

CITY OF HOLDFAST BAY

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council of the City of Holdfast Bay held in the Kingston Room, Civic Centre, 24 Jetty Road, Brighton, on Tuesday 23 January 2007 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Councillors

A K Rollond
R A Clancy
R D Beh
R M Bouchée
P N Crutchett
J L Deakin
L R Fisk
P D H Heysen
J D Huckstepp
S C Lonie
T D Looker
L van Camp
R T Donaldson
C A Sheffield
C E Umapathysivam
R A Thomas
I S Walker

Chief Executive Officer
General Manager Environment and Engineering
General Manager Social and Organisation
Acting General Manager Strategy and Development
Executive Manager Finance and Corporate

1. OPENING

His Worship the Mayor, declared the meeting open with prayer and acknowledgement of Kaurna Traditional Owners at 7:00pm.

2. APOLOGIES

- 2.1 For Absence** Nil
- 2.2 Leave of Absence** Councillor A C Norton

3. PRESENTATION**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Councillor Deakin moved and Councillor Bouchée seconded that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 January 2007 be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

5. MAYORAL REPORT

From 1 December 2006 to 31 December 2006

Councillor Huckstepp moved and Councillor Clancy seconded that the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

6.1 Without Notice

6.1.1 Changeover of Council Fleet to “Green” Vehicles

Councillor Bouchée asked if there was an opportunity for acquisition/change over to “green” environmentally friendly vehicles.

General Manager Environment and Engineering provided a response.

6.1.2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Councillor Bouchée asked if the acknowledgement of Kaurna Traditional Owners wording is correct in using the term “owners”.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he would take the question on notice.

6.2 With Notice

6.2.1 Staffing levels following Amalgamation

Councillor Fisk has asked the following questions:

1. Can the CEO report to the 23rd January Council meeting with the following figures:
 - At the date of amalgamation of the cities of Glenelg and the Brighton what were the total numbers of staff of BOTH councils.
 - At 12 months after amalgamation what was the total number of staff of the City of Holdfast Bay.
 - As of January 2007 what is the total number of staff of the City of Holdfast Bay.
2. I would like to have these figures show the number of FTEs and the number of part timers, and include the number of contract staff.
3. I would also like to know the number of positions that have been reclassified to a higher level as a result of the amalgamation.
4. Not only should there have been a reduction in staff numbers but the total wages bill should have also been reduced (albeit by a lesser percentage) as a direct result of amalgamation.

Background

At the time of the creation of the City of Holdfast Bay through the amalgamation of the cities of Glenelg and Brighton, there were many advantages and some cost saving possibilities through economies of scale.

One such cost saving, which was one of the main advantages of amalgamation, was the reduction in overall staff numbers resulting from the elimination of duplicate services provided by the 2 councils. The report recommending amalgamation stated that staff numbers would reduce by between 10% and 20% (I do not have the report so I am not sure of the exact percentages or staff numbers). As the amalgamation happened some 10 years ago I believe it would be remiss of us not to follow up on some of the stated cost savings to ensure they were achieved, and to establish if the stated savings did not eventuate why not.

General Manager Social and Organisation answer.

1. 1996/1997 Budget information indicates total staff numbers as – Glenelg 75 FTE, Brighton 70 FTE, Total 145 FTE.

At 12 months after amalgamation the total number of staff of the City of Holdfast Bay was 126 FTE.

As of January 2007 the total number of staff of the City of Holdfast Bay is 141FTE.

NB: All data excludes Alwyndor Aged Care Facility

2. Historical Information on “part timers and contract staff” is either unavailable or requires extensive investigation. In 2007 there are 20 “part timers” and 7 contract staff.

Generally it would be expected that the number of “part timers” and staff employed by contract would have increased since the time of amalgamation, reflecting broader workforce and employment trends.

3. Apart from the creation of the “amalgamated” organisation structure in 1997 there have been no reclassifications specifically attributable to the amalgamation.
4. No answer required.

Chief Executive Officer Comment.

The “Amalgamation Study” undertaken in 1998 by Anderson & Collins, summarised the City of Holdfast Bay amalgamation as follows:-

“The amalgamation of the City of Glenelg with the City of Brighton has enabled the enhancement of overall services as the new City moves towards equitable service delivery to all of its residents. Whilst there has not been an emphasis on “new services”, existing services have and are being reviewed to ensure the implementation of best practice.

The merger of the workforce has resulted in proven and measurable productivity gains.

Financially there has been significant surpluses created through rationalisation of assets and services. These savings however have been largely used in the provision of enhanced services and not reductions of rates (although rates have not increased and rate capping requirements have been more than met).

The Governance of the new Council is strong and the management team focussed on meeting the needs of the community.”

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| 7. | REPORTS BY DELEGATES OR REPRESENTATIVES | Nil |
| 8. | PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS | Nil |
| 9. | NOTICES OF MOTION | Nil |

**10. ADJOURNMENT (TO ENABLE PERMANENT COMMITTEES TO MEET)
(7:07PM)**

Councillor Clancy moved and Councillor Bouchée seconded that Council stand adjourned to enable the permanent Economic and Corporate and Environment and Engineering Committees to meet.

CARRIED

11. RESUMPTION

Councillor Clancy moved and Councillor Heysen seconded that Council resume at 8:36pm.

CARRIED

12. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

12.1 Economic and Corporate Committee

The Chairperson, Councillor Beh reported that the Economic and Corporate Committee had met this evening and had processed the business contained in the agenda documents.

Councillor Beh moved and Councillor Clancy seconded that the report of the Economic and Corporate Committee, the agenda documents and approved recommendations, together with the additional recommendations from the meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

12.2 Environment and Engineering Committee

The Chairperson, Councillor Bouchée reported that the Environment and Engineering Committee had met this evening and had processed the business contained in the agenda documents.

Councillor Fisk moved and Councillor Crutchett seconded that the report of the Environment and Engineering Committee, the agenda documents and approved recommendations, together with the additional recommendations from the meeting be adopted(except items 7.1 and 8.6).

CARRIED

The Chief Executive Officer declared an interest in items 7.1 and 8.6 of the Environment and Engineering Agenda and left the meeting at 8:37pm.

Councillor Bouchée moved and Councillor Clancy seconded that the recommendations in relation to items 7.1 and 8.6 of the Environment and Engineering Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting at 8:38pm.

13. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND/OR SUB-COMMITTEES Nil

14. REPORTS OF REGIONAL SUBSIDIARIES Nil

15. REPORTS BY OFFICERS**15.1 Items in Brief (Report No: 42/07)**

Report No: 42/07 was presented detailing items which were presented for the information of Members and did not require a separate resolution.

C230107/014 Councillor Clancy moved and Councillor Bouchée seconded that the report be noted and items of interest be discussed.

CARRIED

15.2 Holdfast Shores Development – Revocation of Major Development Declaration (Report No: 33/07)

Construction of the various built form components of the Holdfast Shores Stage 2B project were completed late 2006. Stage 2B comprised the final stage in the Holdfast Shores development which has been ongoing since approximately 1997. The development area, which spans the foreshore between the Patawalonga River and Moseley Square, Glenelg, was declared a 'Major Development' pursuant to Section 46 of the Development Act. This declaration by the State Government enabled the Governor to make all necessary planning decisions in relation to the Holdfast Shores development. Recently, Planning SA on behalf of the Minister for Urban Development and Planning, wrote to Council seeking advice on whether the 'Major Development' declaration should be revoked. In light of the completion of the last stage of the development, it is recommended that Council advise Planning SA that it has no objection to the revocation.

C230107/015 Councillor Deakin moved and Councillor Clancy seconded that Council advises Planning SA that it has no objection to the revocation of the Major Development Declaration for the Holdfast Shores development, acknowledging that the declaration will remain in force for a portion of Stage 1 relating to the breakwater, dredging of the basin and sand trap construction.

A division was called.

Voted For
Councillor Beh
Councillor Bouchée
Councillor Clancy
Councillor Crutchett
Councillor Deakin
Councillor Fisk
Councillor Heysen
J D Huckstepp
S C Lonie
T D Looker
L van Camp

Voted Against

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED

**15.3 Review of Council Strategies and Policies, Services and Facilities
(Report No: 39/07)**

Council on 12 December 2006 resolved to review its “strategies and policies, services and facilities”, starting with the Strategic Plan, in the next 12 months.

The Local Government Act 1999 (the Act) establishes various strategic planning and policy making obligations for Councils, and also establishes the roles of Councils, including the provision of local services and facilities. Many of the strategic planning (and associated review) obligations relate directly to services and facilities. There is a new legislative requirement to review the ‘strategic management plans’ of the Council by November 2008.

Having regard to the legislative provisions and the frameworks and processes currently in place, in relation to ‘strategies and policies, services and facilities’, it is appropriate that the newly elected Council focus its forward planning efforts on a review of the City of Holdfast Bay Strategic and Corporate Plans, starting in the 2007/2008 financial year.

**C230107/016 Councillor Crutchett moved and Councillor Bouchée seconded that
Administration:-**

- 1. Presents a report to enable Council’s consideration of the provision of appropriate resources for the conduct of a Strategic Plan and Corporate Plan Review commencing in 2007/2008; and**
- 2. Arranges an Elected Member workshop to review feedback received from the community during the election period, Council’s Comparative Performance Measurement Survey results and their implications, and Council’s 2007/2008 budget priority areas, with a view to determining:-**
 - 2.1 short term strategic directions and initiatives that can be considered immediately, being substantially aligned with the 2005-2009 Strategic Plan; and**
 - 2.2 the scope and extent of strategic directions and initiatives that may require consideration in, and hence shape the brief for, the next Strategic Plan and Corporate Plan Review.**

CARRIED**16. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

17. ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE**17.1 Additional information on possible acquisition of Land
(Report No: 34/07)**

**Council officers remaining: Mr Donaldson, Mrs Umapathysivam,
Mr Sheffield, Mr Walker and Ms Thomas.**

C230107/017 Councillor Looker moved and Councillor Heysen seconded that, pursuant to Section 90(2) and 90(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council order that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting, with the exception of Council officers and any other visitors permitted to remain, after taking into account the relevant considerations under Section 90(3)(b), on the basis that it will receive, discuss or consider the following:

- **information or matter the disclosure of which –**
 - (i) **could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and**
 - (ii) **would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.**

CARRIED

Additional information on possible acquisition of Land (Report No: 34/07)

General Manager Environment and Engineering left the meeting at 8:46pm.

On 9 January 2007, Council considered a confidential report regarding the possible purchase of the former Trinity Church located at 25 Moseley Street, Glenelg, for future use as a community meeting hall. Following considerable debate on the issue, Council requested a further report from Administration detailing a number of further issues/considerations in relation to the possible purchase in order for Council to make a more informed decision.

General Manager Environment and Engineering returned to the meeting at 8:50pm.

C230107/018 Councillor Crutchett moved and Councillor Bouchée seconded that the Discussion Paper located at Attachment 1 to Report Number 34/07 be received.
CARRIED

ORDER NOT TO RETAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONFIDENCE

C230107/019 Councillor Crutchett moved and Councillor Bouchée seconded that pursuant to Section 90(2), 90(3)(b) and 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999:

1. **The Council orders that the documents and minutes relating to Report No: 34/07 not be kept confidential and be available for public inspection.**

CARRIED

17.2 Tourist Information Building (Report No: 41/07)

**Council officers remaining: Mr Donaldson, Mrs Umapathysivam,
Mr Sheffield, Mr Walker and Ms Thomas.**

C230107/020 Councillor Bouchée moved and Councillor Looker seconded that, pursuant to Section 90(2) and 90(3)(d) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council order that the public with the exception of Council officers and any other visitors permitted to remain, be excluded from attendance at the meeting, after taking into account the relevant considerations under Section 90(3), on the basis that it will receive, discuss or consider the following:

- **commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which:**
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party, and**
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.**

CARRIED

Tourist Information Building (Report No: 41/07)

C230107/021 Councillor Crutchett moved and Councillor Fisk seconded:

- 1. That the correspondence from Scampi's on the Beach contained at Attachment 1 to Report No: 41 /07 be received.**
- 2. That Council resolves to retain the Tourist Information Building at the Glenelg foreshore until at least 30 November 2014.**
- 3. That Council resolves in principle that the ultimate best public use of the Tourist Information Building land will be as foreshore open space, and that it is appropriate to convert the site to that ultimate use when the building is nearing the end of its useful life and the consequential loss of revenue can be provided for in Council's Long Term Financial Plan.**
- 4. That Administration reports further on the options for ensuring commercially reasonable and reliable rental revenue streams from the Tourist Information Building for the period to November 2014, together with related asset management and financial sustainability considerations.**
- 5. That Scampi's on the Beach be advised of Council's decisions.**
- 6. That Administration reports further on the impact of the decision in (2) above on the Moseley Square and Environs project funding arrangements.**

Councillor Looker moved and Councillor Heysen seconded that the question be put.

CARRIED

THE QUESTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED

ORDER TO RETAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONFIDENCE

C230107/022 Councillor Crutchett moved and Councillor Heysen seconded that pursuant to Section 90(2), 90(3)(d) and 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999:

1. The Council orders that the documents, with the exception of the minutes, relating to Report No: 41/07, and with the exception of Resolution No:C230107/020 for going into confidence, be kept confidential and not available for public inspection on the basis that they deal with information the disclosure of which:
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party, and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interestunder Section 90(2) and 90(3)(d) of the Act.
2. This resolution will be reviewed on or before 31 December 2007 by the Council.

CARRIED

18. RESUMPTION

Councillor Crutchett moved and Councillor Heysen seconded that Council resume as an open meeting of Council at 9:22pm.

CARRIED

19. CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 9:22pm.

CONFIRMED

Tuesday 13 February 2007

MAYOR