.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the deputation be received by Council.

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman A L Waddle.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

The deputation attended at 1.04 pm.

The deputation consisted of Mr Rob Gaison, Chief Executive Officer of Tourism Tasmania. Mr Gaison provided a report on the state of tourism in Tasmania. Some points made, using statistics for 1999 – 2000 were –

- 531,700 visitors came to Tasmania, of which 290, 000 were visitors on holidays.

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4.1 Deputation - Rob Gaison - Tourism Tasmania ...(Cont'd)

- 83% of people travelling to Tasmania were Domestic travelers.
- Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland are the main source of visitors to Tasmania.
- The number of international visitors increased by 25%.
- 137,420 people arrived via Launceston Airport.
- 80% of all visitors come by air.
- The ratio of air to sea arrivals for holiday visitors is 70% by air, 30% by sea.
- Consumers tend to be changing towards “walking in” to accommodation and other facilities rather than booking ahead.
- Consumers are travelling more often for shorter periods of time.
- Consumers are looking for tailored packages to suit their interests and time frame.
- Brand Tasmania provides a way of highlighting the state’s best aspects such as wine, food, heritage and wilderness.
- Total visitor expenditure in 1999 was \$842 million.
- 1 in 10 people in Tasmania are employed in Tourism.

The deputation answered the questions of Council.

The deputation withdrew at 1.50 pm.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 9 April 2001 be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the inclusion in Item 8.3, Entrance Fees for Non Swimmers at Council Pools, the Recommendation presented to Council during the Council Meeting of 9 April 2001 and reproduced below –

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council allow free admission to carers accompanying a disabled swimmer who do not swim or use other recreational facilities whilst attending to the disabled customer
 2. Parents or carers accompanying children engaged in fee paying and supervised training programmes who do not swim or use other recreational facilities be charged \$1.00 per admission
 3. People accompanying casual users of the pool who do not swim or utilise other recreational facilities pay the full admission price of \$2.80.
2. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 9 April 2001 in closed session be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman A L Waddle, seconded Alderman A C Peck.

That the Recommendation be adopted subject to the alteration of Item 17.5 - Youth Week - that the word “will”, following the word “Week” (second occurring), be changed to the word “should”.

CARRIED

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

6.1 HMAS Launceston

The Mayor reported that HMAS Launceston is on the way to Tasmania, and although weather has delayed the arrival, HMAS Launceston should be here in time for ANZAC Day.

6.2 Certificate of Appreciation

The Mayor read a Certificate of Appreciation presented to Council by the Committee of 10 Days on the Island in recognition of the assistance provided by the Launceston City Council.

7 PETITIONS**7.1 Letter of Petition – Gladman Street**

Alderman R L McKendrick tabled a petition received from a number of residents of Gladman Street in East Launceston requesting that the Launceston City Council improve the street's surface.

DIVISIONAL MINUTES ITEMS

8 BUSINESSES and OPERATIONS

Mr R Fisher and Mr P Mickan were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 8.1 – 8.7 inclusive.

8.1 76 Bain Terrace - Demolish Shed - Construct Single Dwelling (Scenic Protection)

FILE NO: DA0120/2001

AUTHOR: Andrew West (Development Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an application to construct a single dwelling in a Scenic Protection Area.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That council approve DA0120/2001 to demolish a shed and construct a single dwelling within a Scenic Protection area subject to the following conditions.

Conditions:

ENDORSED PLANS

1. The use and/or development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the written consent of the Manager Approvals.

2. PAINT FINISH

All external surfaces shall be of a pretreated nonreflective colour finish, or painted in muted colours to a good trade standard.

3. LANDSCAPING

Landscaping is to be carried out in accordance with the endorsed plan.

8.1 76 Bain Terrace - Demolish Shed - Construct Single Dwelling (Scenic Protection) ...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman G W Beams, seconded Alderman A C Peck.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED ON A SHOW OF HANDS 6:5

8.2 3-23 Gilmore St, 65-85 Murphy St, 1 River St, 2 River St & Kings Wharf Esplanade (Gleadow St) - Use Property to Deposit & Harvest Silt, Construct Pipeline & Associated Works (Buffer Area 1, Flood Risk Area)

FILE NO: DA0042/2001

AUTHOR: Andrew West (Development Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an application to use the property at 3-23 Gilmore Street, 65-85 Murphy Street, 1 River St, 2 River St and Kings Wharf Esplanade(Gleadow St) to deposit and harvest silt, construct a pipeline from Town Point to silt ponds and associated works.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve DA0042/2001 to use the property at 3-23 Gilmore Street, 65-85 Murphy Street, 1 River St, 2 River Street and Kings Wharf Esplanade(Gleadow St) to deposit and harvest silt, construct a pipeline from town point to silt ponds and associated works subject to the following conditions:

ENDORSED PLANS

1. The use and/or development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the written consent of the Manager Approvals.

2. **EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN**

A site management plan is to be submitted detailing how soil and water is to be managed on the site during the activities. The management plan is to include the following:

- a) Allotment boundaries, contours, approximate grades of slope and directions of fall;
- b) Location of adjoining roads, impervious surfaces, underground services and existing drainage;
- c) Location and types of all existing natural vegetation, the proposed location of topsoil stockpiles and the limit of clearing, grading and filling;
- d) Critical natural areas such as drainage lines, cliffs, wetlands and unstable ground;

8.2 3-23 Gilmore St, 65-85 Murphy St, 1 River St, 2 River St & Kings Wharf Esplanade (Gleadow St) - Use Property To Deposit & Harvest Silt, Construct Pipeline & Associated Works (Buffer Area 1, Flood Risk Area) ...(Cont'd)

- e) The estimated dates for the start and finish of the works;
- f) The erosion control practices to be used on the site such as cut off drains, fencing off areas to be undisturbed, revegetation program and so on;
- g) The sediment control practices to be used on site such as silt fencing, stabilised site access, filter screens for inlets to the drainage system, sediment traps and so on;
- h) Timing of the site rehabilitation or landscaping program;
- i) Outline of the maintenance program for the erosion and sediment controls.

Works must not begin prior to the approval of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF WORKS

The applicant is to construct all pipelines in accordance with detailed construction plans prepared by suitably qualified persons and complying with current Council standards and approved by the Infrastructure Assets Manager prior to any works commencing. A fee of 0.35% of the value of the public works is payable for the approval of engineering plans in accordance with Council's fee structure adopted pursuant to Section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Such plans and specifications are to include the necessary dimensions for road and levee reinstatement, pavement design where relevant, calculations of flow rates and pipe sizes for drains and the materials used in construction.

4. COMPLETION OF WORKS

All pipeline works are to be carried out to Council standards and to the satisfaction of the Infrastructure Assets Manager and under the direct supervision of a civil engineer engaged by the owner and approved by the Council. Certification that all works have been carried out in accordance with the approved engineering design plans and to Council standards will be required prior to issue of the Certificate of Practical Completion.

- 8.2 3-23 Gilmore St, 65-85 Murphy St, 1 River St, 2 River St & Kings Wharf Esplanade (Gleadow St) - Use Property To Deposit & Harvest Silt, Construct Pipeline & Associated Works (Buffer Area 1, Flood Risk Area) ...(Cont'd)**
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Council charges a fee for the inspection of public works in accordance with Council's fee structure adopted pursuant to Section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993. This fee is set at 0.50% of the value of the public works for a final inspection only and an hourly rate for reinspections. A minimum fee of \$50 is charged for minor works. Where the applicant has not appointed an engineer, Council's supervision fee is set at 3.0% of the value of the works.

5. CONSTRUCTION PLANS

An "as constructed" plan of the pipeline works shall be provided in accordance with Council's standard requirements for as constructed drawings. A separate copy of the requirements is available from the Infrastructure Assets Division.

6. HOURS OF OPERATION

The silt ponds may only operate between the hours of 7.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman G W Beams, seconded Alderman A L Waddle.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

8.3 144 Granville Street - Section 71 Agreement on Subdivision

FILE NO: D192/99

AUTHOR: Peter Stephens (Approvals Co-ordinator)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To determine an application for ending of a Section 71 Agreement under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 for No 144 Granville Street

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

18 August 1999 – Agenda Item No 8

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council agree to the ending of a registered agreement under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 for No 144 Granville Street, Certificate of Title Volume 134977, Folio 6.

This Item was withdrawn from the Council Agenda.

8.4 373 Invermay Road and 8 Luck Street - Subdivision (Boundary Adjustment)

FILE NO: DA0075/2001

AUTHOR: Mark Westaway (Senior Development Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an application to adjust the boundaries of two lots.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That application DA0075/2001 to subdivide (boundary adjustment) by CSPP on behalf of G V & L V Grant at 373 Invermay Road and 8 Luck Street be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. APPROVED PLAN

The subdivision is to take place generally in accordance with the approved plan.

2. No access to 373 Invermay Road is permitted via 8 Luck Street.

3. FINAL PLAN OF SURVEY

The final plan of survey will not be sealed until all conditions have been complied with.

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman A L Waddle, seconded Alderman A C Peck.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

8.5 338 Invermay Road - Construct Billboard Sign

FILE NO: DA0084/2001

AUTHOR: Mark Westaway (Senior Development Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an application to construct and use a Billboard sign

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council refuse Application DA0084/2001 to construct a 4.4m x 2.2m internally illuminated billboard sign at 338 Invermay Road on the following grounds:

1. The sign is unnecessary to the function of the Telstra Mowbray exchange.
2. The property is already effectively signposted.
3. The sign provides potential for third party advertising.
4. The sign lighting extends into the airspace of Invermay Road.
5. The sign may provide an additional distraction to traffic.

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman M E Smart, seconded Alderman I J N Routley.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

8.6 16 Dry Street and 13-15 Bedford Street - Use premises for the Purpose of a Bus Depot for the Storage of Buses

FILE NO: DA0088/2001

AUTHOR: Andrew West (Development Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an application to use the premises at 16 Dry St & 13-15 Bedford St for the storage of buses.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve DA0088/2001 to use the premises at 16 Dry St and 13-15 Bedford St for the storage of buses subject to the following conditions:

1. ENDORSED PLANS

The use and/or development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the written consent of the Manager Approvals.

2. ADHESION

Before the use commences, Lot 1 on RP 126268 and Lot 1 on RP 126266 must be adhered under the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993.

3. CAR PARKING

Before the use commences, areas set aside for parking vehicles and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plans must be:

- a) Properly constructed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans.
- b) Surfaced with an all-weather sealcoat.
- c) Linemarked to indicate each car space and access lanes.
- d) Buses are not to be parked on the concrete apron on Bedford St.

Parking areas and access lanes must be kept available for these purposes at all times.

8.6 16 Dry Street And 13-15 Bedford Street - Use Premises For The Purpose Of A Bus Depot For The Storage Of Buses ...(Cont'd)

4. STREET ACCESS

Vehicles are to enter and leave the site in a forward direction. Vehicles under the control of the owner or tenant of the site are not to reverse into the site from the street or to reverse out onto the street.

5. ACCESS TO BEDFORD STREET

Bedford Street is not to be used for routine access by buses. The building located at 13-15 Bedford Street is to be accessed from the Dry St entrance only.

6. HOURS OF OPERATION

- (i) Routine use of the site may only occur between the hours of 7.30am and 6.30pm.
- (ii) If a bus is required to return to the site after the usual hours of operation then it shall not be reversed to park and shall be turned the following day within the approved hours of operation.

7. MAINTENANCE OF BUSES

Servicing and washing of buses is not permitted on site.

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman A L Waddle.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

8.7 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business**Businesses and Operations Division**

8.7.1 Spraying in Coupe 126C – Mount Arthur

Alderman A L Waddle explained that there had been reports of spraying herbicide from a helicopter at Coupe 126C Mount Arthur.

The Mayor pointed out that a similar report was being investigated as the person giving the report did not actually see the spraying. The Mayor suggested that when further information became available, the matter would be raised later in the meeting.

8.7.2 Store it Safe – Sign near Charles Street Bridge.

Alderman R J Sands asked about the sign for Store It Safe garages.

Mr Fisher answered that an application to approve the sign has been received, it is approximately three times the size allowed and Mr Mickan will keep Alderman advised.

8.7.3 Sign near Charles Street – Council position.

Alderman M E Smart asked if the Council's attitude towards the sign had been conveyed to the owner.

Mr Mickan explained that a Council Officer had had preliminary discussions with the owner and the owner was aware that the sign is not acceptable.

8.7.4 Illegal Dwelling – Faraday Street

Alderman H G Brookes asked if Council was going to prosecute the owner of a property in Faraday Street who had installed a septic tank illegally.

Mr Mickan advised that if the property owner did not change the situation in accordance with the law, he would be prosecuted.

8.7.5 Breach of Permit – 178 George Town Road

Alderman J Dickenson told Council that a resident near 178 George Town Road had reported that several residents in the area had seen three trucks delivering second hand material to 178 George Town Road, in breach of a Permit issued by Council.

Mr Mickan answered that once the Permit came into force following the appeal process, the Council would be able to use current photographic evidence to determine if any extra second hand materials had been brought onto the site. The owner, as a condition of the permit, was also required to provide an inventory of goods stored on the site.

9 TOTAL WORKFORCE

Mr R Sweetnam was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 91 inclusive.

9.1 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business

Total Workforce Division

9.1.1 Road Re-construction - Update

Alderman G W Beams asked about the current situation with road re-construction, was Council maintaining planned budget and time constraints?

Mr Sweetnam answered that that was really a question for Mr Brayford.

9.1.2 Tendering – Amount done by Total Workforce

Alderman G W Beams asked how many tenders Total Workforce was applying for.

Mr Sweetnam replied that Total Workforce had reduced the number of tenders it had applied for because the organisation was concentrating on ensuring that internal procedures and operations were up to a high standard following updates in operating procedures and computer upgrades.

9.1.3 Business Advisory Committee - Effectiveness

Alderman G W Beams asked if the Business Advisory Committee had been an effective part of contributing to Total Workforce activities.

Mr Sweetnam replied that the initial period of settling in has not been finished, however, once this is done the Business Advisory Committee should provide a valuable contribution to Total Workforce activities.

9.1.4 Total Workforce Dividend

Alderman G W Beams asked if the dividend expected from Total Workforce would meet expectations.

Mr Sweetnam answered that the dividend may be smaller than expected, however, only by a matter of a few thousand dollars.

9.1.5 Tender Review Committee

Alderman H G Brookes asked about the shortfalls in Contractors Specifications discovered by the Tender Review Committee.

Mr Sweetnam responded that both Total Workforce and Infrastructure Assets will be working to improve specifications.

10 STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr I Abernethy and Mr R Groenewegen were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 10.1 inclusive.

10.1 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business

Strategic Development Division

10.1.1 Equity Diecasters – Letterhead on Council Fax

Alderman I J N Routley asked why a fax received by Aldermen had a company letterhead and not a Council one?

Mr Abernethy took the question on notice.

10.1.2 Report on Setbacks and Overshadowing

Alderman I J N Routley asked if a report could be submitted to Council regarding any possible changes to the setback of buildings from fence lines and the overshadowing of neighbouring buildings.

Mr Abernethy took the question on notice.

10.1.3 Income and Expenditure – York Park

Alderman I J N Routley asked for a report into the income and expenditure for York Park.

Mr Abernethy took the question on notice.

10.1.4 Bellerive Grandstands

Alderman R L McKendrick asked for an explanation of the situation regarding the Bellerive Grandstands.

Mr Groenewegen answered that the Grandstands at Bellerive are for sale and that the Launceston City Council may want to purchase them to provide additional seating at York Park.

10.1.5 Heritage Advisory Council

Alderman A L Waddle announced that at a recent meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee it was asked of Alderman Waddle to mention that a workshop will be held on 24 May 2001 and Aldermen are invited.

10.1.6 York Park Authority – Community Members

Alderman A L Waddle asked who are the community members of the York Park Committee.

Mr Campbell responded that the Council has not yet formally created the York Park Committee, as a Controlling Authority.

10.1.7 Article in Examiner

Alderman A C Peck asked permission to speak to an Item not on the Council Agenda.

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman A L Waddle.

That Alderman Peck be allowed to speak to an Item not on the Council Agenda.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Alderman Peck spoke to an article in the Launceston Examiner of Friday 20 April 2001 regarding the improvements to the Launceston Central Business District and commented on suggestions in the article that inaction by Council had contributed to the failure of a Launceston business.

Alderman Peck commented that suggestions in the article that angle parking should have been used in the Avenue were impractical as the streets in Launceston are too narrow for angle parking, even if the footpath was a narrower width.

He also indicated that Council had developed a By-law to govern outside dining, once a demand had been established.

Launceston City Council has an excellent record in improving the Central Business District and ideas that the Launceston City Council have implemented are now used by other Councils.

Rent prices in central Launceston appear to be too high and it may be time that landlords in the Central Business District realised that prices must be lowered if people are to rent premises in central Launceston.

10.1.8 Comments in the Examiner – Launceston CBD

Alderman G W Beams agreed with Alderman Peck's comments and pointed out that the Avenue is what the majority of Shop owners and ratepayers wanted. The provision of a wide footpath allows pedestrians easy movement around the Launceston Central Business District.

10.1.9 New Rules – Rollerblading and Similar Activities.

Alderman M E Smart asked how the Council is preparing for new rules covering Rollerblading and other similar activities in public streets.

Mr Abernethy replied that Council has decided that some pedestrian areas are to be free of these activities and that there is no plan for any signage of new rules for other areas.

10.1.10 Central Area Strategy – Wider Consultation

Alderman J Dickenson asked if there was any possibility of a travelling information session regarding the Central Area Strategy.

Mr Abernethy replied that there was, however, it is hoped to finish the consultation process soon so the project can move on.

10.1.11 Central Area Strategy – What is the Next Stage

Alderman G W Beams asked what was the next stage in the process of developing the Central Area Strategy.

Mr Abernethy replied that once the submission deadline has arrived a report will be given to Council containing information about the submissions given.

10.1.12 Central Area Strategy – School of Architecture Involvement

Alderman I J N Routley asked if the School of Architecture at the University of Tasmania Launceston Campus had been sent any correspondents regarding this strategy.

Mr Abernethy replied that the school had been informed at an early stage and is being kept up to date on developments.

10.1.13 Bellerive Grandstands – Cost of Investment

Alderman G W Beams asked if it would be a better investment to build new grandstands to make York Park a first class ground.

Mr Groenewegen replied that it probably would be better to develop new grandstands at York park.

10.1.14 York Park Funding – Concerns About Other Grounds.

Alderman G W Beams expressed concerns over a report that Launceston City Council may be involved in a major development of another ground as well as York Park.

Mr Groenewegen detailed the AFL's Regional Sports Ground report and said a copy will be made available to Aldermen.

10.1.15 Bellerive Grandstands – Cost of Relocation.

Alderman A L Waddle asked about the cost of purchasing the grandstands from Bellerive.

Mr Groenewegen pointed out that accurate costs were impossible to give at the time as the initial purchase cost is only a part of the total cost. Other costs include the disassembly of the grandstands at Bellerive, transport to Launceston, construction of footings, re-assembly of the grandstands and modifications to make them blend in with the existing grandstands.

10.1.16 York Park Funding – Upgrade of Existing Facilities

Alderman M E Smart asked if would be more beneficial to provide money to upgrade existing facilities at York Park rather than buying second hand grandstands.

Mr Groenewegen agreed that Council should consider other options for the development of York Park.

11 INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS

Mr G Brayford was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 11.1 – 11.7 inclusive.

11.1 11 Chungon Crescent - Request for Assistance to Fence Walkway Adjacent to Property

FILE NO: 4572

AUTHOR: Martin Reynolds (Corporate Secretary)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a Notice of Motion from Alderman I J N Routley in respect to a request from the owners of 11 Chungon Crescent for assistance to erect a fence along the walkway adjoining their boundary.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provide an ex gratia payment to the owners of 11 Chungon Crescent towards the construction of a fence on a walkway boundary.

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman G W Beams.

That the Recommendation be adopted, subject to the inclusion in the recommendation of the words “of \$350” following the word “payment”.

CARRIED

11.2 Refuse Collection - Scope for Tender

FILE NO: SF0632

AUTHOR: Robert Holmes (Waste Management Coordinator)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To resolve issues involving the refuse collection contract including kerbside recycling or other environmental projects

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That a subcommittee of officers and four Aldermen be formed to report back to Council with a recommendation to define the extent of the garbage collection service, and consideration of kerbside recycling or other environmental projects.

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman H G Brookes, seconded Alderman G W Beams.

That this Item be referred to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee.

CARRIED

11.3 Tender Review Committee Meeting 11th April 2001

FILE NO: SF0100

AUTHOR: Geoff Brayford (Manager – Infrastructure Assets)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the decisions taken by the Tender Review Committee at the above meeting

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman H G Brookes, seconded Alderman R W Shipp.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

11.4 Kingsmeadows Drainage Easement and Carparking

FILE NO: 11336

AUTHOR: Robert Holmes (Infrastructure Assets Coordinator)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider issues involving Council land

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council deal with this issue in closed session as it deals with proposals for the acquisition of land or disposal of land which is not public land.

This Item was dealt with in Closed Session.

11.5 Fire Protection and Security Systems for Parks Heritage Buildings

FILE NO: SF3144

AUTHOR: Andrew Smith (Manager – Parks & Recreation)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To determine Council's support for the upgrading of fire protection and security systems for specific Parks' buildings.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following recommendations based upon the Johnstone McGee and Gandy Pty. Ltd., (JMG) Report be referred for consideration by Council during the 2001/2002 budgeting process.

Gorge Restaurant

\$22,400.00 for the installation of a domestic sprinkler system, replacement of the existing security system to provide an integrated sprinkler and security system and minor works to comply with AS 2419.

Gorge Rotunda

\$3,600.00 for the installation of smoke detection and fire hose equipment (includes \$2,000.00 for trenching and connection to a new Gorge Restaurant integrated security/fire alarm system).

Gate Keeper's Cottage

\$2,600.00 for the installation of smoke detection equipment with an audible alarm and fire hose.

Launceston City Park Cottage

\$10,800.00 for the installation of an integrated fire detection and security system and fire hose.

11.5 Fire Protection And Security Systems For Parks Heritage Buildings ...(Cont'd)

Ravenswood Community Centre

\$6,500.00 for improving the security system and the installation of security grilles.

Waverley Community Centre

\$6,100.00 for the installation of a security system and security grilles.

York Park Grandstand

\$6,800.00 for the installation of a security system to compliment the existing fire detection system.

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman H G Brookes.

That the recommendations in the J.M.G. Report be the basis of work to be undertaken by Infrastructure Assets on Council owned properties only, with the work to be financed from Infrastructure Assets unforeseen events account.

CARRIED

11.6 George Street (William - Cimitiere)**FILE NO:** SF1469**AUTHOR:** Damien Naughton (Roads Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

1. To seek Council's approval to adjust budget allocations to cover project cost increases
2. This decision requires an absolute majority of Council

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

2000/2001 Budget approvals

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council deal with this item in Closed session as it relates to information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential

CLOSED RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council approve relocation of these funds to the following projects as indicated:

Project	Present Allocation	Adjustment	New Allocation
York Street (George – St John)	\$25,000	-\$25,000	\$0
Wentworth Street (High to Abbott)	\$285,000	-\$60,000	\$225,000
George Street (William to Cimitiere)	\$100,000	+\$85,000	\$185,000
Budget Allocation	\$410,000	\$0	\$410,000

This Item was dealt with in open Council.

11.6 George Street (William - Cimitiere) ...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

11.7 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business

Infrastructure Assets Division

11.7.1 White Line – Vermont Road

Alderman A C Peck asked if it would be possible to put a white line along Vermont Road in response to safety concerns raised by members of the public.

Mr Brayford took the question on notice.

11.7.2 Traffic Hazard – Belhaven Street

Alderman R L McKendrick asked if it would be possible for the Council to improve safety by preventing trucks from using Belhaven Street/Elphin Road junction, and enforcing access from Hoblers Bridge Road and Olive Street

Mr Brayford took the question on notice.

11.7.3 Vision Zero – Possibility in Launceston

Alderman R L McKendrick commented on the Swedish Vision Zero idea and asked if it would be possible for the ideas of that programme to be implemented in Launceston.

Mr Brayford replied that a report will be prepared for Council at a future date.

11.7.4 Rules for Rollerblading and Similar Activities.

Alderman M E Smart asked what the Council was doing about the impact of the new rules starting on 1 July 2001.

Mr Brayford took the question on notice.

11.7.5 Adjustments to Budgets

Alderman J Dickenson asked what the procedure was if an allocated budget amount needed to be altered.

Mr Brayford replied that if a project was under budget the surplus was usually not re-allocated until the following round of budget decisions.

11.7.6 Closing a One Way street – Earl Street

Alderman H G Brookes asked if closing off Earl Street for work on and around the Princess Theatre prevented entry to the Great Northern Hotel.

Mr Brayford replied that the narrowness of Earl Street meant that it was unsafe for work to be carried out without the road being closed. If the road was closed the Launceston City Council made provision for entrance via the other end of Earl Street.

11.7.7 Mowbray Revitalisation Opening

Alderman A L Waddle reported that the Mowbray Revitalisation would be celebrated with a gala opening on 28 April 2001.

The Mayor adjourned the Meeting at 3.35 pm.

The Mayor reconvened the Meeting at 3.47 pm.

Alderman Beams and Alderman McKendrick were absent.

12 CORPORATE SERVICES**12.1 Rating Remission 69-71 Cimitiere Street, Launceston**

FILE NO: SF0523/4654/27948/27949/27950

AUTHOR: Michael Tidey (Manager Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a request for a rating remission from the vendors of 69-71 Cimitiere Street under the provisions of Section 129 of the Local Government Act.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this item be dealt with in Closed Council as it concerns the health or financial position of any person/company.

This Item was dealt with in Closed Session.

12.2 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business

Corporate Services Division

12.2.1 Asphalt Plant – Remount Road

Alderman M E Smart asked if the Council has sold the asphalt plant at remount Road.

Mr Tidey replied that the Council is currently finishing remedial work on the area and then a sale can go ahead.

12.2.2 Price Rise - Asphalt

Alderman M E Smart asked about the rise in price of asphalt.

Mr Tidey replied that the increase in petroleum prices has increased the price of asphalt, this has been taken into account by the Launceston City Council.

Alderman Beams reentered the Chamber at 3.48 pm.

Alderman McKendrick reentered the Chamber at 3.50 pm.

13 GENERAL MANAGER**13.1 Policy - Grants Programme**

FILE NO: SF0488

AUTHOR: Gary W Stokes

DECISION STATEMENT:

To adopt a new grants programme policy.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council repeal Policies GEN12 (Community Grants Policy) and GEN16 (Events – Policies and Procedures) effective from 1 July 2001.
2. That Council adopt the following Grants Programme Policy effective from 1 July 2001.

Policy

Grants funds may be used to assist:

- community events
- conventions and conferences visiting the City
- projects of local community groups, organisations and individuals.

Council's support should be limited to:

- a) The provision of grant funding
- b) The participation of officers and Aldermen on community committees
- c) Assistance with the preparation of agendas and minutes for community committee meetings
- d) Provision of temporary office accommodation and/or administration when needed
- e) Assistance from Total Workforce, Town Hall Service Centre and other Council departments
- f) In the case of A Night in the Gorge and Australia Day underwriting the event.

Applications for events, conferences, conventions and projects will be assessed against the following guidelines. Events that are expected to attract 2,000 or more patrons are to be considered as major events.

13.1 Policy - Grants Programme ...(Cont'd)

Guidelines:

	Major Community Events Conventions Conferences	Projects & Minor Community Events
Not for individual/business profit	yes/no	yes/no
Defined achievable outcomes	yes/no	yes/no
Financial feasibility (if grant received)	yes/no	yes/no
High level of community participation and benefit	✓	--
High level of local community participation and benefit	--	✓
Promotes the City or community	✓	✓
Brings economic benefit to the City	✓	--
Builds the lifestyle/heritage/amenity and culture of the City	✓	✓
Evidence of financial and organisational planning	✓	✓
Evidence of "self support" for activity (financial/volunteers etc)	✓	✓
Strongly linked to Council's Strategic Plan	✓	✓

Individuals:

It will be recommended to Council to provide a grant to individuals living in the municipality who have been selected to represent Tasmania or Australia in sporting, academic or cultural endeavors. These people would be Ambassadors for Launceston or bring back experience that will benefit the City and its citizens.

Activity is overseas	\$200 per individual
Activity is interstate	\$100 per individual
Activity is intrastate	\$50 per individual

Administration Costs:

Council will not provide funding for ongoing administrative costs. The only administrative costs that will be paid are those associated with a specific event.

Street Banners:

Council will not provide funding for the erection of street banners.

13.1 Policy - Grants Programme ...(Cont'd)

Assessment:

- All final decisions on grants will be made by Council
- All applications will first be reviewed by a team of officers and assessed against the policy guidelines
 - The application will be judged on each criteria using a rating of high (3 points), medium (2 points), low (1 point) and not applicable (no points). The application will be given a percentage rating. In most cases applications under 50% will not be recommended for approval.
 - The recommendations will not take into account political issues although they may be mentioned in the report to Council. Council makes the final decision and need not accept the recommendations made by the assessment team.
 - It is noted that the categories of Major Community Events and Conventions/Conferences will be scored out of 21 points. Projects and Minor Community Events will be scored out of 18 points.
 - The assessment team will not normally recommend a grant if the three musts – the yes/no answers in the assessment guidelines are not answered yes.
- For events held on Council owned or controlled property it is compulsory to have a Council approved site manager.
- The assessment team will also note past assistance and other relevant information.

Grant Agreement:

The grant recipient will be required to sign a grant funding agreement that will detail:

- i) The purposes for which the grant is provided.
- ii) Details of other Council assistance.
- iii) The extent to which Council's facilities will be used by the event.
- iv) The acquittal time for the grant.
- v) Repayment arrangements if the grant is not fully used.
- vi) The limit of Council's liability for the event outcome.
- vii) Public liability and other insurance arrangements (minimum \$10,000,000).
- viii) Requirements for audited financial statements detailing income and expenditure associated with the event and a report on the event to be provided within 60 days of its completion.
- ix) Public Places licence
- x) The GST status of the group is to be included.

13.1 Policy - Grants Programme ...(Cont'd)

Funding Rounds:

There will be six (6) funding rounds per year. Normally, no more than one-sixth of the budget will be recommended for approval in each funding round. Any money left from one funding round may be allocated in the next funding round. The proposed time frames for grants to be considered are;

<u>Application received</u>	<u>Grant assessed/Council decision</u>
June/July	August
August/September	October
October/November	December
December/January	February
February/March	April
April/May	June

The highest scoring applications in each round will be recommended for funding. Any application that reaches 50% but is not recommended for funding will be considered in the next funding round, subject to the applicants approval.

Funding limitations:

The normal limit of any one community grant will be 10% of the annual budget for community grants. However, Council may determine to provide grants in excess of this amount. Any applications received for funds in excess of 10% of the annual budget will be assessed and arrangements will be made for the applicant(s) to be a deputation to Council.

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman H G Brookes, seconded Alderman A L Waddle.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

13.2 Community Grant Request - Football Tasmania - the Tasmanian Football Development Foundation

FILE NO: SF0486

AUTHOR: Gary W Stokes (Manager Civic Affairs)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To respond to a request for assistance.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council not provide a grant to Football Tasmania for 50% of the fees payable for use of ground and lights at York Park and Invermay Park during the 2001 football season as the Community Assistance budget has been expended.

DECISION: 23/04/2001

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman M E Smart.

That this item be deferred pending receipt of schedule of charges for York Park.

CARRIED

13.3 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business

General Manager Division

13.3.1 Operations in Coupe 126C Mount Arthur

Alderman J Dickenson asked if any information had been received regarding the reports of spraying in Coupe 126C Mount Arthur.

The Mayor replied that the matter would be dealt with in Announcements by the Mayor.

13.3.2 Minutes of Special Committees - Advice from Local Government Office

Alderman G W Beams asked if the General Manager had received information or advice from the Local Government Office, regarding the provision of minutes from a special committee to the public.

The General Manager replied that the matter will be dealt with in the next Strategic Planning and Policy Committee meeting.

13.3.3 Refusal to Give Information to an Alderman

Alderman G W Beams asked if it was known which Council officer refused to give information to an Alderman.

The General Manager replied that a memorandum had been circulated to Aldermen on the subject.

13.3.4 Purchase ARC Warehouse – Remount Road

This item was dealt with in Closed Council.

14 NOTICE OF MOTION**15 REPORTS BY THE MAYOR**

The Mayor reported that spraying had occurred in Coupe 126C Mount Arthur and that the neighbouring residents had not been informed as they live further from the boundary of the Coupe than the minimum specified, in order to require a logging contractor to give prior notice.

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman J Dickenson, seconded Alderman A L Waddle.

For permission to move a motion not on the Council Agenda.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

RESOLUTION: (2):

Moved Alderman J Dickenson, seconded Alderman A L Waddle.

That the Mayor write to Minister Lennon voicing Council's concern surrounding Forestry Tasmania's spraying in the area of Mount Arthur in our Municipality.

CARRIED

16 REPORTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

17 ALDERMEN'S/DELEGATES' REPORTS**17.1 Impulse Airlines**

Alderman A C Peck thanked the Aldermen who attended a dinner with the Chief Executive officer of Impulse Airlines. Alderman Peck thanked the CEO of Impulse for his prompt response to an invitation to Launceston and reported that Impulse is scheduled to commence operations into Launceston in September.

17.2 NAPA Delegation - Wallhanging

Alderman J Walters invited the Mayor and other Aldermen to participate in the production of a Townscape wallhanging for the NAPA Delegation.

17.3 Business North – Ravenswood Business Cluster Group

Alderman M E Smart announced that the Ravenswood Business Cluster had ceased operations. The group was looking at a use for the Ravenswood High School building and trying to develop a business centre in Ravenswood.

RESOLUTION: (1)

Moved Alderman A L Waddle, seconded Alderman J Walters.

That Council move into Closed Session to discuss those items previously nominated on this Agenda as Closed Session items.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Council moved into Closed Session at 4.45 pm.

RESOLUTION: (2):

Moved Alderman G W Beams, seconded Alderman R W Shipp.

That Council move out of Closed Session and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Session.

CARRIED

Council moved out of Closed Session at 5.20 pm.

18 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor closed the Meeting at 5.20 pm.