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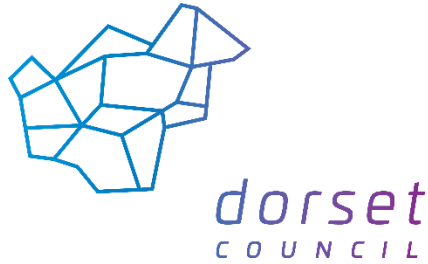
Annual General Meeting

20 November 2023

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The Meeting Opened: 6:00 pm

PRESENT

Council: Commissioner Andrew Wardlaw

Council Officers:

General Manager: John Marik, Assistant General Manager / Director – Community & Development: Rohan Willis, Director – Infrastructure: Michael Buckley, Finance Manager: Allison Saunders, Administration Manager: Lauren Tolputt*, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth*

**Electors of Dorset eligible to vote*

Electors of Dorset:

Jacki Moore	Edwina Powell	Jeff Jennings	Lawrence Archer	Mervyn Chilcott
Wendy McLennan	Margaret Perkins	Janice Chilcott	Gail Archer	Tony Scott
Louise Brooker	Ben Coxen	Rachel Williams	Peter Krushka	

Other: Nil

Apologies: Nil

Acknowledgement of Country

Dorset Council acknowledges the deep history and culture of the First People who were the traditional owners of the lands and waterways where we live and work. We acknowledge the clans-people who lived here for over a thousand generations on the Country where Bridport is built and throughout the area we know as the north east region.

Dorset Council acknowledge the present-day Aboriginal custodians and the inclusive contribution they make to the social, cultural and economic essence of the municipality.

1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 21 November 2022

Ref: DOC/21/16600

The General Manager has advised that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 21 November 2022 are in compliance with Section 72B of the Local Government Act 1993, namely that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting accurately record the matters discussed.

I thus move that the minutes of the 21 November 2022 Annual General Meeting be confirmed under the certification that the General Manager has provided.

DECISION

MOVED: Mervyn Chilcott | SECONDED: Lawrence Archer

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Annual General Meeting held on 21 November 2022, having been circulated to the Commissioner and available to electors of the Dorset municipality, be confirmed as a true record.

For	16
Against	0
OUTCOME	Carried Unanimously

2. ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

Ref: DOC/23/12909

The Dorset Council Annual Report 2022/23 has been publicly available from the Council Office or via the Council website since 1 November 2023. Council invited members of the community to provide submissions on the 2022/23 Annual Report for discussion at the Annual General Meeting. Written submissions were open until 12 noon, Wednesday 15 November 2023.

DECISION

MOVED: Edwina Powell | SECONDED: Wendy McLennan

That the 2022/23 Annual Report, as presented, be noted.

For	16
Against	0
OUTCOME	Carried Unanimously

3. COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

The Commissioner, Mr Andrew Wardlaw presented his Commissioner's message for 2022/23.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S OVERVIEW

The General Manager, Mr John Marik addressed the meeting in relation to the Council's achievements for the 2022/23 year in review and the Annual Report.

5. ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

5.1 Submissions

The General Manager advised that no submissions were received during the allocated period.

5.2 Questions

The Chair invited questions from the community in relation to the 2022/23 Annual Report.

Lawrence Archer, Bridport

On page 48 (2.1 Rates and Charges), the waste management charge income, it increased from \$1.49 million to \$2.23 million and there was no apparent expansion or improvement of the services. How does Council justify or explain that increase of \$740,000 or a 50% increase from the previous year?

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Comment from General Manager, John Marik:

I can provide a broad comment on your question. A subset of that figure would be the waste management charge that was applicable to the community and also the introduction of the statewide waste management charge that was imposed on landfill sites. So there is an additional cost recovery element associated with that.

On page 52 (3.1 Employee Benefits), can you explain the reasons for the increase in workers compensation costs from \$138,000 to \$290,000, an increase of over 100% on the previous year?

Response from Finance Manager, Allison Saunders:

That increase includes Council's insurance premium costs and increase in salary and wages paid for workers compensation.

Could I have a response in writing of what the breakdown of these costs?

Response from General Manager, John Marik:

Yes, we can provide a breakdown to you, noting confidentiality requirements associated with workers compensation.

Wendy McLennan, Bridport

Where are services for legal fees included? Are they under 3.2 Materials and Services - professional services?

Response from Finance Manager, Allison Saunders:

Correct.

Gail Archer, Bridport

In last year's Annual Report, it was reported that Council purchased a green waste truck which I believe was used for other purposes in the end. So one year later, we still have no green waste collection. When will Council commence green waste collection?

Response from General Manager, John Marik:

The original intent was to get a FOGO truck to collect putrescibles, but Council also needed a new waste truck to replace the second hand truck within our fleet, which was purchased at the time Council took over kerbside collections and had reached its useful life. The FOGO truck was reallocated to replace that second hand truck. Council are assessing green waste holistically and outcomes of that investigation will formulate whether Council introduce FOGO collection, as there was a lot of community sentiment against collections. Further community consultation would be required if FOGO was to be flagged for introduction.

5.3 Motions

MOTION 1

MOVED: Tony Scott | SECONDED: Lawrence Archer

That Council, in the future, consider re-joining the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation.

For	15
Against	0
Absent	1
OUTCOME	Carried

6. TIME MEETING CLOSED: 6:31 pm

Minutes Confirmed: 2024 Annual General Meeting

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