

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CIVIC CENTRE 101 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE

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Commencing at 9.07am

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Elected Members

Councillor G G Churchill Councillor K Goodluck Councillor R A Hansen Councillor P J Masters Councillor D V O'Grady Councillor P J Sobhanian Councillor C A Trevor Councillor N Muszkat

Officers

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer) Mrs H Ning (Executive Secretary) Mrs C Quinn Mrs S Hunter Mrs K Lee Mrs B Saunders Mr M Holmes Mrs J Rodwell Miss K Roberts Mrs B James Mrs E Landman

APOLOGIES

G/19/3992 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Goodluck

That an apology for Mayor Matt Burnett due to an urgent family matter be received.

G/0.3.3.MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Nil.

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS

Pursuant to section 175(C) of the Local Government Act 2009, where a Councillor declares a Material Personal Interest in an agenda item, the Councillor must leave the room for the agenda item.

Cr O'Grady

Cr O'Grady declared a Material Personal Interest in Item G/3.1.2. SEVENTEEN SEVENTY INTERPRETIVE CENTRE, as her brother's business may be involved with the Discovery Coast Tourism & Commerce Incorporation which may result in a benefit or detriment for the business.

Cr O'Grady advised that she will leave the room during the consideration of Item G/3.1.2.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to section 175(E) of the Local Government Act 2009, where a Councillor declares a Conflict of Interest and elects to leave the room for an agenda item, a resolution of Council is not required.

<u>Cr Hansen</u>

Cr Hansen declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Item G/3.1.3. – GLADSTONE AIPORT CORPORATION – COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION, as he is a current member of the board. Cr Hansen proposed to stay in the room for this matter.

G/19/3993 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr Churchill

Cr Hansen does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/3.1.3 merely as a board member of the Gladstone Airport Corporation.

CARRIED

Cr Hansen declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Item G/3.1.4.EQIP GLADSTONE INCORPORATED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION, as he is a current member of the board. Cr Hansen proposed to stay in the room for this matter.

G/19/3994 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Masters Seconded Cr Muszkat

Cr Hansen does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/3.1.4 merely as a committee member of the EQIP Gladstone Incorporate.

<u>Cr Muszkat</u>

Cr Muszkat declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Item G/3.1.5 PHILIP STREET COMMUNITIES & FAMILIES PRECINCT – FEDERAL FUNDING & STAGE 1A CONTRACT, due to her involvement with Strong Communities who may potentially be tenants in the precinct and involved with future work. It was noted that discussion confirmed Strong Communities is not a decision maker for locations with the group providing services to Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Limited (GAPDL) who determines work locations.

G/19/3995 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr Masters

Cr Muszkat does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/3.1.5.

CARRIED

<u>Cr Hansen</u>

Cr Hansen declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Item G/3.1.5. - PHILIP STREET COMMUNITIES & FAMILIES PRECINCT – FEDERAL FUNDING & STAGE 1A CONTRACT, due to previously being a Council nominated board member of the Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited who may be a user of the buildings in future.

G/19/3996 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr Masters

Cr Hansen does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/3.1.5.

CARRIED

Cr Churchill

Cr Churchill declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in Item G/3.1.5. PHILIP STREET COMMUNITIES & FAMILIES PRECINCT – FEDERAL FUNDING & STAGE 1A CONTRACT, as he was the Chief Executive Officer of Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited for 7 years and a board member for 8 years who may be a user of the buildings in future.

G/19/3997 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr Hansen

Cr Churchill does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/3.1.5.

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

Nil.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 19 NOVEMBER 2019

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 19 November 2019.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 19 November 2019 be confirmed.

G/19/3998 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

G/3. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/3.1. OFFICER'S REPORTS

G/3.1.1. GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGY

File Ref: WM9.1, PRJ-285, ED2.1

Purpose:

To advise Council of the completion of the Gladstone Regional Council Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the completion of the Gladstone Regional Council Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy.

G/19/3999 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen Seconded Cr Masters

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

G/3.1.2. SEVENTEEN SEVENTY INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

File Ref: CR2.11

Councillor O'Grady (declared Material Personal Interest) left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/3.1.2. (refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 5)

Purpose:

Allow the Council to consider a proposal from the Discovery Coast Tourism & Commerce Inc (DCTC) for the development of legacy projects as part of the Cook 250 1770 Experience, namely being an Interpretive Centre at Cook's Monument and a Yarning Circle at Seventeen Seventy Headland.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council does not support any capital or continued operational investment in Cook 250 1770 Experience legacy projects.

G/19/4000 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill Seconded Cr Muszkat

That Council defer the matter for two weeks to obtain additional written information from Port Curtis Coral Coast Trust Limited (PCCC).

MOTION LOST

G/19/4001 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Masters Seconded Cr Goodluck

In the absence of Port Curtis Coral Coast Trust Limited (PCCC) written support, that Council does not contribute any capital or continued operational investment in Cook 250 1770 Experience legacy projects.

MOTION LOST

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:58 am and reconvened at 11:29 am.

G/19/4002 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat Seconded Cr Hansen

That Council request Discovery Coast Tourism & Commerce Inc (DCTC) to obtain written confirmation of Port Curtis Coral Coast Trust Limited (PCCC) support to the project by no later than 16 December 2019 and provide clarification from Discovery Coast Tourism & Commerce Inc (DCTC) on their expectations of Council.

G/3.1.3.GLADSTONE AIRPORT CORPORATION - COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

File Ref: CM7.1

Purpose:

This report presents information to assist in determining whether Council should continue with representation on the Board of the Gladstone Airport Corporation (GAC).

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council determine a position on representation on the Gladstone Airport Corporation.

G/19/4003 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill Seconded Cr Masters

That Council endorse its decision to appoint a Councillor of Gladstone Regional Council to serve on the Gladstone Airport Corporation Board of Directors, noting that Councillor Hansen is the current representative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G/3.1.4.EQIP GLADSTONE INCORPORATED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

File Ref: CM7.1

Purpose:

To provide Elected Members with information regarding appointed representation on the Education Queensland and Industry Partnership (EQIP) Gladstone Incorporated Management Committee.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council determine its position for nomination of a Board Member to the EQIP Gladstone Incorporated Management Committee.

G/19/4004 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Masters Seconded Cr Goodluck

That Council endorse the appointment of a Councillor to the Education Queensland and Industry Partnership (EQIP) Gladstone Incorporated Management Committee, noting that Cr Hansen is the current representative.

G/3.1.5.PHILIP STREET COMMUNITIES & FAMILIES PRECINCT -FEDERAL FUNDING & STAGE 1A CONTRACT

File Ref: PE1.1, GS3.2, PRJ-076

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's consideration of Item 2 of Resolution No. G/19/3906 from the 20 August 2019 General Meeting in relation to awarding the Stage 1a Tender for the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council rescind Part of Resolution G/19/3906 of 20 August 2019 that Council Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract subject to granting of an extension of milestone dates under the Federal Government funding arrangement for the project with Grycan Pty Ltd as Trustee for Blomfield Family Trust Trading as Blomfield Excavations for Philip Street Precinct Stage 1a – External Works and replace it with the following:-

1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract for the project with Grycan Pty Ltd as Trustee for Blomfield Family Trust Trading as Blomfield Excavations for Philip Street Precinct Stage 1a – External Works; and

2. Seek an extension to the Federal Government Funding (RJIP60057) end date as required.

G/19/4005 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

G/4. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

File Ref: CM6.1

Purpose:

Cr Sobhanian submits the following report on attendance at the Northern Australia Economic Development Conference, Karratha, Western Australia.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the report be received.

G/19/4006 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Sobhanian Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

QUEENSLAND REDS MATCH

File Ref: SR2.1

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Resolve under section 235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that is it satisfied in these circumstances that there is only one source of supply for hosting the proposed Rugby Union match between Queensland Reds vs. Melbourne Rebels on in January 2020.

2. Allocate revenue acquired from ticket sales for the Queensland Reds vs. Melbourne Rebels match to the Gladstone Region Drought Appeal.

G/19/4007 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill Seconded Cr Goodluck

CARRIED

Cr Muszkat requested that her vote be recorded in the negative.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 1:16 pm and reconvened at 1:52 pm.

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

G/19/4008 Procedural Motion:

Moved by Cr Churchill Seconded Cr O'Grady

That in accordance with Section 275 (1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to discuss business relating to the following: -

- (d) rating concessions.
- (f) starting or defending legal proceeding involving the local government.

CARRIED

G/19/4009 Procedural Motion:

Moved by Cr Masters Seconded Cr Goodluck

That Council re-open the meeting to the public.

G/8.1. OUTSIDE OF POLICY CONCEALED LEAK CONCESSIONS

File Ref: RV4.4, RV4.5

G/19/4010 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr Masters

That Council:

- Grant concession of 80% usage discount for a Residential Assessment numbers 38923-9, 33149-6, 33102-5 & 40659-5 and concession of 50% usage discount for Commercial Assessment numbers 2548-9, 14326-3 & 11075-9 due to the specific circumstances Council is prepared to treat these debts as exceptional circumstances.
- 2. Treat the residential assessments as hardship cases and apply interest free to the remaining debt over 12 months.

MOTION LOST ON CASTING VOTE OF DEPUTY MAYOR (CHAIR)

G/19/4011 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat Seconded Cr Sobhanian

That Council:

- Grant concession of 50% usage discount for a Residential Assessment numbers 38923-9, 33149-6, 33102-5 & 40659-5 and concession of 50% usage discount for Commercial Assessment numbers 2548-9, 14326-3 & 11075-9 due to the specific circumstances Council is prepared to treat these debts as exceptional circumstances.
- 2. Treat the residential and commercial assessments as hardship cases and apply interest free to the remaining debt over 24 months.

MOTION LOST

G/19/4012 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill Seconded Cr Trevor

That Council advise the owners at below properties:

1. Assessment numbers 38923-9, 33149-6, 33102-5 & 40659-5

After reviewing Council's water network and considering the case made for relief from Council's water charge notice, Council does not grant any further concession for water consumption charge outside of the Concealed Water Leak Concession Policy.

2. Assessment numbers 2548-9, 14326-3 & 11075-9

After reviewing the case made for relief from Council's water charge notice, Council does not grant any concession for water consumption charge under the Concealed Water Leak Concession Policy to commercial operated business.

MOTION LOST

G/19/4013 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck Seconded Cr O'Grady

That Council:

- Grant concession of 70% usage discount for a Residential Assessment numbers 38923-9, 33149-6, 33102-5 & 40659-5 and concession of 50% usage discount for Commercial Assessment numbers 2548-9, 14326-3 & 11075-9 due to the specific circumstances Council is prepared to treat these debts as exceptional circumstances.
- 2. Treat the residential assessments as hardship cases and apply interest free to the remaining debt over 12 months.

MOTION LOST ON CASTING VOTE OF DEPUTY MAYOR (CHAIR)

G/19/4014 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor Seconded Cr Sobhanian

That Council:

- Grant concession of 60% usage discount for a Residential Assessment numbers 38923-9, 33149-6, 33102-5 & 40659-5 and concession of 50% usage discount for Commercial Assessment numbers 2548-9, 14326-3 & 11075-9 due to the specific circumstances Council is prepared to treat these debts as exceptional circumstances.
- 2. Treat the residential assessments as hardship cases and apply interest free to the remaining debt over 12 months.

G/8.2. SALE OF LAND FOR ARREARS OF RATES 2019

File Ref: RV6.2

G/19/4015 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Masters Seconded Cr Churchill

That Council, pursuant to section 140 (2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* resolve to sell the properties identified in Attachment 1 for arrears of rates.

The properties identified are to be sold by way of auction for arrears of rates with an auction reserve and other terms of the process to be set by the Chief Executive Officer having regard to the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and associated regulations.

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There being no further business the Deputy Mayor formally closed the meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2:59 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby confirm that I have read the minutes and they are a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting. I certify that these 22 pages form the official copy of Gladstone Regional Council General Meeting Minutes of the 3 December 2019.

Doputy Moyor Chris Trover

Deputy Mayor Chris Trevor

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