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**COUNCIL MEETING
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MEETING HELD AT: Town Hall, Launceston

MEETING COMMENCEMENT: 1.00 pm

Present: Alderman J B Lees (Mayor)
A L Waddle (Deputy Mayor)
A C Peck
G W Beams
R L McKendrick
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

Nil

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4 DEPUTATION**4.1 Deputation - Mr Bevis Dutton - State Emergency Service & Inspector Laughlin - Police Tasmania**

FILE NO: SF0031

AUTHOR: Rod Sweetnam (Manager Total Workforce)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation at 1.00 in the form of Mr. Bevis Dutton, State Emergency Service and Inspector Laughlin Avery, Police Tasmania to inform Council of the Tasmanian Emergency Risk Management Project being coordinated through the State SES.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the deputation be received by Council.

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman A C Peck.

That the Deputation be received.

CARRIED

4.1 Deputation - Mr Bevis Dutton - State Emergency Service & Inspector Laughlin - Police Tasmania...(Cont'd)

Mr Bevis Dutton and Mr Laughlin Avery attended Council at 1 pm. Mr Dutton proceeded to give a report on the Tasmania Emergency Risk Management Project and related issues and projects. Some key points of the report were –

- 1995 Senate Select Committee decided that a program of emergency risk management was an important part of the future of Australia's emergency management structure.
- The emphasis is on Risk Management and mitigation rather than focusing on responding to emergencies.
- \$150,000 has been given by the Federal Government to Tasmania to fund the implementation of the program.
- State and Local Government are contributing an equivalent figure in time spent on the project by senior officers of State agencies and Local Councils.
- A brochure will be produced to inform members of the public of the issues raised and responded to by the program.

Inspector Avery commented on the fact that there is co-operation between State Emergency Service members, senior Police officers and senior Council officers to develop and implement this program.

The deputation answered the questions of Council.

The deputation withdrew at 1.36 pm.

4.2 Deputation - Gateway Tasmania

FILE NO: SF2359

AUTHOR: Ian Abernethy (Manager Strategic Development)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation from Gateway Tasmania at 1.30 p.m.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive Mr Tony Frilingos, General Manager, Gateway Tasmania as a deputation.

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Deputation be received.

CARRIED

The deputation consisting of Mr Tony Frinlingos attended Council at 1.41 pm. Mr Frinlingos gave a report about the operation of Gateway Tasmania, especially operations in the Launceston Municipality and near by municipalities. Some key points of the report included –

- Regional Guide Editorial has a value attributed to it of \$283,000 for the state with a value to Launceston of \$37,800.

4.2 Deputation - Gateway Tasmania...(Cont'd)

- Current news and magazine editorial value is assessed as \$350,000 to the state.
- Bookings through the Travel Centre are worth \$300,000 to the region.
- 70,000 visitors to the Travel Centre equates to \$70,000,000 value to the economy of Tasmania with a \$7,000,000 value to region if they spend one night in the Northern area. These figures are based on the average spent by people visiting Tasmania.
- 45,000 Tour Itineraries have been distributed between July 1999 and February 2001. The value to the region is \$1,750,000 based on average spent by each tourist.
- The 2 Cruise Ships confirmed to be visiting Beauty Point in February 2002 will bring between \$300,000 to \$700,000 into the region.
- A travel agents familiarisation tour attended by 200 travel agents had a value of \$90,000 to the region and a value of \$10,000 to Launceston.

The deputation then answered the questions of Council.

The deputation withdrew at 2.16 pm.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 7 May 2001 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 7 May 2001 in closed session be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

The crew of HMAS Dechaineux will be exercising their Freedom of the City on Saturday. The Mayor requested that Aldermen attend the ceremony.

7 PETITIONS

A petition was received from residents of Blamey Road, Punchbowl. The residents complain of loud parties at a residence in Blamey Road. 24 residents have signed the petition.

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman R W Shipp.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

DIVISIONAL MINUTES ITEMS

Mr R Fisher and Mr P Mickan were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 8.1 – 8.5 inclusive.

8 BUSINESSES AND OPERATIONS**8.1 262 Invermay Road - Construct Four Trolley Bay Covers**

FILE NO: DA0155/2001

AUTHOR: Mark Westaway (Senior Development Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an application to construct and use roofs for four trolley bays in the car park of the Mowbray Market Place.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That application DA0155/2001 to construct four trolley bay covers at 262 Invermay Road be approved subject to the following condition:

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.

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman J Walters, seconded Alderman I J N Routley.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

8.2 32a High Street - Construct External Alterations, Internal Alterations And Construction Of A Deck (Heritage Building)

FILE NO: DA0116/2001

AUTHOR: Mark Westaway (Senior Development Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an application to construct and use extensions to a heritage listed building.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That application DA0116/2001 to externally and internally alter and construct a deck to a Heritage Listed building at 32a High Street be approved 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. AMENDED PLANS REQUIRED

Before the use and or development commences, the areas coloured red in the endorsed plans shall be amended to show the requirements mentioned below. When approved by the Manager Approvals the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The amended plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and four copies must be provided.

- a) The pergola shown on the plans is not to be constructed.
- b) The boundary wall and deck are not to exceed 3 metres in height at the southern boundary line of the property.
- c) The deck is to be positioned in line with the southern building line of the existing building at 32a High Street.

Once endorsed, these plans shall supersede the original endorsed plans.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF FIREWALL BETWEEN PROPERTIES

A firewall shall be constructed along the northern boundary of 32a High Street, behind the shops at 39-41 Ann Street. Any services from the shops at 39-41 Ann Street affected by these works shall be rerouted at the developers expense to preserve the integrity of the firewall.

8.2 32a High Street - Construct External Alterations, Internal Alterations And Construction Of A Deck (Heritage Building)...(Cont'd)

4. OVERLOOKING

The deck overlooking 34 High Street shall be treated by either tinting, frosting, or screening, to a height of 1.2 metres with additional screening to 1.8 metres above deck height, or other suitable alternative to the satisfaction of the Manager Approvals.

5. NOISE etc.

All noise generated on the site shall be contained within the site or measures taken to ensure that it will not cause a nuisance or annoyance to persons beyond the site.

6. NUISANCE

During operation of this use, the best practicable means shall be taken to prevent nuisance or annoyance to any person not associated with the use, in spite of the fact that air, noise, and water pollution matters may be subject to provisions of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 and Regulations thereunder.

7. CAR NUMBERS

The residential use shall not commence until one car parking space is provided on-site inside the existing garage.

8. SEWERAGE WORKS

All sewerage works shall comply with Council's standards and the Tasmanian Plumbing Regulations 1994.

9. ADEQUATE DRAINAGE

The drainage system that services the site must comply with the requirements of the Building Surveyor.

10. MAINTENANCE CONDITION

The requirements of this permit shall be met or be maintained to the satisfaction of Council or its delegated officers.

DECISION: 21/05/01

8.2 32a High Street - Construct External Alterations, Internal Alterations And Construction Of A Deck (Heritage Building)...(Cont'd)

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Recommendation be adopted, subject to the amended conditions circulated at the meeting and reproduced below –

New Condition 2 be amended to read –

2. AMENDED PLANS REQUIRED

Before the use and/or development commences, the areas coloured red in the endorsed plans shall be amended to show the requirements mentioned below. When approved by the Manager Approvals the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The amended plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and four copies must be provided.

- (a) The pergola shown on the plans is not to be constructed.
- (b) The boundary wall and deck are not to exceed 3 metres in height at the southern boundary line of the property., *measured from the ground level of the adjacent property at 34 High Street.*
- (c) The southern wall of the deck is to be positioned not less than 1.5 metres from the southern boundary of the property at the east wall of the shed, and running in a straight line to a zero setback at the bend in the property boundary.
- (d) The corner window of the proposed first floor lounge room shall not be removed.
- (e) The new doorway to the first floor proposed office shall not be wider than the existing window opening.
- (f) The redevelopment of the first floor frontage of the building fronting Ann Street only shall be amended to minimise replication of the corner building.

Section 4 be amended to read –

The deck overlooking 34 High Street shall be treated by screening, to a height of 1.0 metre with additional screening to 1.8 metres above deck height, or other suitable alternative, which may be translucent glass panels, to the satisfaction of the Manger Approvals.

Condition 5, Noise etc, be deleted and conditions 6 – 10 be renumbered 5 – 9 inclusively.

CARRIED

8.3 65 Canning Street - Construct a Building and Building Fascia Sign (Vary Car Parking)

FILE NO: DA0163/2001

AUTHOR: Paul Godier (Development Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an application to construct a building and a building fascia sign and to vary the carparking requirement.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council refuse application DA0163/2001 to Construct a Building and Building Fascia Sign (Vary Car Parking) on the following ground:

- The proposal is detrimental to the streetscape and to the character of the building.

DECISION: 21/05/01

This Item was deferred.

8.4 150-154 St Leonards Road - Construct Two Sheds To Be Used For Light Industry And The Construction Of A Caretakers Dwelling**FILE NO:** DA0135/2001**AUTHOR:** Paul Godier (Development Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an application to construct two sheds to be used for Light Industry and the construction of a Caretaker's Dwelling.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council refuse application DA0135/2001 to Construct two sheds to be used for Light Industry and the construction of a Caretaker's Dwelling on the following grounds:

1. The proposal will introduce a residential use into an industrial area.
2. The proposal conflicts with the orderly planning of the area.

DECISION: 21/05/01**RESOLUTION:****Moved Alderman H G Brookes, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.**

That the application DA0135/2001 be adopted, subject to the conditions tabled at the meeting and reproduced below –

1. **The use and development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the written consent of the Manager Approvals.**
2. **The caretaker's dwelling hereby permitted must only be occupied by people managing or caretaking the industries on the site.**

8.4 150-154 St Leonards Road - Construct Two Sheds To Be Used For Light Industry And The Construction Of A Caretakers Dwelling...(Cont'd)

3. The Light Industry hereby permitted may only operate between the hours of 7 am and 6 pm Monday to Saturday.
4. The amenity of the area must not be detrimentally affected by the use or development, through:
 - The appearance of buildings and unscreened storage areas.
 - The emission of noise, odours, steam, smoke, dust, vapour or any other form of air pollution.
 - The escape of any liquid or solid wastes from the premises.
 - The emission of electro-magnetic radiation or potentially damaging vibration, whether audible or inaudible.
 - The generation of vehicular traffic exceeding the design capacity of the roads required to provide access to the premises.
5. The ambient noise level at the boundary of the site (including all tonal components) shall comply with the requirements of Australian Standards AS 1055.1 – 1989, AS 1055.2 – 1989 and AS 1055.3 – 1989.
6. The processes of the industry must not be visible from a public place nor detectable on an adjoining property by reason of vibration or radiation emissions.
7. All liquid wastes generated or collected on the site are to be of a standard or treated to a standard, acceptable for disposal to a Council sewer.
8. No goods shall be stored or left exposed outside the subject premises so as to be visible from any public road or thoroughfare.
9. During operations of this use, the best practicable means shall be taken to prevent nuisance or annoyance to any person not associated with the use, in spite of the fact that air, noise and water pollution matters may be subject to provisions of the Environment Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 and Regulations thereunder.

CARRIED

8.5 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business

Businesses and Operations Division

8.5.1 Old Besser Site – Appeal Time

Alderman J Dickenson asked if the appeal time for the Old Besser site redevelopment was up, and if so, is the Council in a position to act on reports of breaches of conditions?

Mr Fisher replied that the Council is in the process of getting an inventory of the material on the site and once this is complete a formal mechanism to deal with breaches of conditions will be available.

8.5.2 Mount Arthur – Visit by Council Officers

Alderman J Dickenson asked if Council Officers had visited Coupe 126C Mount Arthur and if they had, will Council review the Forest Practices Report completed by the Forest Practices Board?

Mr Fisher replied that Council will review the report.

8.5.3 Amendment to Planning Scheme - Update

Alderman M E Smart asked if the Amendment to the Planning Scheme regarding set-backs and boundary issues had commenced?

Mr Abernethy answered and explained that this task is still to be completed.

8.5.4 Mowbray Swimming Centre – Condition of Centre

Alderman G W Beams asked what Council can do about the deteriorating condition of the Mowbray Swimming Centre?

Mr Fisher replied that Council will have to decide on a policy for the upkeep of the Centre. Mr Fisher pointed out that continuing to patch the problems may lead to other problems developing, a report on the situation will be submitted to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee for discussion.

8.5.5 Ormley Street – Business Activity

Alderman I J N Routley asked for information regarding the amount of business activity in Ormley Street.

Mr Mickan replied that he would provide a report covering a number of issues.

8.5.6 Store it Safe Sign – Lindsay Street

Alderman R J Sands asked if the Store It Safe sign will be removed soon.

Mr Mickan replied he will send a memorandum to Alderman to advise them of the situation. It is one of a number of issues a report will be provided on.

9 TOTAL WORKFORCE

Mr R Sweetnam was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 9.1 inclusive.

9.1 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business

Total Workforce Division

9.1.1 Spring Road – Lack of Nature Strip Trees

Alderman R L McKendrick asked if Council can plant trees in the nature strip of Spring Road in accordance with Council Policy?

Mr Sweetnam took the question on notice.

The Mayor adjourned the Meeting at 3.35 pm.

The Mayor reconvened the Meeting at 3.47 pm.

Alderman Beams and Alderman Walters were absent.

10 STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr I Abernethy was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 10.1 – 10.5 inclusive.

10.1 1118 Windermere Road, Swan Bay - Amendment 61

FILE NO: SF3141

AUTHOR: David Leung (Policy/Project Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To decide whether to initiate an amendment to the planning scheme to enable the limited subdivision of 1118 Windermere Road, Swan Bay, while retaining the ability to construct single dwellings.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Council, in response to the amendment request received from Phil and Debbie Masters dated 4 April 2001, and in accordance with section 34(1)(a) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, initiate an amendment to the *Launceston Planning Scheme 1996* as outlined in Attachment 1.
2. The Council, in accordance with section 36(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, submit to the Resource Planning and Development Commission the draft amendment shown in Attachment 1 (or as amended).
3. The Council, in accordance with section 6(3) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, delegate to the Manager of Strategic Development its functions under section 36 of that Act so as to enable him to vary the draft amendment as required.
4. The Manager of Strategic Development report to the Council any material change to the draft amendment applied pursuant to the delegation granted above.

10.1 1118 Windermere Road, Swan Bay - Amendment 61...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman R J Sands.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

10.2 1-43 Lilydale Road - Planning Scheme Amendment 050**FILE NO:** SF2953**AUTHOR:** Karin van Straten (Policy/Project Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To make a statement as to Council's opinion on a representation to a draft amendment and to make a recommendation to the Resource Planning & Development Commission on a draft amendment to the Launceston Planning Scheme 1996.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council Meeting 11th December 2000 Agenda Item 10.4

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council not support the representation received on draft Amendment No. 050 to the Launceston Planning Scheme 1996.
2. That Council recommend to the Resource Planning & Development Commission that the draft amendment be approved as certified and exhibited.

DECISION: 21/05/01**RESOLUTION:**

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Alderman Walters re-attended at 3.50 pm.

10.3 15 Napier Street, Youngtown - Planning Scheme Amendment 059**FILE NO:** SF3115**AUTHOR:** Karin van Straten (Policy/Project Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To initiate an amendment to the Launceston Planning Scheme 1996.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**Nil****RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council not initiate amendment 059 to the Launceston Planning Scheme 1996 to rezone 15 Napier Street, Youngtown from Particular Use 1 (Education and Training) to Closed Residential for the following reasons:

1. The subject site is the only open space within the precinct; and although this does not belong to or are maintained by Council, the school oval as a community facility/open space should remain as is.
2. Present population decline does not warrant the provision of more residential zoned land.
3. Council has inadequate sewage treatment capacity to cope with additional demand

DECISION: 21/05/01**This item was deferred.**

10.4 Shortage of General Practitioners in Launceston

FILE NO: SF0804

AUTHOR: Ian Abernethy (Manager Strategic Development)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider initiating a lobbying campaign to support increased numbers of GP's in Launceston and the North of Tasmania.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

The matter was considered by the EDGG, and was endorsed by this group.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council support the development and implementation of a lobbying campaign to raise awareness of the issue of the shortage of GP's in the City and the region. The expected outcome being the lifting of Federal Government restrictions on the numbers of overseas GP's who can practice in this area.

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Alderman Beams attended at 3.57 pm.

10.5 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business

Strategic Development Division

10.5.1 Interweave – Follow on from Deputation

Alderman J Walters asked if the Council had commenced any negotiations with Interweave regarding support by the Council following the deputation to Council by Interweave?

Mr Abernethy replied that three weeks ago a meeting was held between the Council and Interweave, Council is waiting for a response from Interweave. Once sufficient information is gathered a grant submission can be created.

10.5.2 Tamar Estuary Working Group – Letter of Support

Alderman M E Smart asked if the Council had made any response to the Tamar Estuary Working Group's request for support regarding the upgrading of the West Tamar Highway?

The Mayor replied that a letter of support had been sent on behalf of the Council and the Mayor will send another if Council wants to. Other than a show of support the Launceston City Council is limited in the ways it can participate. It was suggested that Council await the release of the State Government's Budget, to see whether funds are provided for the highway upgrade, before determining further action.

11 INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS

Mr G Brayford, Mr M Walters, and Mr R Kaminski were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 11.1 – 11.6 inclusive.

11.1 Alexandra Wharf Road

FILE NO: SF1081

AUTHOR: Mark Walters (Development Engineer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To seek the approval of Council to close a road

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

- Council Meeting of 12th February 2001

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council, being of the opinion that the portion of Alexandra Wharf Road surrounded by the Titles of 4, 5, 8, 24 and 29 Alexander Wharf Road should be closed for the public benefit, proceed to close the road
2. That Council takes all steps as are required to be taken under Section 14 of the Local Government (Highways) Act 1982 to effect the closure

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman H G Brookes, seconded Alderman R J Sands.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

11.2 Registration of Contractors for Work within the Road Reserve**FILE NO:** SF2803**AUTHOR:** Damien Naughton (Roads Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

Council to consider a method of controlling work by contractors, public utilities and private individuals within the road reserve. The objective is to maintain the condition of Council's road assets to an acceptable standard and to minimise unnecessary disruption and cost to the community.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the policy for Registration of Contractors for Work within the Road Reserve be adopted.

DECISION: 21/05/01**RESOLUTION:****Moved Alderman H G Brookes, seconded Alderman R J Sands.**

That the Recommendation be adopted, subject to the amendment that the words "Council Maintained" be inserted before the word "Road" in the recommendation and the title of the policy document.

CARRIED

11.3 Sewer Extension from Larissey Court to Granville Street**FILE NO:** SF1504; SF1657**AUTHOR:** Mark Walters (Development Engineer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To provide sewer connections for two properties in 104 Peel Street and 144 Granville Street in conjunction with subdivisional works.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

- Council Capital Works Budget 1999/2000
- Council Meeting of 18/12/2001

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council rescind it's decision of the 18th December 2001
2. That Council pass a special resolution to recover costs for the benefiting area scheme developed for the provision of drainage in accordance with Section 29 of the Sewers and Drains Act 1954 to:
 - a) Construct approximately 110m of DN 150 sewer pipeline from the end of the existing Council sewer at the rear of 131 Granville Street to the eastern (Granville Street) boundary of 104 Peel Street at an estimated cost of \$38,100.
 - b) Recover a portion of the estimated costs associated with the construction of the drains from the owners of the benefiting lands in proportion to the benefits received and calculated as a proportion of the number of potential lots that can utilize the drain in accordance with the table below.

Property Address	Property Owner	Potential Lots Served	Actual Lots created in subdivision	Required Payment
104 Peel St	SR Kavic	12	3	\$25,846
144 Granville – Lot 7	SR Kavic	1	1	\$2,154
	totals	13		\$28,000

DECISION: 21/05/01

11.3 Sewer Extension from Larissey Court to Granville Street...(Cont'd)

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

11.4 Forster Street Combined Sewer

FILE NO: SF0656

AUTHOR: Jonathan Haines (Engineering Assistant – Drainage)

DECISION STATEMENT:

1. To approve the transfer of \$150,000 of funds from within the Drainage Department Capital Works Budget to complete combined sewer works in Churchill Park / Forster Street
2. This decision requires an absolute majority of Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the:

1. Construction of 190 metres of new 675mm diameter combined sewer prior to road works in Churchill Park / Forster Street estimated to cost a total of \$250,000
2. Relocation of \$150,000 funds from the Infrastructure Assets Division Unforeseen allocation in the Capital Works Budget to complete the works

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman R W Shipp.

That the Recommendation be adopted, subject to the alteration of the figure in point 2 to read “\$100,000”.

CARRIED

ITEMS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED COUNCIL**11.5 Cadastral Spatial Upgrade Project**

FILE NO: SF2914

AUTHOR: Hector Beveridge (Spatial Information Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a proposal to implement a joint project with the State Government to upgrade the spatial accuracy of the Digital Cadastral Data Base for urban Launceston.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That this item be dealt with in Closed Council as it concerns information provided to the Council, on the condition that it is kept confidential.

This Item was dealt with in Closed Council.

11.6 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business

Infrastructure Assets Division

11.6.1 Doug Foster – Announcement of Passing Away

Alderman G W Beams announced that Doug Foster, former Associate Professor of the University of New South Wales and a long time associate and consultant to the Council on coastal hydraulics and Launceston's Flood Mitigation Plan, had passed way last week and offered the condolences of the Aldermen and Council Staff.

11.6.2 Hobart Road and Relbia Road – Traffic Concerns

Alderman A C Peck asked if Council can monitor the impact on traffic safety of the Bus Centre at the junction of Hobart Road and Relbia Road.

Mr Brayford responded that the situation will be monitored.

11.6.3 Bertha Street and Bass Highway - Drainage

Alderman I J N Routley asked when a satisfactory outcome will be achieved regarding the drainage around the area of Bertha Street and the Bass Highway?

Mr G McArthur responded that the problem was exacerbated by the large catchment area from land owned by Hume and Kerrison and the size of the stormwater pipes under the road near the Tudor Inn complex.

12 CORPORATE SERVICES

Mr M Tidey was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 12.1 – 12.7 inclusive.

12.1 Governance Arrangements

FILE NO: SF0977

AUTHOR: R G Campbell (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To determine Council policy on committee membership.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Policy made on: 12 October 1998
21 December 1998

RECOMMENDATION:

Council not have rotating committee membership.

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman J Dickenson, seconded Alderman J Walters.

That Council retain a rotating Committee membership.

LOST ON A SHOW OF HANDS 4:7

RESOLUTION: (2):

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED ON A SHOW OF HANDS 7:4

12.2 Sewer Charges - West Tamar Municipality

FILE NO: SF0518

AUTHOR: Stephen Collins (Manager Rates)

DECISION STATEMENT:

That Council consider the fixing of the sewerage tenement charge for the financial year 2000/01.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

This resolution is required to be put to Council annually.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve that the sewerage tenement charge for the financial year 2001/02 in relation to those 118 West Tamar Municipality properties serviced by the Launceston City Council be fixed at \$257.59 per tenement.

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Recommendation be adopted, subject to amendment to the financial year to read "2000/2001".

CARRIED

ITEMS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED COUNCIL**12.3 Rate Recovery Sale**

FILE NO: 14 / SF3161

AUTHOR: Stephen Collins (Manager Rates)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider whether to formally authorise commencement of Rate Recovery Sale proceedings against a property.

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 Council.

12.4 Property Sales

FILE NO: 17674 / 9331

AUTHOR: Robert Holmes (Infrastructure Assets Co-ordinator)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To discuss issues involving the sale of Council land which is not public land.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

6 July 1998 – Agenda Item 12.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this item be dealt with in Closed Council as it concerns proposals for the acquisition of land or disposal of land, which is not public land.

This Item was dealt with in Closed Council.

12.5 Remission of Rates

FILE NO: SF0523/28527

AUTHOR: Stephen Collins (Manager Rates)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an application to remit rates on a property.

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 Council.

12.6 Outstanding Debts - Woofies Restaurant (92-94 Cameron Street)

FILE NO: 3814

AUTHOR: Michael Tidey (Manager Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the renewal of the lease of Woofies Restaurant.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 6 July, 1998.

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 Council.

12.7 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business

Corporate Services Division

12.7.1 Two Part Water Pricing – Information Publication

Alderman R L McKendrick asked if the Council has a document which describes the new two part water pricing system which Council agreed to implement?

Mr Tidey replied that no document exists now, however a document will be produced soon.

12.7.2 Funding for Two Part Water Pricing Awareness Campaign

Alderman R W Shipp asked if the State Government had contributed anything to the public awareness campaign regarding water use in Tasmania?

Mr Tidey replied that no contribution had been made apart from the State Government's advertising campaign on water conservation.

13 GENERAL MANAGER**13.1 Community Grant Request - Tasmanian A Cappella Association Inc**

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 financial assistance to the Tasmanian A Cappella Association as the Community Assistance Budget has been expended.

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman J Walters, seconded Alderman A C Peck.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

13.2 Community Grant Report - Marine and Coastal Community Network's Bass Strait Forum

FILE NO: SF0486

AUTHOR: Gary W Stokes (Manager Civic Affairs)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To note a report on a Community Grant.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the report from the Marine and Coastal Community Network regarding its Bass Strait Forum.

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

13.3 Community Grant Request - Evandale Agricultural Society Inc

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 funds from the Community Assistance Budget to provide two trees for the Evandale Agricultural Society's Performing Arts Pavilion.

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman A C Peck.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

13.4 Report - Community Grant - Launceston City Cycling Club Inc

FILE NO: SF0486

AUTHOR: Gary W Stokes (Manager Civic Affairs)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report on a community grant.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive a report from the Launceston City Cycling Club Inc regarding a community grant.

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION:

Moved Alderman M E Smart, seconded Alderman A L Waddle.

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

13.5 Governance Arrangements - Policy Amendment

FILE NO: SF0977

AUTHOR: R G Campbell (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To amend Council's policy on Governance arrangements.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council	27 th November 2000
Council	26 th February 2001
Strategic Planning & Policy	2 nd April 2001

RECOMMENDATION:

Council make the following changes to its committee structure and meeting procedures;

1. A Council Committee be formed under section 23 of the Local Government Act
 - 1.1. The Committee be called the Development Review Committee.
 - 1.2. Membership of the Committee is to include four Aldermen.
 - 1.3. The purpose of the Committee be to consider development applications of a difficult nature or likely to be recommended for refusal.
 - 1.4. The Committee to meet on the morning of Council at 10.00 a.m.
 - 1.5. Items on the agenda be reproduced on the Council agenda to facilitate the transfer and consideration of the item by Council if necessary.
2. Four standing Special Committees of Council be formed under section 24 of the Local Government Act.
 - 2.1. The committees be called, the Strategic Planning & Policy Committee, the Tender Review Committee, the Economic Development Committee and the Council Business Advisory Committee.

13.5 Governance Arrangements - Policy Amendment...(Cont'd)

3. Membership of the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee is to include all Aldermen.
 - 3.1. The meeting cycle is to be four weekly.
 - 3.2. The Committee is to meet on a Monday at 10.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.
 - 3.3. The purpose of the Committee is to oversee the preparation of the strategic plan, operational plan and budget. It is to also consider and make recommendations to Council on significant long-term policy matters.

4. Membership of the Tender Review Committee is to include four Aldermen and the Manager of Infrastructure Assets.
 - 4.1. Meetings are to be held as and when required.
 - 4.2. The purpose of the Committee is to review the recommendations of tender evaluation panels and to accept tenders.
 - 4.3. The Committee is to have the delegated power set out in Council policy TSD 17.

5. Membership of the Economic Development Committee is to include four Aldermen and one external representative.
 - 5.1. Meetings are to be held monthly.
 - 5.2. The purpose of the Committee is to facilitate Council support for significant development opportunities and to foster economic development activity for the City.
 - 5.3. The elected representatives on the Committee are to recommend the appointment of the external representative to Council.

6. Membership of the Council Business Advisory Committee is to include three Aldermen, the General Manager and three external representatives.
 - 6.1. Meetings are to be held monthly.
 - 6.2. The purpose of the Committee is to oversee and guide the commercial management of Council's business activities.
 - 6.3. The elected representatives on the Committee are to recommend the appointment of the external representatives to Council.
 - 6.4. The effectiveness of the Committee is to be reviewed at 30 June 2002.

13.5 Governance Arrangements - Policy Amendment...(Cont'd)

7. Other Special Purpose Committees.

- 7.1. When required Council is to form special committees under section 24 of the Local Government Act to undertake specific projects.
- 7.2. The Committees are to be formed by Council decision for the duration of the project. At the conclusion of the project the Committees are to be wound up.
- 7.3. A review of special project committees is to be conducted after each Council election to determine their continued need and membership.
- 7.4. The annual report is to contain details of special project committees.

8. Authorities.

- 8.1. Council is to remain a member of the Esk Water Joint Authority.
- 8.2. Council continue the operation of the Upper Tamar River Improvement Authority (UTRIA).
- 8.3. Council form a controlling authority called the York Park & Inveresk Management Authority.
 - 8.3.1. The purpose of the authority is to manage and promote York Park and the associated Inveresk public precinct.
 - 8.3.2. Membership to include two Aldermen, three Council Officers and three external representatives.

9. Meeting Procedures

- 9.1. Review and renew Council's meeting by-law in accordance with the Local Government Act.
- 9.2. Remove Divisional question time from the Council meeting agenda.
- 9.3. Not permit supplementary items on the Council agenda.

10. Availability of Minutes

- 10.1. Agendas and Minutes of open Council meetings and Council committees are available for general distribution to the community and will be published on the Internet via Council's website.
- 10.2. Agendas and Minutes of Council meetings and Council committee meetings held in closed session are confidential and not available for distribution.
- 10.3. Agendas and Minutes of special committees are not available for general distribution.
- 10.4. Council not introduce a tape transcription service.

13.5 Governance Arrangements - Policy Amendment...(Cont'd)

DECISION: 21/05/01

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman I J N Routley.

That the standing orders be suspended and segments of the recommendation be determined separately.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (2):

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.

That segment 1 of the recommendation, including points 1.1 to 1.5 inclusive, be adopted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (3):

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman I J N Routley.

That segment 2 of the recommendation, including points 2.1, be adopted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (4):

Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman R J Sands.

That segment 3 of the recommendation, including points 3.1 to 3.3 inclusive, be adopted.

CARRIED

13.5 Governance Arrangements - Policy Amendment...(Cont'd)

RESOLUTION: (5):

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

That segment 4 of the recommendation, including points 4.1 to 4.3 inclusive, be adopted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (6):

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

That segment 5 of the recommendation, including points 5.1 to 5.3 inclusive, be adopted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (7):

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

That segment 6 of the recommendation, including points 6.1 to 6.4 inclusive, be adopted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (8):

Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman J Walters.

That segment 7 of the recommendation, including points 7.1 to 7.4 inclusive, be adopted.

CARRIED

13.5 Governance Arrangements - Policy Amendment...(Cont'd)

RESOLUTION: (9):

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman R W Shipp.

That segment 8 of the recommendation, including points 8.1 to 8.3 inclusive, be adopted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (10):

Moved Alderman A L Waddle, seconded Alderman R W Shipp.

That segment 9 of the recommendation, including points 9.1 to 9.3 inclusive, be adopted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (11):

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman J Walters.

That segment 10 of the recommendation, including points 10.1 to 10.4 inclusive, be adopted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (12):

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

That standing order be resumed and resolutions 2 – 11 inclusive, taken while standing orders were suspended, be ratified.

CARRIED

13.6 Standing Committee Membership**FILE NO:** SF3104**AUTHOR:** R G Campbell (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To determine membership of Aldermen on Council Standing Committees.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

Council determine the membership of Aldermen on the following Standing Committees.

Development Review Committee:	4 Aldermen
Tender Review Committee:	4 Aldermen
Economic Development Committee:	4 Aldermen
Business Advisory Committee:	3 Aldermen

DECISION: 21/05/01**RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman H G Brookes, seconded Alderman G W Beams.****That the Development Review Committee consist of Mayor Lees, Deputy Mayor Waddle, Alderman Routley and Alderman Dickenson.****CARRIED**

13.6 Standing Committee Membership...(Cont'd)

RESOLUTION: (2):

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

That the Tender Review Committee consist of Alderman Brookes, Alderman Shipp, Alderman Walters and Alderman Sands.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (3):

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

That the Economic Development Committee consist of Alderman McKendrick, Alderman Waddle, Alderman Peck and Alderman Beams.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (4):

Moved Alderman R W Shipp, seconded Alderman A C Peck.

That the Business Advisory Committee consist of Mayor Lees, Alderman Routley, and Alderman Smart.

CARRIED

13.7 Aldermen's Question Time and Other Business

General Manager Division

13.7.1 Internal Audit Committee – Meeting Time

Alderman J Dickenson asked when the Internal Audit Committee is scheduled to meet?

The General Manager replied that the meeting will take place on Tuesday 22 May 2001 at 3.00 pm.

13.7.2 Refusal to Give Information to an Alderman - Response

Alderman G W Beams asked if there had been any response to the letter to Alderman Dickenson to identify the member of the Council Staff who allegedly refused to provide information to Alderman Dickenson.

The General Manager replied that there has been no response.

13.7.3 Mailing List – Conference Report

Alderman H G Brookes asked if he had been left off the Council Mailing list as he had not received the report from a conference in Western Australia attended by Alderman Dickenson.

Footnote:

A verbal report had been provided by Alderman Dickenson to the Council Meeting 26/03/2001 (Item Number 17.1).

14 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

15 REPORTS BY THE MAYOR

Nil

16 REPORTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

17 ALDERMEN'S/DELEGATES' REPORTS

17.1 Youth Parliament – Albert Hall

Alderman A L Waddle gave a report on the recent visit to the Youth Parliament by herself and Alderman Brookes.

Two sessions were run by the Honourable Margaret Reynolds, the first for Primary School Students and the second for High School and College Students.

A number of topics were covered and the students were lively and participated with enthusiasm.

Following the Youth Parliament two students will go to State Parliament later in the year.

From this experience came the idea that Council open the Chamber for a Youth Council. This would be a regular occurrence with students representing Aldermen. The idea will be discussed in a future Strategic Planning and Policy Committee meeting.

17.2 Tamar Estuary Working Group

Alderman Routley commented on the group's concerns over the forced closure of the Tamar Island Interpretation Centre, following the Resource Management Appeal Tribunal's decision to uphold the West Tamar Council's planning permit. Delays on upgrading the access to the centre off the West Tamar Highway will impact on visitor numbers to Tamar Island and the wetlands.

Alderman Routley also commented on the use of GIS technology as a valuable tool in tourism operations in the area. The possibility of interactive information centres along the Tamar was reported on.

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

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 6.37 pm.

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

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

CARRIED

Council moved out of Closed Session at 6.50 pm.

18 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor closed the Meeting at 6.50 pm.