

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Glenorchy City
Council
held at the Council Chambers
on Monday, 24 June 2024 at 3:30pm**



**Present (in
Chambers):**

Mayor Sue Hickey, Aldermen Shane Alderton, Josh Cockshutt, Jan Dunsby, Steven King, Stuart Slade, Justin Stringer and Russell Yaxley, Councillors Molly Kendall and Harry Quick

**In attendance
(in Chambers):**

Tony McMullen (General Manager), Emilio Reale (Deputy General Manager), Tracey Ehrlich (Director Community and Corporate Services), Christine Lane (Manager Stakeholder and Executive), Emma Watkins (Coordinator Executive & Strategy), Allan Wise (Manager Finance), Michael Sokulski (Chief Financial Officer), Luke Chiu (Manager Property, Environment and Waste)

**In attendance
(by video link):**

Mandy Henderson (Executive Assistant to the General Manager), Melanie Burk (Executive Assistant to the Mayor)

Leave of Absence:

**Workshops held
since last Council
Meeting**

Date: Monday, 3 June 2024

Purpose: To discuss:

- Tasmanian Police Crime Statistics Update
- Draft Prince of Wales Bay Specific Area Plan Briefing
- Draft Budget Meeting #7

Date: Monday, 11 June 2024

Purpose: To discuss:

- MI Global Briefing

Date: Monday, 17 June 2024

Purpose: To discuss:

- Derwent River Ferry Service Expansion Briefing

The Council meeting was live streamed on Council's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. The peak number of viewers watching the live stream was 21 viewers and 5 members of the public attended in person.

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.30pm.

The Chair acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the original and traditional owners and continuing custodians of the land and their elders, past and present.

We acknowledge the muwinina people as the traditional owners of this land. We recognise the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the original owners and continuing custodians of the land, sky and country and waters of this island, lutruwita. We pay our respect to Aboriginal Elders, past and present. We commit to working in a way that welcomes and respects all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

The Chair read a statement noting that the meeting would be recorded and live streamed to members of the public, and about work health and safety at the Council meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution:

SLADE/QUICK

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 27 May 2024 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

Resolution:

KING/ALDERTON

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 17 June 2024 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN: Alderman Cockshutt

The motion was CARRIED.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

- I would like to start by acknowledging and congratulating the newest member of Glenorchy City Council, Justin Stringer.
- Welcome, Alderman Stringer, I am sure you will serve the people of Glenorchy well. In a few moments I'd like to give Alderman Stringer an opportunity to tell us a little about himself before we get on with the formal business of Council.
- Prior to that, I would like to thank the people of Glenorchy for the faith they have showed in me to elect me as their Mayor.
- I understand what this role demands, and importantly, what the community needs from this role, and I will put my hand on my heart, roll up my sleeves and pledge to continue working extremely hard to advance the interests of this city and its community.
- I would like to acknowledge the effort of other candidates at this election. Putting yourself up for public office is extremely challenging, and I commend all the candidates who clearly wanted to do their very best in representing people in this forum.
- I would also like to acknowledge the campaigns of the candidates contesting the mayor's position, particularly Alderman Alderton and Alderman Yaxley. I believe this election was genuinely a contest of ideas and was one of the cleanest I can recall having participated in. Democracy is best served with a field of strong candidates, and I look forward to working with you both as part of this council.

Election of Deputy Mayor

- In terms of electing the Deputy Mayor, a nomination process will be opened by the general manager to allow any elected member to put their name forward for consideration.
- Aldermen and Councillors will participate in a secret ballot election at the next ordinary meeting of Council on 29 July.
- Just to reiterate, the role of deputy mayor will be decided by the people around this table, from one of the people around this table, as all council positions are now filled.

Elector Poll & Pool

- People will have seen that the Glenorchy by-election also contained an elector poll relating to the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool. I am extremely pleased that the poll has ratified and endorsed Council's plan to repair and reopen the pool as a matter of priority, as well as seek longer term solutions for the pool.
- The project to repair and reopen the pool is progressing well with the recent completion of a detailed site survey and geotechnical assessment of the grounds, both of which are needed for the design work.
- Specialist engineers and architects are using this information to develop a scope of works, and detailed designs in readiness to tender for the pool to be repaired.
- The project to secure the long-term future of the pool is also progressing well and on track for completion in August.
- MI Global is finalising the cost estimates and cost-benefit analyses for each of the pool options selected by community in the first round of engagement.
- Once this work is completed community will be consulted on its preferred option.
- A concept plan and business case will be prepared for the preferred option and this will give us what we need to seek Federal Government funding to progress the pool's long-term future.
- Detail on both projects can be found on our website.

Youth Crime & anti-social behaviour

- I would also like to talk briefly about an issue that is currently proving extremely challenging for our business community, as well as our wider community.
- Youth crime and anti-social behaviour is again causing some terrible problems in our municipal area. We are seeing people getting verbally and physically assaulted, shop owners and their employees frightened for their physical safety – it is something we should all be extremely concerned about.

- I don't want to make this about kids. All of us around this table know that we are talking about a very small minority of individuals who are causing these problems, but the simple fact is they are having a terribly detrimental effect on people's sense of safety.
- No-one wants to see our city unsafe. No-one wants to hear businesses talking about closing their doors because their staff are too scared to go to work for fear of being confronted and threatened.
- And, yes, this has happened to Council staff too, just to be clear. It affects every part of our community.
- I want to be very clear that I want to tackle this issue. I don't believe it should be up to council on its own to have to deal with every aspect of this problem, because in many instances the causes are likely to be extremely complex and will need the buy in of other government agencies and services.
- But I do want to start by giving businesses a voice and giving them a chance to be heard, so I will be arranging for a business forum to occur in the shorter term which I'm sure will give us greater insight into the issues and allow us to move forward on developing solutions.
- Now, Alderman Stringer, I would invite you to introduce yourself to the Council table and take a minute or so to tell us a little about yourself.
- [Alderman Justin Stringer] After the Second World War, my two grandfathers moved to the northern suburbs from Geelong and another country Victorian town. They were here to fill roles at the ports and met each the first morning on the way to work at the train station, they also went on to played football together for Hobart. Marrying local girls (my grandmothers) they went on to start families and watch them grow in the northern suburbs. One of those grandfathers started a milk bar in Chigwell, this is where my mother worked part-time and met my father.

My parents raised a family in the northern suburbs, contributing and participating in the community. Now I'm here in the community, raising 2 boys with my wife and hope to make great contributions to the northern suburbs to help see it grow and flourish.

We are very lucky to living in a great city as I believe it is, in comparison to other parts of the world. We are a safe, clean and productive city with loads of potential to become greater.

- As Acting Mayor I have continued to lobby State Government for funding and support for issues that are important to our community. Over the past month I have received:
 - Confirmation from the Premier, Jeremy Rockliff of election commitments being honoured once the State budget is handed down in September.
 - Response from Deputy Premier, Michael Ferguson as Minister for Infrastructure to a letter requesting an update on the status of traffic signals at the Foreshore Road and Brooker Highway intersection. Minister Ferguson advised that the design for this work is in the final stages of development and funding sources for construction are currently being investigated.
 - Notification from Member for Clark, Ella Haddad of her tabling of a public petition to fund the renovation and/or construction requirement for the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool. As part of this notification, Ms Haddad also included the Government's response from Minister for Sport and Events, Nic Street. The response confirms the Government's position in recognising that the pool is important to the residents of Glenorchy and highlights the commitment of \$5 million to repair and reopen the pool, along with \$200 000 to allow a feasibility study to be undertaken to help determine the pool's future. Minister Street has also written to his Australian Government counterpart seeking funding support for any future redevelopment of the site.

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

The Chairperson asked if any Aldermen had or were likely to have a pecuniary interest in any items on the Agenda.

No declarations of pecuniary interest were declared.

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Question without notice – Deanne Gillie (Shaw), Granton

Q2: Will you look into opening up the Glenorchy Pool shower block together with the Salvation Army or similar organisation to provide facilities for people sleeping rough?

A: [Acting Mayor] That is a wonderful suggestion. I think it is merit worthy. We will look into it.

This question was taken on notice.

Response: Council has previously investigated potential use of Council-owned buildings to provide emergency shelter and toilet/shower facilities for people experiencing homelessness, as reported to Council meeting on 25 July 2022. The relevant section of that Council report is provided below.

Council-owned buildings

In relation to the use of council owned property for emergency shelter purposes, Council officers investigated this in response to the meeting held with members of parliament on 16 June, as detailed under 'Advice on proposed Motion #4' below. Council's Property section undertook an assessment of the potential to use Council-owned buildings to provide emergency shelter for people experiencing homelessness. The considerations are complex. A limited number of buildings were identified as possibilities as Council rarely leaves a facility vacant without finding a tenant. As such there would be a significant lead time waiting out leases to expire before most facilities could be made available. The following further considerations would need to be taken into account:

Safety matters

Opening up a Council building for emergency/homeless shelter without appropriate oversight and onsite management arrangements would be problematic from a duty of care perspective. There are likely to be a wide range of risks and safety issues that would need to be managed including on-site supervision by trained staff, security arrangements and cleaning. There are significant challenges involved with housing people experiencing homelessness, which may include complex health issues, accommodating family groups, people with pets, hygiene issues, drug and alcohol misuse, mental health and behavioural problems. These would require diligent and expert management - to avoid an otherwise well-meaning initiative putting future residents of such facilities at more risk. Council does not have the internal capability to provide the appropriate supervision and wrap around services that would be required to run a homeless shelter. A partnership with a provider whose core business and experience includes the operation of homeless shelters would be required.

Changerooms and sporting facilities

Change rooms and other rooms at sport and recreation facilities may have some appeal for this purpose as these include toilet and shower facilities. However, these are all tenanted and would require negotiation of specific agreements with the relevant tenants. Most grounds also include evening training and/or matches. Halls The majority of halls are highly utilised with regular hire groups in place. Even our lower-utilisation halls would require significant upgrades to ablution facilities and would be difficult to heat efficiently.

Planning/Building Permits

There are no exemptions in the Planning Scheme that would allow the use of premises for emergency/homeless shelters without the need to first obtain a planning permit. The use class would be Residential and the individual use most likely Communal Residence, which either requires a discretionary permit or is prohibited depending on the zoning of the land. The facilities are also not classified for residential occupation under the Building Act and hence would require reclassification and potentially significant works to meet that classification (the exact requirements of each building would need to be clarified by a Private Building Surveyor).

Negotiation/consultation with facility users

Use of facilities for emergency shelter of people experiencing homelessness would require significant negotiations with existing facility users to ascertain whether such use was practicable.

It is appreciated that the suggestion here is to use the pool facility which is currently unoccupied, however major renovations are due to take place shortly and no public access can be provided during this period. Once the renovations are completed the above issues will persist. It is also appreciated that the suggestion here is to partner with the Salvation Army or similar organisation, which may help to overcome some of the safety/supervision challenges noted above.

Unfortunately, the range of collective issues, as summarised above, made this proposal impractical and Council has since endorsed a Statement of Commitment on Housing which outlines the areas that Council can best contribute to in order to support housing, and Council continues to focus on:

www.gcc.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/GCC-Statement-of-Commitment-on-Housing-Update-30-January-2023.pdf

**Question without notice – Deanne Gillie (Shaw), Granton
on behalf of Michelle Austen****Q1: Where are historical archives being kept?**

A: [Acting Mayor] This question was taken on notice.

Response:

A large number of Council's physical documents have recently been digitised, so those are temporarily being kept with the contractor for this project, Acrodata. The digital copies of these are being kept with Council's other digital documents, in an Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS). Any physical documents that Council is required to keep under legislation is kept at Council's physical storage contractor's facility, which is currently Zircodata. There are also many documents that have been transferred to the Office of the State Archivist.

In a more general sense, Council holds information accumulated/compiled from a variety of sources (incl the aforementioned digitised files along with photographs, reference texts, technical reports, and information) that the Heritage Officer draws upon in answering specific public enquiries on a wide range of historical interest or research topics, when time permits. In these instances, responses are saved electronically (e.g., to individual correspondent, property or subject files as appropriate).

Council's Corporate Collection contains a diverse array of items that are either functional and in use (e.g., the Mayoral robes and chains of office), displayed on walls throughout Council in the case of framed artworks and proclamations, contained in display cases, or are kept at Council's Tolosa storage unit which is a stable, clean and dry environment, deemed fit for purpose by a qualified materials conservator. Many of the items in storage are contained in archival survival boxes and/or interleaved/wrapped in acid free paper. The collection is described by inventory, the listed items inspected by the conservator bi-annually, and otherwise overseen by Council's Heritage Officer.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Question with notice – Moonah Nature Mates

(Received Tuesday, 11 June 2024)

Background Moonah Nature Mates is a local community group founded in 2020 that has been working with Council to preserve the native bushland remnants of Moonah and West Moonah within Council reserves. We work closely with Council's environment team on a range of activities including woody weed removals, rubbish clean ups, thinning of overstorey vegetation, community plantings and citizen science days, all aimed at preserving and enhancing the original flora of Moonah – West Moonah.

One of the reserves we have worked at regularly is the Jim Bacon Memorial Reserve. This reserve is special – it contains a healthy 2 hectare stand of Black Gum woodland, an officially listed, threatened vegetation community under both Commonwealth and State legislation. The reserve supports 97 local native species including three State-listed threatened species. One of these is the Blue Devil – *Eryngium ovinum*; its population at Jim Bacon Memorial Reserve is one of the largest and most significant in Tasmania.

Much to our surprise, a disc golf course was installed earlier this year in the Jim Bacon Memorial Reserve. This is despite discussions over the years between Moonah Nature Mates and various Council officials and councillors about the potential use of this space for activities aimed at protecting and extending the woodland flora and improving the aesthetics of the reserve. Fortunately, no threatened species have been directly impacted by the disc golf infrastructure though it needs to be noted that populations of the threatened Blue Devil occur less than 50 metres away from new infrastructure.

With the above in mind, we seek Council's clarification on the following:

Q1: What community consultation did GCC engage in before making the decision to install the Disc Golf course in the Jim Bacon Memorial Reserve? (e.g., were neighbours or any community groups consulted?)

Response: Yes, neighbouring properties were all sent a letter outlining the proposal and provided the opportunity to provide feedback. 78 letters were posted to surrounding properties on 22 February 2023 with a map and description of the proposal. Very few questions were raised around the proposal, and these were addressed accordingly.

Q2: What policies does GCC use when considering new activities or developments in parks, reserves and other areas of Public Open Space and are these policies current and up to date?

Response: The Council endorsed Sport and Recreation Framework, *Active Glenorchy 2040*, outlines the opportunity to activate the park including facilities such as disc golf. The proposal was exempt from requiring a Planning Permit under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

Q3: Are Council members aware of the ecological significance of the remnant Black Gum woodland and threatened species growing in the Jim Bacon Memorial Reserve (and the significance of similar vegetation in other GCC reserves) and of Council's obligations to protect these, under State and Federal legislation?

Response: Yes absolutely. The proposal was reviewed by Council's Natural Areas Environment Officer with these natural values specifically in mind. The proposal was subsequently adjusted to the satisfaction of the Environment Officer ensuring the activity was kept clear of the Black Gum woodland and threatened species. This also included consideration of the direction of throw of the discs. The facility is contained to the mowed open grass park area, and only involved the installation of several baskets and posts.

Question with notice – Robert Holderness-Roddam

(Received Sunday, 16 June 2024)

Q1: Having advocated strongly, over many years, for a pedestrian refuge crossing on Main Road at Austins Ferry, near bus stop no. 42, without success; I was surprised to find one being constructed on Main Road south of the junction with Hestercombe Road at Goulds Lagoon.

Having recently met with a GCC staff member, who explained amongst other things that the provision of the bike paths precluded the provision of a pedestrian refuge in Austins Ferry, I would like an explanation as to how this location in Granton can be justified. (Photo below).



Response:

On Main Road, to the south of Hestercombe Road, parking on the west side of the road is already prohibited as properties have access and parking off Sanctuary Road. This means that there is enough road space for a pedestrian median island, bike lanes on both sides of the road and parking on the east side of the road.

On Main Road, between Wakehurst Road and Merley Road, there is parking and bike lanes on both sides of the road. The installation of a pedestrian median island would require the removal of parking on one side of the road or the bike lanes.

Question without notice – Janiece Bryan, Montrose

Q1: The Planning Development Application for the YMCA was first advertised 6 September 2023 and approved, however, the redevelopment is now being held up by Council. The Construction Company is on site and needs to urgently proceed with construction. Penalties will need to be paid to the Construction Company after the 9th July 2024 if the Council's delay in issuing the Building Permit continues. Therefore, could you please explain why the Council has delayed approval of the Building Permit, urgently required to allow the YMCA upgrade and redevelopment to proceed?

A: [Deputy General Manager] The building application for the YMCA was received on 15 May 2024, without a plumbing application. An application for a plumbing permit was received on 5 June 2024 and became valid on 11 June 2024 when all information was received, and the application fee was paid. Some issues with the stormwater connection were resolved on 20 June 2024, so both permits can now be issued tomorrow morning. This has been assessed and approved within their respective statutory time frames. YMCA management have been consulted on progress every few days.

Q2: Will the most urgent repairs commence to allow the pool to reopen whilst the less urgent repairs are carried out?

A: [General Manager] We had an initial meeting with government officers around that issue of the funding agreement. The indications were that they would be looking favourably on Council, starting to commit funds in advance of the funding agreement being signed. We still don't have a finalised funding agreement at this stage, but nevertheless, Council officers have taken preliminary steps in relation to the project. I understand that we have done a site survey and we are getting geotechnical work done on the pool site itself. So works are underway in terms of the preliminary steps to progress the project.

[Deputy General Manager] Council has commenced work on the planning, scope development, survey, geotechnical and drainage systems has begun. We are finding that all the issues involved in the refurbishment of the pool are intertwined. We can't fix one thing without fixing the other. However, we will try and prioritise the things that will enable the pool to open as soon as possible and inform the public of the program by the end of this calendar year.

Question without notice – Deanne Gillie (Shaw), Granton

Q1: Last month I heard mention of a workshop that councillors attended regarding the hydrotherapy pool that's leased to Revive and hearing rumours in the community that Revive are only paying \$200 a week and subletting to St. Giles, but perhaps that is \$2000 a week.

My question is, do any of the Alderman know the details of this lease? Are they happy with it? Can anybody shed some light on what's happening?

A: [Deputy General Manager] A meeting took place with St. Giles Chief Executive Officer, a Media advisor for St. Giles, the Mayor, Deputy General Manager, and Simon Behrakis MP. The details were discussed to ensure all parties were aware of the contractual arrangements that St. Giles has entered into. This is a legally binding agreement between St. Giles and Revive. Council is not a party to this contract/lease. At the meeting Council urged the operators of a hydrotherapy facility at KGV to submit a contract dispute for commercial arbitration and legal mediation to try and have it resolved as soon as possible.

Council's priority is to ensure hydrotherapy services continue to be delivered to the community. While St. Giles may have changed its view on having entered into a commercial agreement with Revive, the fact is it remains a commercial agreement between those two parties.

The lease is valid until 2027.

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

None.

COMMUNITY

Community Goal – Making Lives Better

8. ACTIVITIES OF THE MAYOR

File Reference: Mayoral Announcements

Reporting Brief:

To receive an update on the recent activities of the Acting Mayor.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/COCKSHUTT

That Council:

1. RECEIVE the report about the activities of Acting Mayor Hickey during the period from Monday, 20 May 2024 to Sunday, 16 June 2024.
2. ADD the following activities on Friday 14 June, 2024.
 - a. Visited Alan Yu, Moonah Newsagent and Tobacconist regarding racism in Moonah.
 - b. Visited Bento Moonah regarding racism concerns.
 - c. Visited Heavenly Shoes Moonah.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

ECONOMIC

Community Goal – Open for Business

9. DERWENT RIVER FERRY EXPANSION PROJECT

File Reference: Greater Hobart Ferry Terminals

Reporting Brief:

The purpose of this report is to:

- Provide detail on the development of infrastructure to enable the expansion of the ferry service operating on the River Derwent, and
- to seek in-principle approval for the location of the proposed new passenger ferry terminals, including at Wilkinsons Point, and
- to seek in-principle approval for community consultation to be undertaken in respect to the Wilkinsons Point location.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/YAXLEY

That Council:

1. NOTE the report detailing the development of infrastructure to enable the expansion of the ferry service operating on the Derwent River (Attachment 1).
2. NOTE that Australian Government grant funding of \$20M has been secured to develop infrastructure at key locations to enable the expansion of the ferry service to proceed.
3. PROVIDE in-principle support for the establishment of the proposed new passenger ferry terminal at Wilkinsons Point.
4. NOTE the proposed establishment of additional ferry terminals outside of the municipality, at Lindisfarne Bay and Sandy Bay.
5. AUTHORISE the General Manager to:
 - a. PROGRESS the development of plans, identification of P90 cost estimates and any additional stakeholder engagement required for the ferry terminal to be located at Wilkinsons Point.

- b. UNDERTAKE community consultation in respect to the proposed Wilkinsons Point and, in the alternative, Montrose Bay, and report the findings of that consultation to Council, and to consider those findings in any detailed planning undertaken in preparation to lodge applications for development approval as required.
6. UNDERTAKE an advocacy campaign (in conjunction with other Greater Hobart Councils) to strongly encourage the Tasmanian Government to develop systems to enable direct connectivity between Metro Tasmania and Derwent River passenger ferry terminals.
7. ADVOCATE for any parking for the Wilkinsons Point ferry to be managed on State Growth land at either the Wilkinsons Point site or the underutilised Crown land car park on the corner of Goodwood Road and Brooker Highway with improved walking and cycling connections.
8. INVESTIGATE the imposition of time limited parking restrictions in the proximity of existing or future passenger ferry terminals, with the aim of effectively limiting all day parking in those areas.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal – Leading our Community

10. RESULTS OF 2024 BY-ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR

File Reference: Local Government Election 2024

Reporting Brief:

To report on the results of the by-election held in June 2024 to fill the vacant Mayor and Alderman/Councillor positions on Glenorchy City Council.

Resolution:

KING/COCKSHUTT

That Council:

1. NOTE the results of the 2024 Glenorchy By-Elections, as published in the Certificate of Election, namely the election of:
 - a. Sue Hickey as Mayor, and
 - b. Justin Stringer as Alderman/Councillor
2. ACKNOWLEDGE the making of the respective declarations of office under section 321(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* by:
 - a. Sue Hickey on Monday, 24 June 2024, and
 - b. Justin Stringer on Monday, 24 June 2024.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE the Mayor's function as representative or statutory member, as appropriate, on the following external bodies, under section 27(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 1993*:
 - a. Local Government Association of Tasmania, Voting representative
 - b. TasWater owners' representatives' group, Owners' representative
 - c. Southern Tasmania Regional Waste Authority, Forum member
 - d. Greater Hobart Committee (*Greater Hobart Act 2019*), Member
 - e. Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership, Member
 - f. Joint Ministerial Council (Hobart City Deal), Member

4. ACKNOWLEDGE the Mayor's role as chair of the following Council committees or committees:
 - a. Glenorchy Planning Authority
 - b. General Manager's Performance Review Committee
 - c. Jobs Hub Steering Committee

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

Resolution:

SLADE/KING

That Council:

DECIDE to deal with an item entitled “Results of elector poll on the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool” that is not presently on the agenda for the ordinary Council meeting dated 24 June 2024 and renumber remaining items accordingly.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED by absolute majority.

11. RESULTS OF ELECTOR POLL ON GLENORCHY WAR MEMORIAL POOL

File Reference: Elector Poll for Glenorchy Pool

Reporting Brief:

To enable Council to discuss the results of the elector poll on the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool conducted in June 2024.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/KENDALL

That Council:

- NOTE the results of an elector poll on the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool.

| Question | Yes | No |
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| 1. Do you support the Council with committed government funding, urgently repairing and reopening the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool? | 19, 637 (89.02%) | 2, 421 (10.98%) |
| 2. Should the Council apply for future government funding, to retain the pool and redevelop it into a modern public pool facility that will serve the Glenorchy area for the longer term | 20, 547 (93.03%) | 1, 539 (6.97%) |

- NOTE the number of electors enrolled was 33,554, the number of ballots returned (elector poll) was 22,479 and the response rate for the elector poll was 66.99%.
- NOTE that the project to repair and reopen the Pool using \$5M in State government funding is currently underway.
- NOTE that the MI Global project on Pool Redevelopment and Alternative Options which explores a long-term solution for the Pool site is at an advanced stage, following extensive community engagement, with the report expected to be handed to Council for its consideration in August 2024.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

12. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 31 MAY 2024

File Reference: Corporate and Financial Reporting

Reporting Brief:

To provide Council with the monthly Financial Performance Report for the period ending 31 May 2024.

Resolution:

ALDERTON/COCKSHUTT

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Financial Performance Report for the year-to-date ending 31 May 2024 as set out in Attachment 1.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

13. REVISED FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

File Reference: Council Policy

Reporting Brief:

To recommend Council adopts a revised Financial Hardship Policy to include the remission or rebate of fees and charges.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/KENDALL

That Council:

1. ADOPT the revised Financial Hardship Policy included as Attachment 2 to this report.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE

Question with notice – Alderman Dunsby

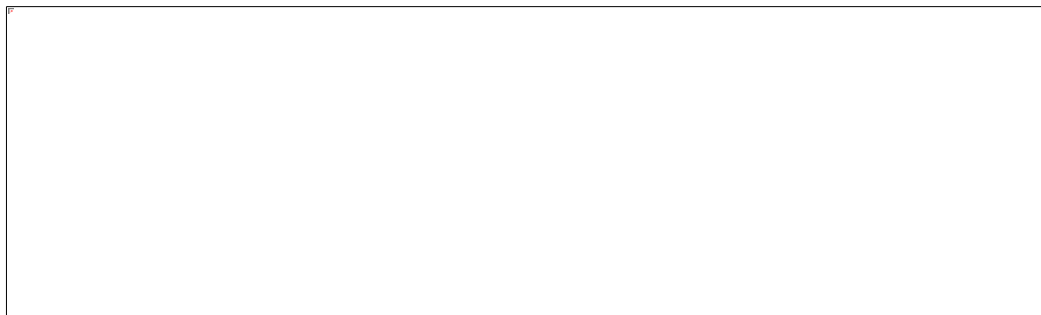
(Received Friday, 19 April 2024)

Q: Based on multiple observations, could a Traffic Engineer evaluate the below and provide advise?

Barry Street car park has two entry/exit points onto Barry Street. The exit that faces the Glenorchy Community Health Centre currently allows vehicles to make both left and right hand turns. This can be a very tricky manoeuvre, given the volume and build-up of traffic during peak times. To complicate matters, pedestrians often cross the road (albeit illegally) at this point, as they leave the building via the stairs.

I believe this is an accident waiting to happen.

There is potential to alleviate some of the risk by making it a left-turn exit only. Vehicles can still enter Barry Street to access Main Road by turning right at the exit just a few metres away.



A: Council’s Transport Engineer will investigate the safety and suitability of the current entry / exit arrangements from the Barry Street car park to determine whether any improvements can be made to the facility. This will require undertaking a traffic survey to understand the current traffic numbers and turning movements. Council’s Transport Engineer will report back with findings once the traffic survey has been undertaken.

Barry Street Car Park – Right Turns and Pedestrian Movements

Overview:

The Council's Transport Engineer conducted a survey of right-turn vehicle movements from the Barry Street car park driveway near Main Road, as well as a pedestrian survey on Barry Street between Main Road and the driveway to the car park. This survey was conducted in response to a question on notice.

Survey Data:

The survey was carried out on Thursday, May 9th, 2024, during the following times: from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The findings are as follows:

- **Morning (8:00 am - 9:00 am):** Two vehicles turned right out of the driveway.
- **Afternoon (2:30 pm - 5:30 pm):** One vehicle turned right out of the driveway.

Pedestrian Data:

- **Morning:** A consistent stream of pedestrians crossed Barry Street, mainly visiting the medical centre and nearby coffee shops. During the one-hour morning period, 22 pedestrians crossed the road between Main Road and the car park driveway without using the traffic lights.
- **Afternoon:** The peak pedestrian movement occurred from 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm, with 15 pedestrians crossing the road without using the traffic lights. Subsequently, six pedestrians crossed between 3:45 pm and 4:15 pm, followed by one person shortly after, and two more just after 5:00 pm, mostly leaving the medical centre.

Table 1 – Survey of Vehicles Turning Right and Pedestrian Crossings

| Time | Vehicles turning right | Pedestrians crossing at or south of driveway (towards main rd) | | | | TOTAL Pedestrians |
|-----------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | Heading west / towards Rivulet | Into Medical centre | Heading east / towards GCC | Out of medical centre | |
| 8.00 - 8.15 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 8.15 - 8.30 | 1 | | | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 8.30 - 8.45 | | | 3 | | 3 | 6 |
| 8.45 to 9.00 | | 1 | 2 | | | 3 |
| Total AM | 2 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 22 |
| 2.30 - 2.45 | 1 | | | | | 0 |
| 2.45 - 3.00 | | | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| 3.00 - 3.15 | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 3.15 - 3.30 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| 3.30 - 3.45 | | 1 | | | 3 | 4 |
| 3.45 - 4.00 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4.00 - 4.15 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4.15 - 4.30 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| 4.30 - 4.45 | | | | | | 0 |
| 4.45 - 5.00 | | | | | | 0 |
| 5.00 - 5.15 | | 1 | | | 2 | 3 |
| 5.15 - 5.30 | | | | | | 0 |
| Total PM | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 11 | 25 |

Observations:

- Morning: Traffic on Barry Street flowed smoothly towards Main Road, providing clear visibility for drivers exiting the driveway and pedestrians crossing the road.
- Afternoon: Traffic congestion extended beyond Mill Lane for 10 to 15 minutes, obstructing visibility and making it challenging for both drivers and pedestrians to anticipate movements.

An LJ Hooker employee indicated they avoid using the driveway during heavy traffic on Barry Street, opting for an alternative exit. This observation was confirmed onsite.

The timing of the traffic lights prioritises pedestrian safety without causing significant traffic delays. Despite this, many pedestrians choose not to use the lights, as crossing without them often involves shorter wait times.

Sight lines at the two driveways onto Barry Street were evaluated. Driver sight lines are adequate unless a car is parked in the parking space circled below. This space does not meet the required length standards.

Figure 1 – Sight Lines Obstructed by Parking Space:



Assessment:

The survey indicates a low volume of vehicles turning right out of the driveway, but a significant number of pedestrians crossing the road without using the traffic lights.

Proposed Solutions:**1. Right Turn Ban:**

- Implementing a right turn ban with signage is possible, but physical enforcement is challenging due to the lack of space for an island. This could result in unexpected encounters between pedestrians and right-turning vehicles.
- Given the low volume of vehicles, the risk is considered minimal, and a right turn ban is not recommended.

2. Pedestrian Fence:

- Installing a pedestrian fence outside the medical centre could prevent pedestrians from crossing the road before the traffic lights, eliminating the risk of accidents. However, this might cause pedestrians to cross closer to Mill Lane, where there is no median island for shelter, making this option less desirable.

3. Improving Sight Lines:

- Removing one car parking space south of the driveway will enhance drivers' sight lines. This allows drivers to better observe vehicles approaching from the left and pedestrians crossing the road. This space could be repurposed for motorbike parking while maintaining improved sight lines.

Recommendation:

- **Right Turn Ban:** Not recommended due to the low volume of vehicles and the inability to enforce a physical barrier.
- **Pedestrian Fence:** Not recommended, as it may shift pedestrian crossing to a less safe location near Mill Lane.
- **Sight Line Improvement:** Recommended to remove one car parking space south of the driveway to improve sight lines, with the possibility of converting it into a motorbike parking space.

By adopting these recommendations, pedestrian and vehicular safety on Barry Street can be enhanced effectively.

Question without notice – Alderman Cockshutt

Q1: With regards to recent meetings between Council officers and the Department of State Growth regarding the planned Glenorchy Basketball Courts, can you give a timeline for when we might have a workshop to discuss the timeline with the Elected Members?

A: [General Manager] I do not believe there is a hard and fast timeline on it. I think we have pretty much finalised the site selection criteria. We have looked at half a dozen or more sites. At subsequent meetings looked at those sites in more detail on our geographical information system to get more data on each of the individual sites.

In terms of the timelines, I know that the state public servants made it very clear that they are motivated to achieve a quick result after the delays that we saw with the Community Courts at Wilkinson's Point.

[Deputy General Manager] It has been narrowed down to four sites. They have gone off now to do some more work on where the services are. They are working through what sort of costs are involved. They are trying to reuse as much of the engineering and architectural design that's already been done on the courts proposed for Wilkinson's Point. They are going to come back to us in the near future but didn't give us a hard and fast timeline. Just to reiterate what the General Manager said, they did make it quite clear that they need to produce something very soon.

[Alderman Cockshutt] And so will we get a short list, come back for a final solution to council at a workshop? Or what's the process from there?

[General Manager] My understanding is that the State Government is keen to manage the project and have advised that it is something they will build and operate. We've certainly been pushing that we don't want to be owning and depreciating the facility on our books if we can help it. Effectively, excuse the pun, but the ball is in the ball is in the State Government's court. It is a matter for their planners to bring forward ultimately. Our involvement will depend on whether they select a site that might be council owned or a site that is State Government owned. I think they've pretty much ruled out any private ownership type sites. If it's a crown owned site, our involvement will be basically regulatory via the planning process. If it's Council owned site, then there's a requirement for a section 178 process to be undertaken. That would need to come to us to go through the formal land disposal process and then followed by the planning process.

Resolution:

KING/COCKSHUTT

That the meeting be closed to the public to allow discussion of matters that are described in Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting was closed to members of the public and the live stream was terminated at 4:53pm.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a 5 minute break.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Closed session commenced at 5:00pm.

15. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

Resolution:

SLADE/KING

That the minutes of the Council meeting (closed meeting) held on Monday, 27 May 2024 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

16. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

None.

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17. REQUEST FOR TENDER NO. 964 - CLEANING OF FACILITIES AND WORKPLACES – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AWARD

This item is to be considered at a closed meeting of the Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Regulation 15(2)(d) (Contracts and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal).

18. AUDIT PANEL MINUTES

This item is to be considered at a closed meeting of the Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Regulation 15(2)(g) (Information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the Council on the condition it is kept confidential).

19. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE (CLOSED)

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/YAXLEY

That the meeting be moved back into open Council.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The Chair closed the meeting at 5:39pm.

Confirmed,

CHAIR