
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Central Coast Council held in the Gnomon Room, Wharf Precinct, Ulverstone on Monday, 11 November 2019 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present

Cr Jan Bonde (Mayor)
Cr John Beswick
Cr Cheryl Fuller
Cr Annette Overton

Cr Garry Carpenter (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Amanda Diprose
Cr Casey Hiscutt
Cr Philip Viney

General Manager (Ms Sandra Ayton)
Acting Director Community Services (Mr Paul West)
Acting Director Infrastructure Services (Mr Paul Breden)
Executive Services Officer (Mrs Lou Brooke)

Mr Jake Weeda
Mr Tim Johnson
Mr Bob Storer
Ms Dot Soden
Mr Shaun Conkie
Mr Aaron Meldrum
Mr Bill Koetsier
Mrs Jeanne Koetsier

Apologies

Mrs Leonie Hiscutt
Cr Tony van Rooyen

Media attendance

The media was not represented.

Opening of meeting

The Mayor, in opening the meeting and welcoming those in attendance:

- advised that the Annual General Meeting had been called in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*;
- advised that notice of the Annual General Meeting was given in The Advocate newspaper on Wednesday 23 October and Saturday 26 October 2019;

referred the public in attendance to the agenda prepared for the meeting and which incorporated procedures for the conduct of the meeting.

Introduction of councillors

The Mayor introduced the attending Councillors and Council staff to the meeting.

Confirmation of the Minutes

■ Mr Weeda moved and Cr Overton seconded, "That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 November 2018, as circulated be confirmed."

Carried unanimously

Annual Report

The Mayor reported that the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2019, including financial statements and audit opinion, had been advertised as available to the public from the Administration Centre and Service Centre and on the Council's website. Electors were invited to make written submissions relating to the Annual Report.

The Mayor spoke in support of the Annual Report.

Additional comments were provided by the General Manager with a PowerPoint display of highlights from the Annual Report.

The Mayor called for questions from the floor:

Mr Jake Weeda, Ulverstone

"Each year, I say that in general that most people must be happy, as years ago we had dozens attend the AGM, but this was due to a particular matter. Again, the Council has done a top job, and I congratulate the staff, General Manager and Mayor.

Some of the items from my submission last year I'd like to relist, particularly the Camp Clayton/Maskells Road junction. Is there a possibility of working with the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources to change this to an 80kmh zone, as cars hum through there, especially near the Camp Clayton turn off? I have witnessed this regularly as family operate boarding

kennels in that area. I did suggest a roundabout, but my funding suggestion was a little off.

Can the FOGO bins for units be looked at, does each unit need a bin?

At the Australia Day Breakfast in January 2019, I raised to the previous Director Infrastructure Services a safety issue relating to Kings Parade and that there was nothing to stop cars coming on to the footpath and then down the hill, on to the road. Can someone please look at this? Approximately four years ago I raised about a rail on the footpath over the bridge, can this be reviewed?

The area along Beach Road, Ulverstone (opposite the Waterslide) up to the Pump n Jump Park, can a footpath be constructed here, it was in last year's budget and the kerb and channel here is not good.

I acknowledge the staff, they are great and deserve the accolades, keep up the good work."

In response, the Mayor thanked Mr Weeda for his comments and advised that the Council has spoken with the Department of State Growth in relation to Maskells Road, and a solution to the matter is yet to be found. The Mayor acknowledged Mr Weeda's comments in relation to his appraisal of the Council and thanked him for his efforts to attend each year and speak honestly of how he finds the Council, whether it be praise or criticism.

Mr Bill Koetsier, Penguin

"On Dial Road, Penguin (south of South Road), heading south, there is now a ripple effect on the road, which is seeing the majority of cars are using the middle of the road and not the sides, this needs to be looked at."

The Mayor responded and advised that Mr Koetsier's comments would be taken on notice.

Mr Tim Johnson, Ulverstone

"I am disappointed that no one is here at the meeting, I haven't attended before, but the 'before and after' images of works within the town are great. I would like people to be proud of their community and there are many things (like this) that people don't know about. I'd like to see people take pride in their community particularly with things like dog waste, cigarette butts and rubbish. Can the Council look at having a screen placed within the town that displays the presentation shown here?"

The Mayor responded and advised that the suggestion would be taken on notice and that the Council will consider this, further noting that there had been suggestions of installing a larger screen at Apex Park. The Mayor acknowledged Mr Johnson's comment in relation to being disappointed at the attendance and noted the great response the Council had to the recent Ulverstone Community Supper, which saw approximately 140 people attend, however, stated that the Annual General Meeting was a different forum, with a different presentation, which shows the works and projects in a different light.

Cr Garry Carpenter, Gunns Plains

"In the Annual Report, it shows a few blow outs in budget and there are notes within the financials that have clearly outlined the reasoning behind this. It is clear and open reporting and is a good indication of where the Council is at. There is one other item that is noted, and that is the decrease in the number of houses and units built, than in the previous year. I would like to understand the causes of this, has there been a downturn? What can the Council do to assist, if there is a downturn?

Mr Jake Weeda provided comments in relation to his recent attendance at the opening of four units in Latrobe, that were built in conjunction with Housing Choices. Mr Weeda noted the Council owned land at the end of Leighlands Avenue, stating there is substantial area to build two or three units, and the land would be well suited to such a project. Furthermore, Mr Weeda noted a similar project to that of Latrobe, was also undertaken in Devonport. Mr Weeda indicated that land prices have increased, and blame cannot be placed on developers. Mr Weeda encouraged the Council to consider parcels of Council-owned land for such projects and with that, approach Housing Choices to discuss the matter further.

The Mayor responded and advised of a recent Councillor Workshop where raising awareness on homelessness in Central Coast was discussed and advised that the Council needs to continue to work on these challenges, now and into the future.

Mrs Jeanne Koetsier, Penguin

"The Penguin Foreshore rehabilitation, where is that at and is it going to go ahead?"

The Mayor advised that the Council is waiting to receive the final Deed of Agreement, and once the Deed has been finalised, the project will go out to tender. It is hoped that works will commence before the next winter.

Cr John Beswick, Ulverstone

"In response to the comment of the numbers being down on the building of houses and units, it is noted that the number of planning applications increased. It would be interesting to look at the building numbers next year, as sometimes the planning process can be arbitrary."

Mr Tim Johnson, Ulverstone

"Can I suggest that the Council considers buying the house (currently for sale) on the corner of Gollan Street, Ulverstone. This is a prime location for future car parking and would be a strategic move for future consideration in 10-15 years."

The Mayor noted Mr Johnson's suggestion.

Submissions

No written submissions have been received.

- Cr Hiscutt moved and Mr Weeda seconded, "That the Annual Report be received."

Carried unanimously

Projects happening in 2019-2020

The Mayor in closing, wanted to acknowledge community members and volunteers involved with Emergency Management, particularly at this time with the current bushfires in Queensland and New South Wales. In recent times Tasmania has seen fires in the Central Highlands one week, to snow the next. It is a reminder that we all need to be mindful and prepared for the summer periods. We need to ensure we are safe and take care of each other and hopefully in return we will see the community get through the next year without any major disasters.

Close of meeting

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.15pm and, in doing so, thanked those in attendance for their participation.



Sandra Ayton
GENERAL MANAGER