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

MEETING COMMENCEMENT: 1.00 pm

Martin Reynolds (Corporate Secretary)

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

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 Mr Terence Seymour – Bicycles and Small Wheeled Vehicles

Mr Seymour asked a question in relation to Item 10.2 – New Road Rules - Cycling and Skating "No Go" Areas .

“Will Council consider the creation of special bicycle lanes on the roadways that could encompass areas for non motorised recreational vehicles and commuter bicycles in each of the areas recommended as no go areas for and skating?”

The Mayor replied that the provision of Bike Lanes is currently under consideration by Council’s Infrastructure Assets Division. The detail of the proposal has yet to be finalised.

3.2 Mr Marcus Baucza – Bicycles and Small Wheeled Vehicles

Mr Baucza asked a question in relation to Item 10.2 – New Road Rules - Cycling and Skating "No Go" Areas .

“Will Council support the findings of the committees established to investigate No Go Zones?”

The Mayor replied that that would be decided when Item 10.2 was discussed and a vote taken.

3.3 Ms Stacey Johnson – Bicycles and Small Wheeled Vehicles

Ms Johnson asked a question in relation to Item 10.2 – New Road Rules - Cycling and Skating "No Go" Areas.

“Is Council aware that many toddlers and young people ride bikes on footpaths to local parks?”

The Mayor replied that suburban streets may not be made No Go Zones and children under the age of 12 must ride on the footpath in any case.

4 DEPUTATION**4.1 Deputation - Small Wheeled Recreational Vehicles**

FILE NO: SF0097/SF2455

AUTHOR: S Pound (Administration Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation at 1.00 pm, consisting of Mrs Joan Bell, Dr Kathleen Maxwell and Mr Derek Bell.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Strategic Planning and Policy Committee 12/11/2001

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Deputation be received.

DECISION: 19/11/01

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Deputation be received.

CARRIED

The Deputation, consisting of Mrs Joan Bell and Dr Kathleen Maxwell-Petrovsky, attended at 1.05 pm. Some points made by Mrs Bell were:

- **The footpaths are already cluttered enough with signs limiting movement, allowing bicycles onto the footpath is dangerous.**
- **There are inaccuracies in the figures for the number of people using CBD streets caused by the measurements being taken during the day on Monday, rather than in the peak times earlier in the morning and in the early evening.**

4.1 Deputation - Small Wheeled Recreational Vehicles...(Cont'd)

- There could be action taken against Council for discrimination because the use of bicycles on footpaths makes the less mobile, elderly and young more vulnerable and less able to use public footpaths.

Dr Maxwell-Petrovsky added further points that:

- Some areas of Launceston are unsuitable for the use of bicycles on the footpath, due to narrow footpaths or other obstructions.
- Bicycles on footpaths pose a threat to people who are not able to get out of the way quickly, or who are unable to hear the approach of a bicycle.
- Small wheeled vehicles also pose a problem, however a bicycle because of its size and possibility of greater speed, pose a more serious problem.

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 6 November 2001 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 6 November 2001 in closed session be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 19/11/01**RESOLUTION:**

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor gave a reminder that the Launceston City Council Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm, following this Council Meeting.

7 PETITIONS

Nil

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 Item 8.1 inclusive.

8.1 797 Windermere Road Windermere Construction Of A Single Dwelling

FILE NO: DA0478/2001

AUTHOR: Graeme Todd (Development Planner)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider an application to construct a single storey dwelling.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

At the request of the applicant, an identical development application (DA0384/2001) was withdrawn from the Agenda of the Council meeting held on 08/10/01.

RECOMMENDATION:

That application DA0478/2001 to construct a single storey dwelling at 797 Windermere Road Windermere be approved subject to the following conditions:

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. An Aerated Waste water Treatment System is to be installed which satisfies the requirements of Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer.

DECISION: 19/11/01

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

9 TOTAL WORKFORCE

Nil

10 STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr I Abernethy was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 10.1 – 10.2 inclusive.

Ms M Vogt and Mr P Goss were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Item 10.2 inclusive.

10.1 Resource Planning and Development Commission

FILE NO: SF2460

AUTHOR: Ian Abernethy (Manager Strategic Development)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the contents of a letter to be sent to the Minister for Primary Industries Water and Environment.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Item 10.3 – Council Meeting 22nd October 2001.

RECOMMENDATION:

That council forward a letter to the Minister for Primary Industries Water and Environment suggesting changes to the RPDC as outlined in this report.

DECISION: 19/11/01

RESOLUTION:

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

That in addition to the Recommendation outlined in the Agenda, Council write to the Premier asking him to appoint additional Planning Appeal Board Commissioners rather than allow the board to delegate authority to staff members.

CARRIED ON A SHOW OF HANDS 7:4

10.2 New Road Rules - Cycling and Skating "No Go" Areas

FILE NO: SF2455

AUTHOR: Peter Goss (Sport and Recreational Services Manager), Geoff Brayford (Infrastructure Assets Divisional Manager), Mhairi Vogt (Youth Development Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider on which sections of the footpaths or public areas the use of wheeled recreational devices, wheeled toys and bicycles should be prohibited.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Agenda item 11.1 at the Council Meeting of July 16th 2001.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve prohibition of the use of wheeled recreational devices, wheeled toys and bicycles in the following area:

Brisbane Street Mall and Avenue footpaths (from Charles Street to George Street)

Recommendation 2:

That Council approve prohibition of the use of wheeled recreational devices, wheeled toys and bicycles in the following area:

St John Street footpaths (from Paterson Street to York Street)

Recommendation 3:

That Council approve prohibition of the use of wheeled recreational devices, wheeled toys and bicycles in the following area:

The West Side of Charles Street footpaths (from Paterson Street to Brisbane Street)

Recommendation 4:

That Council approve prohibition of the use of wheeled recreational devices, wheeled toys and bicycles in the designated no-go zones during the hours of:

Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

10.2 New Road Rules - Cycling and Skating "No Go" Areas...(Cont'd)

Recommendation 5:

That Council approve prohibition of the use of wheeled recreational devices, wheeled toys and bicycles in the designated no-go zones during the hours of:

Saturday 9.00am – 3.00pm

Recommendation 6:

That Council approves prohibition of the use of wheeled recreational devices, wheeled toys and bicycles in the designated no-go zones on Sunday trading days.

Recommendation 7:

It is further recommended that six months following implementation of no-go zones, Council's Small Wheeled Vehicles Committee conduct a review for the purposes of evaluating the effectiveness of the zones, paying particular attention to any identified hot spots. At this time, the Committee will also look at alternative management methods for managing skating and cycling other than prohibition.

DECISION: 19/11/01

RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman J Walters, seconded Alderman M E Smart.

That the Recommendations 1 to 7 inclusive be adopted.

RESOLUTION: (2):

Moved Alderman G W Beams, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.

That Resolution 1 be amended to allow each Recommendations to be dealt with separately.

CARRIED

The amended motion became the substantive motion and was put and:

CARRIED

10.2 New Road Rules - Cycling and Skating "No Go" Areas...(Cont'd)

RESOLUTION: (3):

Moved Alderman G W Beams, seconded Alderman J Dickenson.

That Recommendation 1 be adopted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (4):

Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman J Walters.

That Recommendation 2 be adopted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (5):

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

That Recommendation 3 be adopted, subject to the deletion of the description of Charles Street and the substitution of the following words: "Charles Street footpaths (from Paterson Street to York Street)".

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: (6):

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

That Council approve prohibition of the use of wheeled recreational devices, wheeled toys and bicycles in the following area: The Quadrant Mall (from Brisbane Street to St. John Street)

CARRIED

10.2 New Road Rules - Cycling and Skating "No Go" Areas...(Cont'd)

RESOLUTION: (7):**Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.****That Council approve prohibition of the use of wheeled recreational devices, wheeled toys and bicycles in the following area: George Street footpaths (from Cameron Street to York Street).****CARRIED ON A SHOW OF HANDS 8:3****At her request Alderman Dickenson was recorded as voting against the motion.****Alderman Beams and Brookes withdrew from the meeting at 3.50 pm.****RESOLUTION: (8):****Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.****That Council approve prohibition of the use of wheeled recreational devices, wheeled toys and bicycles in the following area: The West side of Charles Street (from York Street to Frankland Street).****LOST****RESOLUTION: (9):****Moved Alderman I J N Routley, seconded Alderman R W Shipp.****That Recommendation 4 be adopted, subject to the amendment that the time be 24 hours a day, seven days a week.****LOST ON A SHOW OF HANDS 3:7****RESOLUTION: (10):****Moved Alderman J Walters, seconded Alderman J Dickenson.****That Recommendation 4 be adopted.****CARRIED**

10.2 New Road Rules - Cycling and Skating "No Go" Areas...(Cont'd)

RESOLUTION: (11):**Moved Alderman J Walters, seconded Alderman M E Smart.****That Recommendation 5 be adopted.****CARRIED****RESOLUTION: (12):****Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman J Dickenson.****That Recommendation 6 be adopted.****CARRIED****Alderman Brookes and Alderman Beams re-attended meeting at 4.02 pm and 4.04 pm respectively.****RESOLUTION: (13):****Moved Alderman A C Peck, seconded Alderman J Walters.****That Recommendation 7 be adopted, with the report to be brought to Council in August 2002.****CARRIED****The Mayor adjourned the Meeting at 4.10 pm.****The Mayor reconvened the Meeting at 4.27 pm.**

11 INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS

Mr G Brayford was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 11.1 – 11.3 inclusive.

11.1 New Street Names: Tallentire Road & Glebe Farm Road

FILE NO: SF0621

AUTHOR: Mark Walters (Development Engineer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider for approval two new street names within the urban area.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council adopts the following new street names:
 - Tallentire Road
 - Glebe Farm Road
2. That Council undertakes to advise the relevant bodies of the acceptance of the proposed names.

DECISION: 19/11/01

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

11.2 Ravenswood Road Stormwater Drainage No. 123 to No. 147

FILE NO: NC.206/2002

AUTHOR: Daniela Heubush (Planning Engineer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

1. To approve the transfer of funds within the Infrastructure Assets Capital Works Budget for stormwater drainage works at the rear of numbers 123 to 147 Ravenswood Road.
2. This decision requires an absolute majority of Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve:

1. Construction of 110 metres of 150mm stormwater pipe and 225 metres of 300mm stormwater pipe to provide adequate drainage for numbers 123 to 147 Ravenswood Road.
2. Reallocation of \$21,000 of funds from within the Infrastructure Assets Division Unforeseen Allocation and \$14,000 from project number 12227 "Merino St sewer" in the approved 2002 Capital Works Budget to be able to complete the works.

DECISION: 19/11/01

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

11.3 Tender Review Committee Meeting of 1st November 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: 19/11/01

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

12 CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

13 GENERAL MANAGER

13.1 Outcomes from Strategic Planning Workshop - 1 October 2001

FILE NO: SF2305

AUTHOR: Bob Campbell – General Manager

DECISION STATEMENT:

To accept the outcomes from the Strategic Planning Workshop held on 1 October 2001.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Agenda Item 3.8 Strategic Planning & Policy – 12 November 2001

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Schedule the following additional meetings:

26/11/01: To conduct a half yearly review of the operational plan.

18/02/02: Half yearly review of the operations budget and capital expenditure programme.

15/04/02: Meeting to set budget parameters and priorities for the 2002/2003 operational plan and capital works programme.

21-23/05/02: Budget sessions.

30/09/02: Meeting to prepare for the Annual General Meeting, review strategic plan and commence work on the future operational plan.

2. The following additional major objectives be added to the Launceston City Council strategic plan.

Strategic Direction: Governance

New objective: Build connections that develop our community

Strategic Direction: Business and Employment

New objective: Nurture and support existing businesses in the city

DECISION: 19/11/01

13.1 Outcomes from Strategic Planning Workshop - 1 October 2001...(Cont'd)

RESOLUTION:

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

That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

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 Building Regulations Advisory Committee**

Alderman M E Smart announced becoming a member of the Building Regulations Advisory Committee.

17.2 Tamar Estuary Working Group

Alderman I J N Routley gave a report on the Tamar Estuary Working Group and how great progress is being made on making the Tamar an accessible part of Launceston's way of life.

Alderman Routley commented on the way the Group is including the historical aspects of the Tamar in its work. As part of this Alderman Routley made a report on the launch of the book "On the Tide".

17.3 Gateway Tasmania – New General Manager

Alderman A C Peck announced that Tony Frinlingos has had to stand down as General Manager of Gateway Tasmania due to ill health.

Mr Steven French is the Acting General Manager until a new Chairman is decided at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 28 November 2001 10.00 am.

17.4 Heat Pumps – Noise Abatement Issue

Alderman McKendrick made reference to a recent debate in Parliament, recorded in Hansard, which indicates that the Minister for the Environment has the power to override the appeal decision in environment issues. Alderman McKendrick requested officers to obtain a copy of the Hansard report.

17.5 Bike Track – Possibility of Funds for Extension

Alderman G W Beams gave a report that Peter Goss is seeking funds from the State Government to extend the Bike track from Heritage Forest to Remount Road.

17.6 ALGA – National Conference

Alderman Dickenson reminded Council that she and Alderman Beams would be attending the National Conference of ALGA, in Canberra, next week. Alderman Dickenson sought clarification as to voting on some issues.

Alderman Brookes raised the proposal that allowances paid to aldermen should be treated the same as “electoral allowances” for parliamentarians, ie non-taxable.

18 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor closed the Meeting at 4.50 pm.