

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Glenorchy City Council
held at the Council Chambers
on Monday, 29 July 2024 at 3:30pm**



**Present
(in Chambers):**

Alderman Sue Hickey (Mayor), 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 and Strategy), Allan Wise (Manager Finance), Melanie Burk (Executive Assistant to the Mayor)

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

Mandy Henderson (Executive Assistant to the General Manager)

Leave of Absence:

**Workshops held
since last Council
Meeting**

Date: Monday, 1 July 2024

Purpose: Site Visits:

- Renfrew Circle, Goodwood
- Ashbourne Grove, West Moonah
- North Chigwell Soccer Hub
- KGV Soccer Hub

Date: Monday, 8 July 2024

Purpose: Open Workshop:

- Glenorchy LGA Demographic Data Briefing

Date: Monday, 15 July 2024

Purpose: To discuss:

- Review of the 'State of Play' document, the precursor to the revised 'Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy'
- Draft Communications Suite
- Open Workshop Debrief

Date: Monday, 22 July 2024

Purpose: To discuss:

- Safe City Update
- Moonah Arts Centre – Revised Branding
- MI Global Update
- Deputy Mayor Process

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 180 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 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 people.

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.

****This meeting includes the election of an Elected Member to the Office of Deputy Mayor. The Chairperson will seek a motion to suspend the operation of Regulation 22 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 to enable the holding of the ballot.****

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution:

SLADE/ALDERTON

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 24 June 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.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Rates

- By now all property owners will have received their updated valuation of their property and their rates notices.
- Let me be clear, Council has absolutely no say in the revaluation process. This is done by the Valuer-General.
- If you are not happy with your revaluation, you have until this Friday 2 August to dispute that with the Valuer-General's Office.
- Council does however set rates each year.
- Due to the Valuer-General assessing property values, some people have seen their property value increase, which may mean their rates will be higher. However, many others have seen their property value decrease, lessening their rates bill.
- This year we know that approximately:
 - 63% or two-thirds of rate payers received the base rate 5.95% increase or lower.
 - 37%, or one-third of ratepayers received more than the base rate of 5.95% increase because the value of their property increased.
- If you are fortunate enough to have had a significant increase in the capital value of your property based on its location you will be one of the 37% who are paying greater than 5.95%.
- You may ask why you pay rates.
- Glenorchy is continuing to grow and as a growing community, Council faces increased demand for infrastructure and services.
- Unfortunately, Council has had to manage cost pressures to make sure the community has access to the infrastructure and services it rightly demands.
- In handing down its budget, Council is always mindful of keeping rates as low as possible.
- We understand people are struggling with cost of living, but we also have an obligation to provide infrastructure and services to our community on a long-term and sustainable basis.

- No-one likes rate increases, but we need to be able to provide services to support our community and make Glenorchy a place where people want to live, work and visit.
- Ultimately, rates fund the infrastructure and services our community expects and relies on.
- You may also ask what my rates are spent on.
- Not only are we continuing to maintain our asset base worth more than \$1 billion, we are also investing in our community, which is continuing to grow at a rate of 500 new residents every year.”
- Key projects will include:
 - \$26.9 million in capital works
 - Resurfacing more than 7km of roads
 - Replacing more than 4km of footpaths
 - Black spot projects at Grove Rd and Anfield St, Main Rd at Austins Ferry and Kensington St school crossing
 - \$1.1 million on flood mitigation works
 - \$1 million for parks and reserves, including the Claremont pump track
 - \$450,000 for tracks and trails at Windermere Bay
 - Commencement of work to repair and reopen the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool

Pool Update

Repair and reopen:

- A plan to repair and reopen the pool has been prepared and is being used to design the project and prepare for the tendering process.
- Our number one aim is to reopen a safe and accessible pool as soon as possible.
- Due to significant safety risks, the existing pool slide has to be removed. Advice received from the pool consultants is that it is a potential death trap. A similar slide caused the death of a young boy in NSW.
- We did look at the possibility of replacing the pool slide, but at a cost of \$1 million, we can't justify that sort of money when making the pool safe and accessible for all is considered more important.
- Unfortunately, we can't have it all, but if there is room in the budget the toddler pool will be upgraded to be more user-friendly and include some play features.

Future of the pool:

- MI Global Partners have now completed the second phase of engagement with key stakeholders, looking at the options for the future of the pool and have delivered a draft Options Assessment Report which we will now review.
- This report, which provides a summary of the analysis of the three shortlisted pool site options will be made available on our website in coming days.
- We will now select the preferred option to take through to the preparation of a final concept plan and business case.
- We anticipate that MI Global will deliver the concept plan and business case in early October.
- We will use the business case to lobby State and Federal Government for the money for the long-term future of the pool.
- This process may seem to be taking a long time, but the business case is critical in demonstrating the viability and benefits of a new aquatic facility to our State and Federal counterparts.
- Without it, no government is going to commit funds to this project.

Antisocial behaviour and city safety

- Council is taking its approach to antisocial behaviour and city safety very seriously.
- We are currently deploying significant resources in an effort to keep young people who congregate in CBD areas engaged.
- In conjunction with Tasmania Police, and with support from other organisations, such as Mission Australia and Neighbourhood Watch we have been running street basketball games and several other activities on the Council Chambers forecourt every weekday afternoon to help mitigate issues during the after-school period.
- We are also lobbying Government for assistance to join us in developing a coordinated approach to this issue.
- This week, a letter signed by all elected members will go to the Premier, Ministers of relevant Departments and Liberal Members of Clark to highlight what we are experiencing in Glenorchy and implore them to work with us towards a solution for this ongoing problem.
- We will host a business breakfast on 28 August to brief business owners and operators on their legal rights and obligations, on how to keep themselves and their businesses safe and what Council is doing to mitigate the problem.

- We will then host a Community Yarn on 11 September where expert advisors will educate community members on what to do if and when they witness criminal or suspicious behaviour, without exposing themselves to increased risk of direct harm.
- At each of these sessions we will invite business and community representatives to join us at a round table discussion with political and government officials to discuss and develop a coordinated strategy to address antisocial behaviour.
- I encourage everyone to participate in these sessions.

Open Workshop

- After a successful first open workshop on 9 July where over 50 people attended either in person or online to listen to Demographer Dr Lisa Denny talk about population change in Glenorchy and what it means for future planning, we will open our next workshop to the public at 4.30pm on Monday 5 August.
- At this next open workshop Council's Manager Assets, Engineering and Design, Patrick Marshall will talk to us about how Council has transformed the management of our assets.
- With over \$1 billion worth of assets the flow on effects and impacts a functional asset management system is vitally important.
- I encourage everyone to join us for this session, 4.30pm, next Monday, 5 August.
- Future workshops will cover topics such as the Child and Youth Safe Framework, city safety, youth voice and housing and homelessness.

Tackling Graffiti

- We are taking a proactive approach to tackling graffiti through a new project to create artwork on traffic signal boxes throughout the Glenorchy CBD.
- We are trialling a designed plastic wrap for the signal boxes, with the print laminated and anti-graffiti film to protect it from vandalism.
- We hope to expand this initiative by involving young people and community groups with the design of artwork for more signal boxes around Glenorchy.
- The pictures on screen show the before and after of the signal box on Main Road Glenorchy outside Chambers.

Deputy Mayor Election

- Following the Mayoral elections the office of Deputy Mayor became vacant.
- This afternoon we will elect a new Deputy Mayor from around the table.
- We have four candidates whom I wish the best of luck.
- We are also appointing members of the Audit Panel, General Managers Performance Review Committee and Glenorchy Carols Grants Working Group.

Pool Update:

Repair and reopen:

- The scope of works to repair and reopen the pool includes:
 - upgrade to the entry area, change rooms and toilet facilities
 - a new environmental protective chemical delivery bund
 - concrete repair in the grandstand, plant room and around the pool
 - installation of new pool expansion joints
 - repair and upgrade the pool drains and plant room
 - repainting the pool
 - installation of new separated filtration system for the toddler pool.
- Funding is also expected to cover a new pool heating system, a new switchboard and an all-ability accessible ramp entry into the main pool.

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.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Question with notice – A. Gordon, Glenorchy
(Received Sunday, 30 June 2024)

Security fencing has recently started to be installed along the Barossa Creek Path behind Constance Avenue. This follows public questions raised in the Council meetings of 25 March 2024 and 27 May 2024, where a member of the community requested fencing to restrict public access for the benefit of neighbouring residents. The Council's response indicated that the existing fencing was recently repaired, is fit for purpose, and it is not realistic for the Council to replace it with security fencing.

The security fencing prevents passive surveillance, making the path less safe to use.

Q1: What has changed for the Council to support installing security fencing in this area, such as new information, or community consultation?

Response: There have been increasing reports of anti-social behaviour in this creek and stormwater pipe network. There are also safety concerns with people accessing the large stormwater pipes which cannot be grated over due to blockage risks.

Q2: What was the cost to install the security fencing, and are neighbouring residents contributing towards the cost?

Response: The cost of the new fence is \$65,100. Neighbouring residents are not directly contributing to the fence which is entirely on Council land is not a boundary fence with any adjoining properties.

Q3: Beside the benefit for neighbouring residents, how does the community benefit from the security fence, which appears to leave a dark and narrow path, surrounded by 2.1m tall security fencing that restricts passive surveillance, reduces personal safety, and limits connection to the natural environment?

Response: The new fence does not narrow the path by more than a few centimetres towards the bottom of the path, and in fact provides a much wider area towards the top of the path as the new fence follows the top of the creek bank instead of the edge of the path like the old fence. The fence is easy to see through and matches the existing fence on the other side of the path. The reasons for the new fence are outlined in Question 1.

Q4: Does the Council plan further restrictions for community members using this path?

Response: The new fence does not restrict people using the path.

Q5: Does the Council still support its "Regional Sport, Recreation and Entertainment Hub Master Plan" which recognised the value of paths and connection to the environment, such as the rivulet?

Response: Yes, this project further supports the ongoing use of the path. The fence is only to continue to restrict access to the creek/pipes better than the old fence.

**Question with notice – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta
(Received Wednesday, 17 July 2024)**

I'm interested in tenders published by Council and the binding contracts that generally conclude the tender process. I'm particularly interested in information in the contract and about the contract.

Q1: Does Council publicly announce the awarding of all contracts resulting from Council tenders? If so, what information is published and where is it published? If not, why not?

Response: Council publishes details of contracts valued \$100,000 or above in Annual Reports. The information given includes:

- a description of the contract;
- the contract period;
- the period of any options for extending the contract;
- contract sum or estimated contract sum at time of award;
- contractor's business name; and
- contractor's address.

Q2: Does Council in tender documents indicate that Council will not publish any information in a resulting contract? Do prospective tenderers receive that commitment in some other way (e.g. in a Council policy)? If so, how? i.e. are prospective tenderers informed in advance that Council will keep the resulting contract secret?

Response: Tendering conditions adopted by Council provide for publication and disclosure of tender content under several circumstances, including where required for Council to comply with or meet any of its governmental duties and obligations and/or obligations in respect of transparency and reporting and also provide that Council may reproduce, publish or disclose any details from a tender in order to meet any legislative, governmental or transparency requirements. In addition, Council's Code for tenders and Contracts includes the following:

Council Buyers must ensure that Offers are treated as confidential until a contract is awarded. This means that Council Buyers must not provide or disclose any information in an Offer to another Bidder or Service Provider and must only use the information included in an Offer for legitimate purposes, which are related to the Procurement process, including evaluation of Offers and selection of the successful Service Provider.

Once a contract is awarded, the terms of the contract, including the final or estimated contract sum, but excluding detailed prices or pricing, are no longer confidential and may be published as required for Council to meet and comply with any Legislative Requirements, in annual reports, Council reports, on the internet and elsewhere.

Council may, on a confidential basis, disclose the contents of an Offer or a contract, including commercially sensitive or valuable and proprietary information, to professional advisers in order to obtain advice about the Offer, including its evaluation, the Bidder, contract or Service Provider.

The prices and other information in an Offer must not be disclosed to another Bidder or Service Provider for the purpose of playing one off against another to obtain lower prices.

Where an Offer includes commercially sensitive, valuable or proprietary information, Council may, on a case by case basis, consider any request by a Service Provider for the information to be treated as confidential after the award of a contract. Council will make commitments to maintain confidentiality only when they are appropriate and do not prevent Council from meeting any of its reporting, disclosure and transparency obligations.

Q3: Is Council aware of specific portions of a contract that may be published? If so, what?

Response: Council publishes information about tenders and contracts in the manner required by Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*, which sets out the detailed requirement for Council to report on contracts for goods or services greater than \$100,000 in value.

Q4: Is Council aware of any legal impediment to it publishing the following data immediately after a contract is executed?

- a. tender number**
- b. tender title**
- c. date contract was executed**
- d. name of individual or company selected as successful tenderer**
- e. scheduled start date and completion date for tender**
- f. total estimated value of contract**

If not, does Council regard such a publication, for example in a list in a page in its public website, as an onerous task?

Response: There is no legal impediment to publication of the information. However, the administrative implications are that Council foregoes other beneficial community actions in order to undertake unnecessary reporting which is over and above the requirements imposed by Parliament.

**Question with notice – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta
(Received Thursday, 18 July 2024)**

In April this year I asked this question on notice - "Can Council provide me with any evidence or statistics to reassure me that any of the plastic I put into my yellow bin is in fact being recycled or reused?".

In May I learnt from Council that "discussions have already been had with STRWA and are currently underway between STRWA and Cleanaway" regarding publication of statistics on "volumes of recyclables and comparisons across the various municipal areas".

Most of the following questions relate to STRWA (now TasWaste South). That organization appears to be doing its best to be operationally invisible to the general public, dealing only with member councils. So, I ask these questions of my council.

Q1: What does Council know about the status of discussions between TasWaste South and Cleanaway regarding provision of statistics?

Response: The TasWaste South CEO has advised that a draft of the report for public viewing has been produced by Cleanaway and reviewed by the CEO, this is being progressed by Cleanaway for release in the near future (date unknown at this stage).

Q2: What has Council done to encourage or expedite those discussions?

Response: A publicly available report was requested by the previous Mayor when she was on the STRWA forum, and the Director of Infrastructure and Development has also requested its release.

Q3: Has Council received permission from either TasWaste South or Cleanaway to release any data? If so, which data and why haven't we seen it?

Response: No

Q4: Has Council been informed by TasWaste South that public access to data is denied?

Response: The report in its current format includes commercially confidential information and Cleanaway's intellectual property and cannot be released by any third party.

Q5: Will Council demand from TasWaste South details of any confidentiality provisions in their contract with Cleanaway? That should include provisions relating to publication of data for volumes of recyclables received, and volumes of recyclables being recycled or reused?

Response: Council has requested that volumes of recyclables received, and volumes of recyclables being recycled or reused be made available to the public and this has been agreed to be provided. The timeline for release has not been advised but we have been advised it will be soon.

**Question with notice – Janiece Bryan, Montrose
(Received Sunday, 21 July 2024)**

Q1: What is the cost of safety modifications and upgrades to the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool Waterslide?

Response: Assessment of the waterslide, unfortunately, shows the structure to present significant safety risks and has been recommended for closure. Advice received indicates the access stairs, the structure, the run-out pool and the filtration system would all need replacing, as well as enclosing the open slide. These works are estimated to be approximately \$1M. These works are unfortunately not viable within the repair budget which must focus on ensuring the pool can be reopened with safe conditions and accessibility. The long-term/new pool proposal is likely to contain play features such as this.

Q2: If property revaluations are usually only every six years under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001* with adjustment factors applied in between, why did Glenorchy have one for 2017/18 rates, 2019/20 rates, 2022/23 rates and now 2024/25 rates?

Response: The date of the latest general revaluation of land for rating purposes within the municipality was March 2017 with the most recent adjustment factor (before this valuation in 2024) applied from 1 July 2022. The last time full valuation in 2017 and had an effect and impact on rates was in the 2018 financial period (FY18 year). A full revaluation under the six year cycle was due in 2023. However, due to COVID the Valuer-General extended the period (due to a backlog of valuations during COVID, hence the valuation occurred in 2024 and applied for FY25 from 1 July 2024 onwards. Every 2nd year between revaluations the Valuer-General provides an indexation rate, to index (increase or decrease) property values.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Question without notice – Janiece Bryan, Montrose

Q1: The Assessed Annual Value (AAV) used to calculate Glenorchy City rates is the amount of estimated Rental Revenue to be received from a property.

Market increases in rents apply across all property areas and therefore it appears there should not be large variations with disproportionate ‘AAV VALUE’ increases. Many ratepayers have been severely affected. One property had an 88% AAV Rental Value increase from 28,700 to 54,000 being \$1462.00 per year while another property in the same area had a 23% AAV Rental Value increase being \$74.00 per year. There has been unexplainable and excessive rate increases on certain properties across the municipality. These large increases have been sudden, and in addition to the Adjustment Factors that have been applied to the valuations every 2 years to even out market trends and ensure fluctuations such as this do not occur when the fresh 6 yearly valuation is done.

Also, it appears inconsistent land value increases require auditing due to zoning and other infrastructure and environmental constraints that limit the density, location or form of development of the land use that have not been taken into account when they previously were. These restrictions include for example landslip areas, flood prone land, electricity towers or land without access for development etc.

Land Value increases should not affect the AAV Rental Value for a property but appear to have been unexplainably and inconsistently taken into account for certain properties.

Has the Council requested an audit of the Valuation Data to verify the methodology used and accuracy of the AAV Rental Value calculations used for Rate Notices, in the interests of those Ratepayers, including pensioners, affected by these huge variations when no improvements have been made to their property? These should not have occurred in the AAV Property Rental Value in comparison to everyone else in the municipality?

A1: [Mayor] That’s a very complex question. Before I pass it over to the General Manager, I think this is a matter for the Valuer-General and not for the Council. It’s important to recognise in the last six years that properties have had a significant increase in assets.

[General Manager] It is the Valuer-General who sets the valuation for each municipal area. When people received their revaluation notices from the Valuer-General, they would have had details on the notice about what they needed to do to challenge the valuation before the Valuer-General. It's important to note that we understand that period is up on 2 August, this Friday. It is important that if people have concerns about the extent of their revaluation, including their AAV, that they take the opportunity to apply for a review by the Valuer-General.

Q2: I understand that, but when it's obvious that there's something not quite right, I am wondering whether the Council have some responsibility to enquire?

A2: [Mayor] We issue something like 22,000 rates notices, so we're probably not necessarily going to notice a discrepancy without referring to the previous valuation. It will be subject to individuals challenging the valuation with the Valuer-General.

Question without notice – Kevin Robinson, Montrose

Q1: How has my assessed annual value (AAV) increased so dramatically in six years given the condition and location of my property?

A1: [Mayor] You have lodged an appeal with the Valuer-General? We do have means to help you, but we are reliant on the Valuer-General.

[General Manager] As a Council we are obligated to use the value from the Valuer-General in setting rates. Most Councils use the AAV. There has been a significant increase in people's values over the period between the last revaluation seven years ago and the most recent revaluation. Council has a Hardship Policy to help those doing it tough, which may be useful to you.

It is important if you have concerns about your valuation to appeal to the Valuer-General.

[Mr Robinson confirmed he had lodged an appeal with the Valuer-General].

Question without notice – Mala Crew, Glenorchy

Q1: Regarding crime in the Glenorchy CBD, would Council support cameras and a booth manned by police during peak hours?

A1: [Mayor] We have already sent a letter to that effect. There are currently approximately 83 cameras operating between Glenorchy and Moonah already. We are talking to the police regularly and having internal meetings with agencies.

Q2: This would tie in with my petition that is on the parliamentary website. The current petition calls for cameras to go from Moonah to Claremont.

A2: [Mayor] I will investigate Claremont. We may be able to apply for grants to get some cameras there. Thank you very much for your contribution and good luck with your petition.

Question without notice – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta

Q1: Can you provide an update on the current situation with McGill Rise?

A1: [Mayor] I recently visited the area and agree that it is not a very attractive place at the moment.

[General Manager] Council was concerned that houses are being damaged, by vandals or thieves. They have interfered with the downpipes and we are concerned that stormwater will penetrate the building platforms and increase the risk that they will fail. We served an abatement notice on the property owners to reconnect to stormwater. The property owners have appealed that abatement notice before the courts. In the meantime Council has, with the agreement of the owners, done the works that are the subject of the notice.

The process is still before the courts, there is a mediation arranged for 5 August 2024.

Q2: In relation to property in Austins Ferry, 261 Main Road, which seems to be the largest piece of land owned by Council that's doing nothing. Can you please provide an update on what the current state of play is with that land?

A1: [Deputy General Manager] The land at 261 Main Road is part of the land disposal plan that Council has been working on. Council has undertaken a contamination report on the land. All contaminated soil has now been removed from site and awaiting written confirmation. An in-ground fuel tank has been removed and the site remediated.

There are potential heritage values at the 261 Main Road site (a well, an oak tree and possible structural remains) which means the site warrants further investigation for listing as a 'Place of Archaeological Potential'. Once all of the contamination, heritage and land disposal processes have been addressed Council will commence the Strategic Planning work required for the rezoning process. This will likely result in this land consisting of 3 zones, being Open Space, Light Industrial and Residential. This process will take approximately 12 months to complete.

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

None.

Motion

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/QUICK

That Council:

1. That the order of agenda items be changed so that items 12 and 13 respectively are dealt with before item 8.

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

Motion

Resolution:

QUICK/ALDERTON

That Council:

1. In accordance with regulation 22(9) of the Local Government (Meetings Procedures) Regulations 2015, SUSPEND the operation of r22, for the election process of the Deputy Mayor.

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

12. ELECTION OF ELECTED MEMBER TO THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

File Reference: Local Government Election 2024

Reporting Brief:

The position of Deputy Mayor has become vacant as a result of the election of former Deputy Mayor Sue Hickey as Mayor of Glenorchy, effective from 24 June 2024.

The position is to be filled by an election by the Elected Members in accordance with Section 44(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and clauses 4 to 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005* (Regulations).

A Notice of Election for the office of Deputy Mayor (**Attachment 1**) was issued to Elected Members, together with a nomination form, on 22 July 2024 (**Attachment 2**). Nominations were sought during the statutory nominating period which commenced at 9:00 am on Tuesday, 23 July 2024 and finished at 12:00 noon on Friday, 26 July 2024.

Regulation 4(2) of the Regulations precludes the General Manager from releasing the names or details of any Elected Member who nominates until after the end of the nominating period.

At the time of publication of the Council agenda, more than one nomination had been received. A ballot to elect the Deputy Mayor will be conducted at the Council meeting in accordance with the procedure set out in Regulations 4 to 8.

The four candidates for Deputy Mayor were invited to give a short presentation to the meeting in support of their candidacy.

A ballot was conducted in accordance with part 2 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*.

Councillor Kendall left the room at 4:47pm.

Councillor Kendall returned to the room at 4:48pm.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, declared Alderman Russell Yaxley elected to the office of Deputy Mayor for the balance of the Council term.

Recommendation:

SLADE/KING

That Council:

1. NOTE Alderman Russell Yaxley's election as Deputy Mayor for the balance of the current Council term, in accordance with s. 44(4) of the Local Government Act 1993.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED

Alderman Slade left the meeting at 4:50pm.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/ALDERTON

That Council:

1. In accordance with regulation 22(9) of the Local Government (Meetings Procedures) Regulations 2015, RESUME the operation of r22.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED

13. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBER(S) TO VACANT COMMITTEE POSITIONS

File Reference: 2024 Committees

Reporting Brief:

The purpose of the report is to recommend that Council appoints Elected Member(s) to Council's Audit Panel, General Manager's Performance Review Committee (GMPRC), and Glenorchy Carols Grants Working Group to fill vacancies created by the resignation of former Mayor Bec Thomas and the election of the former Deputy Mayor to the position of Mayor.

Resolution:

KING/COCKSHUTT

That Council:

Audit Panel

1. APPOINT Alderman Russell Yaxley to the one available position on the Glenorchy City Council Audit Panel.
2. Having invited nominations from the floor, and having received one nomination, APPOINT Alderman Alderton to the one available proxy position on the Glenorchy City Council Audit Panel.

General Manager's Performance Review Committee

1. CONDUCT a ballot in accordance with the procedure in Part 3 of the *Nominations and Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies Policy* to determine the member-elect for the one available position on the General Manager's Performance Review Committee.
2. APPOINT Alderman Russell Yaxley for the one position determined by ballot to the General Manager's Performance Review Committee.

Glenorchy Carols Grants Working Group

1. APPOINT Alderman Justin Stringer to the one available position on Glenorchy Carols Grants Working Group

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED

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 Mayor.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/YAXLEY

That Council:

1. RECEIVE a report about the activities of Mayor Hickey from Monday, 17 June 2024 to Sunday, 21 July 2024.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED

9. GLENORCHY CULTURAL CELEBRATION GRANTS

File Reference: Cultural Celebration Grants

Reporting Brief:

To report to Council on the outcomes of the 2023-2024 Cultural Celebration Grants Program trial and recommend continuation of the Grants Program.

Resolution:

YAXLEY/COCKSHUTT

That Council:

1. NOTE the outcomes of the 2023-2024 Glenorchy City Council Cultural Celebration Grants Program.
2. APPROVE the continuation of the Glenorchy City Council Cultural Celebration Grants Program.
3. NOTE that nominations will be sought to fill a vacancy on the Cultural Celebrations Grants Working Group at the August Council meeting.
4. The Cultural Celebrations Working Group to PRESENT for approval, an updated application, guidelines, budget allocation and name for the Cultural Celebrations Grants Program at the next council meeting.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, Stringer and Yaxley, Councillor Kendall

AGAINST: Alderman Alderton and Councillor Quick

The motion was CARRIED

10. BUSINESS UNIT REVIEWS - QUARTERLY UPDATE

File Reference: Quarterly Report

To present the quarterly progress reports, for noting by Council, about Project Hudson, Moonah Arts Centre (MAC) Business Plan, Childcare Connections, and the Community Development Action Plan.

Resolution:

YAXLEY/STRINGER

That Council:

1. RECEIVE AND NOTE the quarterly progress reports on Project Hudson, Moonah Arts Centre Business Plan, Childcare Connections, and the Community Development Action Plan.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED

ENVIRONMENT

Community Goal – Valuing our Environment

11. STATE OF PLAY REPORT - REVIEW OF REGIONAL LAND USE STRATEGY

File Reference: Regional Land Use Strategy

Reporting Brief:

To brief Council on the progress of the Regional Land Use Strategy Review project and to present the State of Play report for noting.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/COCKSHUTT

That Council:

1. NOTE the progress of the Regional Land Use Strategy Review project; and
2. RECEIVE and NOTE the attached State of Play report.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED

14. END OF FINANCIAL YEAR CAPITAL WORKS STATUS REPORT

File Reference: Capital Works

Reporting Brief:

To provide Council's end of financial year capital works status report for 2023/24.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/YAXLEY

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the end of financial year capital works status report for 2023/24.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED

15. CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION AMENDMENTS

File Reference: Governance

Reporting Brief:

To brief Council on proposed amendments to the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015* (the 'Regulations') and the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2016* (the 'Code of Conduct') as part of a broader Tasmanian Government initiative to address concerns within the current Local Government Code of Conduct framework.

Resolution:

QUICK/KING

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Ministerial Letter in [Attachment 1](#).
2. MAKE a submission to the Minister for Local Government as set out in [Attachment 2](#).

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED

16. QUARTERLY REPORT - Q4 - PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2024

File Reference: Corporate Reporting

Reporting Brief:

To present Council's Quarterly Report for the quarter ending 30 June 2024.

Resolution:

DUNSBY/KENDALL

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE Council's Quarterly Report and Quarterly Annual Plan Progress Reports for the quarter ending 30 June 2024.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED

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

Question without notice – Councillor Quick

Q1: Clarence Municipality looking into introducing restrictions on ownership of cats. Will the General Managers work together?

A1: [General Manager] A number of Elected Members and staff attended the opening of the Ten Lives Opportunity Shop in Moonah last week. Council is making a funding contribution in recognition of the work they are doing in terms of responsible cat ownership.

Question without notice – Alderman King

Q1: Are we doing anything about rabbits, they are everywhere at the moment?

A1: [General Manager] We have had a recent public inquiry in relation to that issue and we had an inquiry about the potential use of ferrets to deal with the issue at Berriedale Reserve. I believe there was previously some ferreting done in past years, however Council doesn't propose to continue that practice. I understand that calicivirus is proposed to be used to address the problem, but it is not currently available.

[Deputy General Manager] Management of the impact of introduced species on native flora and fauna is the responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE). NRE is proposing to use calicivirus to address the issue at Berriedale Reserve, however the temperature has been too low for the vector (mosquitos) to spread the virus. We also understand that there is a shortage of calicivirus which is delaying the program.

Question without notice – Alderman Cockshutt

Q1: In regard to the basketball courts for the JackJumpers High Performance Centre, where are we at with State Growth? There was communication with the Council on potential sites within the municipality. Do we have an update on where we are at with that project?

A1: [Mayor] We have received a second letter from Minister Street, confirming we are getting the four courts and there has been high level discussions, I believe it might be down to two sites.

[General Manager] There is a Working Group process between Council and Infrastructure Tasmania. They are assessing an extensive number of sites and I understand a shortlist is to be provided to the Minister in the near future.

Q2: What is the time frame of when it'll go into planning, or when we will get shovels in the ground? It was a 2018 election commitment.

A2: [General Manager] We have no firm timeframe at the moment, but it is something we are seeking from the State Government.

[Mayor] When a decision is made, we will push to get it started this year.

Question without notice – Alderman Alderton

Q1: Rate rises? With this extra revaluation, what is the impact on our revenue and will Council be receiving additional rates revenue because of this?

A1: [General Manager] The 2024/25 Rates were set late in the last financial year. While we received the Valuer-General's information later than usual, the new valuations were factored into Council's rates calculations. Council budgeted for an overall general increase in rates revenue of 5.95% and the revaluation does not create a windfall for Council. However, it is recognised that each time there is a revaluation rate increases will be different across different properties in the city despite Council's overall average general rate revenue increase.

Council was thoroughly briefed on the impact of the revaluation on ratepayers prior to its decision on the rate revenue increase.

[Mayor] Council conducted 7 workshops as part of its budget process, trying to make sure we were making the right decision. I'm very conscious of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis this might have.

Resolution:

KING/YAXLEY

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*.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Dunsby, Hickey, King, 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 5:56pm.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Closed session commenced at 5.57pm

18. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

Resolution:

STRINGER/KENDALL

That the minutes of the Council meeting (closed meeting) held on Monday, 24 June 2024 be confirmed.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED

19. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/ALDERTON

That the meeting be moved back into open Council.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED

The Chair closed the meeting at 5.59pm.

Confirmed,

CHAIR