



Annual General Meeting 2016

Council Chamber
19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone
Tuesday, 8 November 2016, 7.00pm

AGENDA

1 - Opening of meeting

The Mayor

2 - Welcome and call for apologies

The Mayor

3 - Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of AGM held on 9 November 2015

4 - Notice of meeting

The Annual General Meeting has been called in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*. An extract from the Act (s.72B) is attached.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting was given in The Advocate newspaper on Saturday, 22 October 2016.

5 - Introduction of Councillors

The Mayor

6 - Meeting procedures

Appended hereto

7 - Annual report

An Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2016 has been prepared. This includes financial statements and audit opinion. Notice of the Annual General Meeting indicated that the Annual Report was available

from the Administration Centre and the Service Centre and on the Council's website.

Electors were invited to make written submissions relating to the Annual Report.

The Mayor will comment generally in relation to the Annual Report.

The General Manager will provide a PowerPoint display of highlights from the Report.

Directors will be available to answer questions specific to their areas of responsibility.

8 – Submissions

One written submission was received from Mr Lionel Bonde and is reproduced below along with responses to his questions.

Question 1

Page 27 of the Annual Report it is mentioned a New Field Layout has been completed after a series of meetings with stakeholders. Was the Ulverstone Show Society consulted?

Answer

The new layout related solely to a realignment of the Soccer and Softball pitches. As this in no way affects the Ulverstone Show Society, they were not consulted on this occasion. However, the Council continues to consult with representatives from the Ulverstone Show Society over other proposed changes to the use of the ground.

Question 2

Page 22, mention is made of Turners Beach to Leith shared pathway to get the go ahead and yet the most favoured topic of the requests at the Turners Beach Community meeting was that first priority be given to footpaths being completed before the shared pathway, was considered?

Answer

The reference on Page 22 relates specifically to the implementation of the Central Coast Cycling Strategy which includes the Turners Beach to Leith shared pathway project. The footpaths In Turners Beach are being reviewed as part of the Long Term Financial Plan and estimates process as advised at the meeting.

Question 3

The recent cleaning of Hiscutts Park is costly. Many discussions took place some years ago and decided that radical changes in design needed to take place in the way of self-flushing at times of winter flow. Has this been done?

Answer

Modifications were made to the weir to allow self-flushing of the lake as required.

Question 4

Mention is made of shifting the Equestrian events to Batten Park. Has a feasibility study been done to determine the future need or the viability of such a venture as compared to a similar complex at Wynyard. There is a serious decline in this sport right along the coast, and danger of over service.

Answer

Council staff are undertaking a feasibility study/business case in consultation with equestrian groups throughout Central Coast to determine whether it is viable to centralise equestrian activities to Batten Park.

Question 5

I personally delivered to the Central Coast Council on 1st of August, a letter addressed to the General Manager asking for the proposed fees and charges for 2016/17 for the Ulverstone Show Society, Batten Park Rodeo, Ulverstone Festivale and the long term lease of the Gawler Room by the Arts. Despite being told at a later Council meeting that I would get an answer to my request and later reminding the Mayor of Central Coast Council, I have not got an answer.

Answer

The General Manager sent a response on 20 September 2016.

Question 6(a)

Mention has also been made regarding the start of work on the Dial Sports Complex. My questions are; has all of the finance required been promised, and what happens if there is a shortfall in Government funding?

Answer

The Contract for works will not be let until all funding is confirmed. If the expected funding does not eventuate then the project scope will be reviewed.

Question 6(b)

Has any feasibility studies ever been done into determining what financial gains or loss will occur in the unlikely event of the allocating of an AFL practice match or roster match at the Sports Centre, surely there should be a financial review carried out to determine the viability or otherwise of such a massive financial project.

Answer

AFL Tasmania would be responsible for making the decision on whether any practice or roster match would be played at the Dial Regional Sports Complex. The Council's role would be in relation to hiring out the facility.

Question 7(a)

Is the Council concerned at the marked difference in Councillors attendance at workshops and meetings as indicated page 48?

Answer

This is a matter for individual councillors. No concern has been raised at workshops or Council meetings on this matter.

Question 7(b)

Is the Council concerned regarding the low numbers of Notice of Motions submitted by Councillors to Central Coast Council meetings where my records show only 4 notice of motions in 2014–15 and only 2 in 2015–16. With all the Notice of Motion being moved by only 2 Central Coast Councillors and only 2 of the 6 being passed at the relevant Council meetings. This should be a concern to Council at the apparent lack of thought, and imagination displayed by Councillors.

Answer

Councillor Workshops provide a mechanism by which Councillors can raise issues of concern with the Senior Leadership Team which then enables council staff to then provide reports on those matters for consideration by the Council.

Councillors still have the opportunity to bring forward a ‘Notice of Motion’ if they wish.

Question 7(c)

Do we need 9 Councillors to rubber stamp or review the Council staff submissions to the Council actions. Do the ratepayers have an expectation of a better performance from the Council in this regard? And do the Councillors make proper use or enough use of the Questions Without Notice section as there seems to be a very moderate use of this opportunity.

Answer

Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1993 defines the functions of councillors. It does not include ‘rubber stamping or reviewing the Council staff submissions to the Council actions’. Councillors have many opportunities and regularly ask questions on behalf of the community, of which Questions Without Notice, is just one avenue

Question 8

A hole in footpath in Reibey Street caused by the cutting off of a pipe was brought to the notice of Council in June at Turners Beach Community meeting but has still not been addressed.

Answer

Councils maintenance teams were responding to the severe flooding of Gunns Plains and Forth that occurred in early June and did not locate the hole in the *Victoria Street* footpath as was recorded by the Director Infrastructure Services at the Turners Beach Community Meeting. Staff have now filled in the hole in the footpath in Reibey Street.

Question 9

Is the Central Coast Council interested and aware of the extra ordinary difference in the setting of rates in Devonport and Central Coast Councils. I am aware of a rates demand for a house in Devonport with a valuation of \$155,000 being charged \$1018 up from \$918 last year. If that house was in Central Coast the rates demand would be around \$351 less, and if my house valued at \$250,000 was in Devonport I would be charged about \$531 more than I pay now.

Answer

Yes, rate comparisons were reported in the Auditor General's report to Parliament.

Question 10

It was good to see Central Coast Councillors manning a stand at the Ulverstone Show. They would appreciate the opportunity provided by the Show Society for them to be able to extol the advantages of Central Coast. But I wonder did they relay to the public that they fully support the CC Councils excessive charges of around \$3600 to the Show Society for the use of the facilities on the showground, a lot of which the Show Society originally built. I have been a member of the Ulverstone Show Committee for 63 years and I have witnessed a gradual strangulation of the Show Society in the latter years by these excessive charges imposed by CC Council for the use of the facilities.

Answer

The Mayor, General Manager and Director Community Services met with the Executive of the Ulverstone Show Society in September 2016 in relation to your issues regarding the charges set for the Ulverstone Show. The committee advised that they had no issue with the fees with their main concern being the ongoing patronage of the show itself i.e. range of events provided.

For the last 4 years the Council has hired exhibition space from the Ulverstone Show Society to enable the Council to raise awareness or projects we are undertaking within the Central Coast and to enable the community to provide comment or raise concerns with Councillors.

9 – Any other business

Any further business considered appropriate to the Annual General Meeting.

The Mayor to invite a motion to receive the Annual Report.

10 – Close of meeting

The Mayor.

Meeting procedures

- The meeting will be conducted generally in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*. In particular, no person may:
 - . make a personal reflection about a Councillor, Council employee or member of the public;
 - . interject repeatedly or disrupt the meeting and disobey a call to order by the chairperson; or
 - . in the opinion of the chairperson, use any offensive expression.
- All questions, comments and any motions are to be addressed through the Chair.
- As a matter of courtesy and for the purpose of record, speakers are asked to identify themselves prior to addressing the meeting.
- No speakers are to be interrupted other than by the chairperson in exercising effective meeting procedure.
- Questions and comments should be concise to allow as many electors as possible to have an input.
- All motions must be moved and seconded before debate is permitted.
- Only one motion may be before the Chair at any one time.
- In speaking to a motion, individuals may speak only once and for no longer than five minutes. The mover of the motion may exercise a three-minute right of reply.
- Voting is by a show of hands or by any other means of ascertaining the vote the Council determines, and only electors in the Central Coast municipal area are entitled to vote.
- A resolution is passed by a simple majority of electors present voting in favour of it.
- Any resolution passed at the meeting will be considered at the next available meeting of the Council to be held on 21 November 2016.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 72B

Division 3 - Annual General Meeting 72B. Annual General Meeting

(1) A council must hold an Annual General Meeting on a date that –

(a) is not later than 15 December in each year; and

(b) is not before 14 days after the date of the first publication of a notice under subsection (2).

(2) A council must publish a notice on at least 2 separate occasions in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area or other prescribed newspaper specifying the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting.

(3) If a quorum of the council is not present –

(a) the Annual General Meeting is to be reconvened and held within 14 days; and

(b) a notice is to be published in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area or other prescribed newspaper specifying the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting.

(4) Only electors in the municipal area are entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting.

(5) A motion at an Annual General Meeting is passed by a majority of votes taken by a show of hands or by any other means of ascertaining the vote the council determines.

(6) A motion passed at an Annual General Meeting is to be considered at the next meeting of the council.

(7) The general manager is to keep minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

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