

# **Minutes**

**Council Meeting** 

26 June 2023

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# Council Meeting Minutes 26 June 2023

Meeting Opened: 6:00 pm

Present: Councillors Greg Howard (Mayor), Dale Jessup (Deputy Mayor), Jerrod Nichols,

Leonie Stein, Beth Donoghue, Edwina Powell, Mervyn Chilcott, Anna Coxen

General Manager: John Marik, Assistant General Manager / Director – Community & Development: Rohan Willis, Finance Manager: Allison Saunders, Administration Manager: Lauren Tolputt, Regulatory Services Manager / Town Planner: Thomas

Wagenknecht, Administration Team Leader: Stephanie Hill

**Apologies:** Cr Kahlia Simmons

Item 73/23 Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Minutes – 12 May 2023

Ref: DOC/23/5765

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the <u>Special</u> Meeting held on Friday, 12 May 2023 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

#### **DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Stein

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council <u>Special</u> Meeting held on 12 May 2023 having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair asked Councillors if there are any questions they wish to ask in relation to the Closed Session Minutes that would require them to be discussed in Closed Session.

Item 74/23 Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes – 12 May 2023

Ref: DOC/23/5766

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the <u>Special</u> Meeting <u>Closed Session</u> held on Friday, 12 May 2023 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Nichols

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council <u>Special</u> Meeting <u>Closed Session</u> held on 12 May 2023 having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Item 75/23 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 15 May 2023

Ref: DOC/23/5733

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the <u>Ordinary</u> Meeting held on Monday, 15 May 2023 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

#### **DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Stein | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council <u>Ordinary</u> Meeting held on 15 May 2023 having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Item 76/23 Confirmation of Agenda

#### **DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Donoghue | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 26 June 2023 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Item 77/23 Declaration of an Interest of a Councillor or Close Associate

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* and Council's adopted Code of Conduct, the Mayor requests Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary interest or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

#### INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Howard Item 96

#### Item 78/23 Management Team Briefing Report

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Councillors and the community with a briefing on matters of interest dealt with during the past month by Council's Management Team.

MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Donoghue

That the Management Team Briefing Report be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Item 79/23 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

6 June | Briefing Workshop

Item 80/23 Councillor Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

#### Item 81/23 Public Question Time

The following questions were received **on notice** from members of the public:

#### Glenn Moore, Jetsonville | 14 June 2023

With the pending closure of our weekly newspaper. I believe this would be extremely conflicting to our interests, particularly in view of the current discussions around amalgamation of councils which can only be detrimental to our interests in Dorset.

My question is has the Dorset Council considered taking over the management of this paper whilst the current management is on leave?

#### Response from General Manager, John Marik:

While Council have not had formal discussions, there is agreement that the closure of the North Eastern Advertiser would be detrimental to the community. Council Officers are of the opinion that a local newspaper in a small regional area must be independent from Council to ensure balanced, arm's length and un-conflicted reporting. Therefore, Council taking over the management of the paper whilst the current management is on leave is not recommended.

The ABC sets a precedent where government is funding an authority that does have a media department. The difference in this scenario is that legislatively the ABC remains editorially independent as per the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983*.

#### Karl Willrath, Scottsdale | 15 June 2023

1. Is the Mayor concerned about the apparent leaks of sensitive information from council via elected members and or staff?

# Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

There are no recent leaks that I am aware of.

2. This month in the Legislative Council, debate on the councillor code of conduct amendment bill was adjourned. If a parliamentary inquiry is called on the bill, will the Mayor with his experience with the code of conduct, be giving evidence under parliamentary privilege to the committee and would he advise constituents to also do the same?

# Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

If there is a parliamentary inquiry, I will consider all options at that time.

The following questions were received without notice from members of the public:

Nil

Item 82/23 Deputations

Nil

Item 83/23 Councillor Question Time

The following questions were received without notice from Councillors:

#### Councillor Anna Coxen:

I read the other day about an offshore wind farm and I just wanted to know what Council's position is on that, given it would have an impact on the visual landscape of the whole northern coast of Tasmania, including our corner? Is this something that is encompassed in the existing wind farm project underway at the moment?

#### Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

As far as I am aware, they are two separate projects proposed by two separate companies. The turbines will be located over the horizon, so they are far enough out to sea that you won't see them from the coastline and other than that we haven't been in discussions. It also wouldn't be a planning issue from Council's perspective as it is beyond our jurisdiction.

In relation (to the wind farm proposed at Rushy Lagoon and Waterhouse) to the power that presumably comes back to Bell Bay, are they going to be high voltage towers like you see at Bell Bay?

#### Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

They will be the standard towers, the same type as you see through Scottsdale on the way up the Sideling.

So they will cross through the North East corridor through to Bell Bay?

# Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

Council have a rough map which links it into the 220kva line at Longreach and goes in an almost straight line to north of Winnaleah and then it follows the existing corridor back through to Rushy Lagoon and Musselroe Bay. Then there will be a short corridor from the Waterhouse towers to join up with that line. The plan is that they will try as much as possible to follow Crown Land / state forest and have minimal impact of private landowners.

So the voltage on those towers, are they the ones that there has been potential health issue research?

# Response from Assistant General Manager, Rohan Willis:

They are in the draft phase at this stage, so that would be an aspect of the assessment conducted.

#### Further Response from General Manager, John Marik:

The proponents ACEN have confirmed today that they will be available to present to Councillors at the August Briefing Workshop, which will provide Councillors with the opportunity to ask questions such as this one.

# Councillor Mervyn Chilcott:

With the ones out at sea (wind farm towers), are there any suggestions at this stage where the power may come to shore?

#### Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

I only know what has been provided in the media, but potentially linked back into Bell Bay / George Town via undersea cables.

#### Councillor Anna Coxen:

Regarding the proposed development application for units at Barnbougle advertised recently. On the planning application there were some omissions of detail, namely no size of the building, materials, etc. Why did this application not include that level of detail and why was it accepted without that information?

# Response from Regulatory Services Manager, Thomas Wagenknecht:

Generally speaking, Council just need to see that information somewhere in the application. It doesn't necessarily need to be on the application form. Sometimes Officers find that a developer may have multiple materials being used and don't expect an applicant to provide all that information on the form, which has only limited space, same goes for building height. In these circumstances, Council lets the plans speak for themselves, particularly if amended plans are submitted, which does happen during the process, that means that the application form isn't inconsistent and need to be completed again.

Most of the community found out about this application in the local paper on the Wednesday. When you google the address listed on the sign it came up as the Barnbougle property driveway. Seeing there is electricity running over the waterway, is there a reason why there wasn't a proactive approach to consulting with the community on this issue? I understand that all legislative requirements were met with advertising, etc., however, this development will impact the community, why more wasn't done to inform the community?

#### Response from Regulatory Services Manager, Thomas Wagenknecht:

Firstly, it is very important that we treat all planning applications and applicants equally in terms of procedural fairness. We need to ensure that Council are processing applications in the same way, even when an application may be perceived to be of greater importance than others. In

regards to the powerline, there is legislation that sits separate to the Planning Scheme which separates certain types of powerlines - such as the ones listed in this planning application - from the Council assessment processes. Due to this, it wasn't factored into the site or the planning assessment in essence, so didn't form part of the land which Council Officers had to consider.

As far as the \$5 million figure on this application for 20 units plus services and road, who comes up with that figure? Is that costed by the developer?

# Response from Regulatory Services Manager, Thomas Wagenknecht:

The applicant does estimate the cost of the value of the works. They need to provide that for both planning and more importantly building as there are state building levies that are based on the value of the work.

Do Officers ever question that figure?

#### Response from Regulatory Services Manager, Thomas Wagenknecht:

Officers don't usually at the planning stage, at the building stage potentially if it is looking unrealistic. As the value of works isn't legislated information required, it is more procedural information to determine planning fees payable.

#### Further Response from Assistant General Manager, Rohan Willis:

Now that Council's Fees and Charges Schedule is tethered into the total cost of works, I think Officers will be more scrupulous with understanding the costs being anticipated by the proponent as opposed to our own projected costs. If there is a substantial difference, then a conversation would be undertaken.

#### Councillor Leonie Stein:

In relation to the powerlines in the development application, how do Council – when representing the community – on what TasNetworks believes is a good choice, compared to the community seeing it as a poor choice - go about addressing that with TasNetworks when it is out of hands as it isn't part of the Council planning assessment?

#### Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

Firstly, the issue of the powerlines may have solved itself as the powerlines may not go across the water anymore, they may be coming from the current golf course.

# Further Response from Assistant General Manager, Rohan Willis:

Further to that, Council are expecting some amended plans to be submitted shortly to reflect the realignment of those powerlines. They will be provided to Councillors once received. If the proponent wasn't inclined to realign the powerlines, all Council could suggest to the public was to write to TasNetworks and express concerns, as Council don't have the power to influence this process.

I can't remember what the application was, but in approximately 2013 a development similar to this one, Councillors knew nothing about it until it hit and the community were up in arms about it. It was brought up by former Councillor Martin and myself that any application for any type of development that we know

may cause angst, be presented to Councillors before or as soon possible prior to it going out, so that Councillors are informed. Can this process be reintroduced?

#### Response from Assistant General Manager, Rohan Willis:

In hindsight, Officers would bring applications of this scale to Council in the future. Officers do have to be careful though as this could potentially pre-empt that there is going to be issues with the development, which is not necessarily the case. Council also has to be mindful that it can't be seen to be swinging in one direction or the other, and allow the legislated process to take its course.

#### Councillor Edwina Powell:

We are nearing completion of Victoria Street and there are two seats out in the weather and there are no seating for people getting on or off the bus undercover. Will there be a seat or two put undercover shortly?

# Response from Assistant General Manager, Rohan Willis:

There will be seating. Officers need to discuss this with Council at a future Workshop as there are some complexities around the funding received from the State Government for the bus stop upgrade and there are some logistical issues regarding where the seating can go to align with the standards Council have to comply with for disability access.

# **Councillor Greg Howard:**

Despite all the backlash we got from members of the public and the shopkeepers from the deciduous trees in King Street, and the unanimous views of the Councillors that we needed to go to evergreen trees in Victoria Street, how come we ended up with deciduous trees?

#### **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Item 84/23 Notices of Motion by Councillors

Nil

\*\*Councillors were reminded that they are acting as a Planning Authority for Item 85

# Item 85/23 Planning Application – Garage with Relaxation of Building Envelope Standards

(Retrospective) | 17 Barnett Crescent BRIDPORT

Reporting Officer: Town Planner, Thomas Wagenknecht

Ref: DOC/23/7385 | PLA/2023/60 | Assessment Report: DOC/23/7587

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a proposal for the retrospective approval of a garage constructed at 17 Barnett Crescent, Bridport.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposal for the retrospective use and development of a garage with relaxation of building envelope standards at the subject land, be approved subject to the following conditions:

#### **DECISION**

# MOVED: Cr Nichols | SECONDED: Cr Donoghue

It is recommended that the proposal for the retrospective use and development of a garage with relaxation of building envelope standards at the subject land, be approved subject to the following conditions:

#### 1. Basis of Approval

The use and development is approved and must be undertaken in accordance with the Endorsed Documents, except where specified otherwise in this permit and documents lodged with this application (PLA/2023/60). Any substantial variation from this application will require the further planning consent of the Council.

#### 2. TasWater

The development must be in accordance with the conditions provided within the Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater dated 8 May 2023 (Reference No. TWDA 2023/00563-DC, copy attached to this permit).

# 3. Stormwater Management

Stormwater discharged from the impervious areas (including vehicle areas, paving and building roofed areas) of the development must be directed to Council's stormwater network in a manner that would not cause an environmental nuisance, to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner.

#### 4. Vehicle Parking and Internal Access

Prior to the commencement of the use, areas set aside for the parking of vehicles, together with the aisles, must be constructed, drained and maintained to a condition suitable for use by the vehicles which will use the areas.

#### **ADVISORY NOTES**

(i) Permission in Writing

Any reference to the need for Council approval of a matter or thing prescribed under the conditions pertinent to this permit requires such approval to be given in writing.

(ii) Objections to Proposal

This permit has no effect until the expiry of the period for the lodgement of an appeal against the granting of the permit or, if an appeal is lodged, until ten days after the appeal has been determined by the Resource and Planning Stream of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT).

#### (iii) Appeal Provisions

Attention is directed to sections 61 and 62 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (as amended) which relate to appeals. These provisions should be consulted directly, but the following provides a guide as to their content:

- A planning appeal may be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Resource and Planning Stream of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT).
- A planning appeal may be instituted within 14 days of the date the planning authority serves notice of the decision on the applicant.

#### (iv) Permit Commencement

This permit takes effect 14 days after the date of Council's notice of determination or at such time as any appeal to the Resource and Planning Stream of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) is abandoned or determined. If an applicant is the only person with a right of appeal pursuant to section 61 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and wishes to commence the use or development for which the permit has been granted within that 14 day period, the Council must be so notified in writing.

#### (v) Period of Approval

Pursuant to Section 53(5) the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, this approval will lapse after a period of two (2) years from:

- (a) the date on which the permit is granted; or
- (b) if an appeal has been instituted against the planning authority's decision to grant the permit, the date of the determination or abandonment of the appeal,

if the use or development is not substantially commenced within that period.

#### (vi) TasNetworks Advice

TasNetworks advised on 4 May 2023 that:

'Based on the information provided, the development is not likely to adversely affect TasNetworks' operations.'

#### (vii) Other Approvals

This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted. At least the following additional approvals may be required before construction commences:

- (a) Building approval
- (b) Plumbing approval
- (c) TasWater Works approval
- (d) Protection of Stormwater Assets approval

#### (viii) Reinstatement Works

Any damage that may occur to any of Council's infrastructure during the construction of works associated with the proposal must be reinstated to the satisfaction of the Council and at the cost of the developer. The developer will also be liable for all reasonable costs associated with the enforcement of compliance with the conditions, bylaws and legislation relevant to the development activity on the site.

# (ix) Protection of Stormwater Assets – Urban Drainage Act 2013

Pursuant to Part 3 of the *Urban Drainage Act 2013*, the landowner must apply for consent from Council's General Manager for the structure to be permitted to be located within one metre of the lateral line. This consent is separate to any planning, building or plumbing approvals that may be issued.

Any consent issued under the *Urban Drainage Act 2013* would be subject to any terms or conditions that the General Manager thinks fit, such as (i) indemnity against hurt, loss or damage to the structure resulting from the stormwater system and (ii) protection against damages to the stormwater system caused by the structure and associated works and (iii) the ability to require the structure to be removed from the identified area, at the owner's expense, should it be required in future to protect, restore reinstate or maintain the stormwater pipe.

**CARRIED UNAIMOUSLY** 

Item 86/23

Strategic Plan 2023 - 2032

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/23/7268 | 2023 – 2032 Strategic Plan: DOC/23/7543

#### **Purpose**

This purpose of this agenda item is for Council to receive and adopt the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032.

#### Recommendation

That Council adopt the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032.

**DECISION** 

MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Stein

That Council adopt the Dorset Council Strategic Plan 2023 – 2032.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Item 87/23

2023/24 Annual Plan

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik Ref: DOC/23/7266 | Plan: DOC/23/4894

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to adopt an Annual Plan for the 2023/24 financial year.

#### Recommendation

That Council adopt the attached 2023/24 Annual Plan.

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#### **DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Nichols | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council adopt the attached 2023/24 Annual Plan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Item 88/23

Long Term Financial Plan 2024 - 2033

Reporting Officer: Finance Manager, Allison Saunders

Ref: DOC/23/7588 | Plan: DOC/23/7180

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to present to Councillors and the community the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) for 2024 - 2033.

#### Recommendation

That pursuant to Section 70, 70E and 70F of the Local Government Act 1993, Dorset Council approves and adopts the Long Term Financial Plan for 2024 - 2033.

MOVED: Cr Coxen | SECONDED: Cr Nichols

That pursuant to Section 70, 70E and 70F of the Local Government Act 1993, Dorset Council approves and adopts the Long Term Financial Plan for 2024 - 2033.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Item 89/23 2023/24 Budget Estimates

Reporting Officer: Finance Manager, Allison Saunders

Ref: DOC/23/7589 | Operational and Capital Budget Book: DOC/23/2322

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to adopt the Budget Estimates for the 2023/24 financial year.

#### Recommendation

That pursuant to Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council approves and adopts the 2023/24 Budget Estimates.

\*Voting Requirement under the Act | Absolute Majority

#### **DECISION\***

MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Donoghue

That pursuant to Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council approves and adopts the 2023/24 Budget Estimates.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Item 90/23 2023/24 Fees and Charges

Reporting Officer: Administration Team Leader, Stephanie Hill

Ref: DOC/23/7569 | Schedule: DOC/23/2688

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda report is to present Council's Fees and Charges Schedule for 2023/24.

#### Recommendation

That Council adopts the attached Fees and Charges Schedule for 2023/24.

#### **DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Nichols

That Council adopts the attached Fees and Charges Schedule for 2023/24.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

#### Item 91/23

#### Rates and Charges Policy Review

Reporting Officer: Administration Manager, Lauren Tolputt Ref: DOC/23/7545 | Reviewed Policy: DOC/21/5798[v2]

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to review the Rates and Charges Policy (the Policy).

#### Recommendation

- 1. That Council adopt the revised Policy No. 42 Rates and Charges Policy; and
- 2. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to make a decision in respect of an objection to a variation in a rate in accordance with section 109 of the *Local Government Act* 1993.

#### **DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Stein

- 1. That Council adopt the revised Policy No. 42 Rates and Charges Policy; and
- 2. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to make a decision in respect of an objection to a variation in a rate in accordance with section 109 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 92/23

2023/24 Rates Resolution

Reporting Officer: Administration Manager, Lauren Tolputt

Ref: DOC/23/7520

\*Voting Requirement under the Act | Absolute Majority

#### **DECISION\***

MOVED: Cr Nichols | SECONDED: Cr Jessup

That Council make and levy rates and charges for the period 01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 in accordance with the resolution, which follows:

#### GENERAL RATE

- 1.1 That pursuant to section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Council makes the following General Rate on all rateable land (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the operation of section 87 of the Act) within the municipal area for the period commencing 1 July 2023 and ending 30 June 2024, namely a rate of **5.6164 cents in the dollar** on the assessed annual value of the land.
- 1.2 That pursuant to section 107 of the Act, Council declares by absolute majority that for all land which is used or predominantly used for short stay visitor accommodation, the General Rate is varied by increasing it from 5.617 cents in the dollar to 11.2328 cents in the dollar on the assessed annual value of the land.
- 1.3 That pursuant to section 90(4) of the Act, Council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate (including as varied pursuant to paragraph 1.2 of these resolutions) of \$450.

#### 2. SERVICE RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

- 2.1 That pursuant to sections 93, 93A and 94 of the Act, Council makes the following service rates and service charges on all rateable land in the municipal area (including land which is otherwise exempt from rates pursuant to section 87 of the Act but excluding land owned by the Crown to which the Council does not supply the relevant services) for the period commencing 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2024, namely:
  - (a) A service charge of \$139 for waste management services on all rateable land for the operational costs of Council's waste transfer stations (being a waste management facility), cartage of waste, removal of town waste and rehabilitation of Council's former tip sites.
  - (b) Service charges for waste management in respect of all land to which Council supplies waste management services comprising the supply of a kerb-side garbage collection service and/or the supply of a kerb-side recycling collection service, as follows:
    - i. \$311 for a large (i.e. 240 litre) mobile garbage bin;
    - ii. \$160 for a medium (i.e. 120 litre) mobile garbage bin;
    - iii. \$136 for a small (i.e. 80 litre) mobile garbage bin; and
    - iv. \$152 where Council supplies a recycling collection service.
- 2.2 If any land to which any of the waste management service charges in paragraphs 2.1(a) or (b) is applicable is the subject of separate rights of occupation, which are separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*, then the charges apply to each separate right of occupation.
- 2.3 Pursuant to section 93A of the Act, Council makes the following service rate in respect of the fire service contributions it must collect under the *Fire Service Act 1979* for the rateable parcels of land within the municipal area of Dorset:
  - (a) for land within the Bridport and Scottsdale Volunteer Brigade Rating District, a service rate of **0.2889 cents in the dollar** of assessed annual value; and
  - (b) for land within the General Land Rating District a service rate of **0.2712 cents in the dollar** of assessed annual value.

Pursuant to section 93(3) of the Act, Council sets a minimum amount of \$48 payable for the service rate in respect of the fire service contributions it must collect under the *Fire Service Act* 1979.

#### 3. SEPARATE LAND

That for the purposes of these resolutions the rates and charges shall separately apply to each parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*.

#### 4. INSTALMENT PAYMENTS

That pursuant to section 124 of the Act, Council determined that ratepayers:-

- (a) may pay the rates and charges by one payment, in which case the due date for that payment is 30 September 2023; and
- (b) may pay rates and charges by four (4) equal instalments, in which case Council determines that the dates by which the instalments are to be paid are as follows:
  - i. the first instalment on or before 30 September 2023; and

- ii. the second instalment on or before 30 November 2023; and
- iii. the third instalment on or before 31 January 2024; and
- iv. the fourth instalment on or before 31 March 2024.

#### DEFAULT INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENT

Pursuant to section 128(1)(b) of the Act, if any rate or instalment is not paid in full within 14 days of the date it falls due, then there is payable a daily interest charge equal to the prescribed percentage calculated in accordance with section 128(2) of the Act in respect of the unpaid rate or instalment for the period during which the relevant amount remains unpaid.

#### 6. ADJUSTED VALUES

That for the purpose of each of these resolutions, any reference to assessed annual value includes a reference to that value as adjusted pursuant to section 89 of the Act.

#### 7. TERMS USED

Words and expressions used both in these resolutions and in the Act or the *Fire Service Act 1979* have in these resolutions the same respective meanings as they have in those statutes.

Item 93/23 Bridge Asset Management Plan 2023 - 2033

Reporting Officer: Finance Manager, Allison Saunders Ref: DOC/23/7466 | Public Bridge AMP: DOC/23/7132

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the Bridge Asset Management Plan 2023-2033 (Bridge AMP) to Councillors for adoption.

#### Recommendation

That Council adopt the attached Bridge Asset Management Plan 2023 - 2033.

# **DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Coxen | SECONDED: Cr Stein

That Council adopt the attached Bridge Asset Management Plan 2023 - 2033.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Item 94/23 New Business and Investment Assistance Policy Review

Reporting Officer: Assistant General Manager, Rohan Willis

Ref: DOC/23/7529 | Existing Policy: 16/3106[v2] | Reviewed Policy: DOC/23/7530

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to review Policy No. 49 - New Business and Investment Assistance.

#### Recommendation

That Council adopt the attached revised Policy No. 49 - New Business and Investment Assistance.

MOVED: Cr Stein | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council adopt the attached revised Policy No. 49 - New Business and Investment Assistance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 95/23 Municipal Flood Update – October 2022

Reporting Officer: Finance Manager, Allison Saunders

Ref: DOC/23/7482

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to present an update to Councillors on the October 2022 flood event, which caused significant damage to several of Council's infrastructure assets.

#### Recommendation

That Council receive the Municipal Flood Update – October 2022.

#### **DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Nichols | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council receive the Municipal Flood Update – October 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Councillor Howard declared an interest in Item 96, vacated the Chair and left the Meeting (7:52 pm)

Deputy Mayor Jessup took the Chair for Item 96

Item 96/23 Councillor Code of Conduct – Tabling of Determination Report

Reporting Officer: General Manager. John Marik

Ref: DOC/23/7381 | Determination Report: DOC/21/3071

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to table a copy of a Code of Conduct Panel Determination in response to a complaint made against Councillor Greg Howard by Mr Lawrence Archer.

#### Recommendation

That Council receive the Code of Conduct Panel Determination Report in relation to a complaint made by Mr Lawrence Archer against Councillor Greg Howard.

#### **DECISION**

MOVED: Cr Stein | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council receive the Code of Conduct Panel Determination Report in relation to a complaint made by Mr Lawrence Archer against Councillor Greg Howard.

**CARRIED** 

Deputy Mayor Jessup vacated the Chair (8:00 pm)

# Councillor Howard returned to the Meeting and retook the Chair (8:00 pm)

Time Meeting Closed: 8:00 pm

Minutes Confirmed: 17 July 2023

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Mayor