

**Minutes of the Meeting  
of the Glenorchy City Council  
held at the Council Chambers  
on Monday, 29th March 2010 at 6.00 p.m.**



**Present:**

Aldermen A. Taylor (Mayor), J.H. Manson (Deputy Mayor), J. Branch, S. King, R.K. Lowrie, C. Lucas (Items 9 – 17), L. Martin, H. Nielsen, D. Pearce, P.W. Ridler (Items 9 – 17), S.E. Slade and R. Vervaart.

**In attendance:**

Ms. N. Calphy (Acting General Manager), Mr. T. Jones (Manager – Governance and Performance), Ms. L. Bannister (Minutes Secretary), Mr. A. Lawrence (Manager – City Assets), Mr. G. French (Manager – Environment, Planning and Development), Ms. S. Buckland (Manager – Corporate Services), Mr. E. Reale (Manager – Works and Services), Ms. C. Woolley (Co-ordinator Childrens Services), Mr. R. Park (Co-ordinator Youth and Community Safety Development) and Inspector J. Arnold (Tasmania Police).

**Workshops held since  
last Council Meeting**

**Date:** Sunday, 14th March 2010

**Purpose:** To discuss:

- Strategic Plan Review Update
- Update on Financial Model
- Strategic Issues

**Date:** Monday, 15th March 2010

**Purpose:** To discuss:

- Derwent Estuary Program
- Establishing a Glenorchy Community Fund
- Planning Scheme Review
- Sustainability
- General Business

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## **1. APOLOGIES**

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Mr. F. Pearce (General Manager).

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## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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### **Resolution:**

PEARCE/NIELSEN

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 1st March 2010 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Branch, Lowrie, Manson, Taylor, King, Slade, Vervaart and Pearce.

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

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## **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

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None.

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## **4. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION**

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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.

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## **5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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None.

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## **6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)**

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None.

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## **7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS**

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None.

## **SOCIAL**

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## **8. PROVISION OF CRIME STATISTICS BY TASMANIA POLICE**

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File Reference: Crime Statistics

### **Reporting Brief:**

A presentation on crime trends will be given by Inspector John Arnold of Glenorchy Police.

### **Resolution:**

PEARCE/VERVAART

That Council receive the presentation by Inspector John Arnold of Glenorchy Police on crime trends in the Glenorchy Local Government area.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Branch, Lowrie, Manson, Taylor, King, Slade, Vervaart and Pearce.

### **AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

**Alderman Lucas arrived at the meeting at 6.10 p.m.**

**Alderman Ridler arrived at the meeting at 6.20 p.m.**

**Alderman Martin left the meeting at 6.57 p.m.**

**Alderman Lucas left the meeting at 6.58 p.m.**

## ENVIRONMENT

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### 9. UPDATE ON REVIEW OF COASTAL POLICY

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File Reference: 03960

**Reporting Brief:**

To provide Aldermen with an update on the review of the State Coastal Policy and to amend the relevant Council Policy with a reference to this review.

**Resolution:**

VERVAART/BRANCH

That the information contained in the report be noted and the Attached Policy be updated accordingly.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Nielsen, Branch, Lowrie, Ridler, Manson, Taylor, King, Slade, Vervaart and Pearce.

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

## ORGANISATION

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### 10. MONTHLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

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File Reference: Traffic Lights

**Reporting Brief:**

To present the financial performance statistics as at the end of February 2010 for Aldermen's information.

**Resolution:**

BRANCH/PEARCE

That the information provided by the Monthly Financial Performance Statistics for February 2010 be accepted.

**Alderman Martin returned to the meeting at 6.59 p.m.**

**Alderman Lucas returned to the meeting at 7.00 p.m.**

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Branch, Lowrie, Ridler, Manson, Taylor, Lucas, King, Slade, Vervaart and Pearce.

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

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## 11. SOUTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCILS AUTHORITY - SHARED SERVICES

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File Reference: Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority

### Reporting Brief:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's views in relation to a proposal by the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) to pursue the establishment of shared services arrangements in the southern region.

### Resolution:

MARTIN/VERVAART

That Council advises the STCA that:

1. As a general principle Council is prepared to consider any of its activities and services as a shared services opportunity subject to:
  - (a) a business case demonstrating that there would be financial, customer service and/or skills shortages benefits to the Council;
  - (b) no financial detriment to the Council; and
  - (c) the protection of staff at least to the same extent as offered in the water and sewerage reforms.
2. Council favours an approach to shared services whereby something like a common services joint authority provides services to member councils and distributes dividends from profits to its member councils on an agreed equitable basis. A common services joint authority could comprise all southern councils or just some, depending on which councils want to be involved. A common services joint authority could cover all shared services, or there could be a number of joint authorities specialising in particular shared services.
3. Council will not agree to a common services corporation (as distinct from a joint authority) because as owners we have little or no control over the day to day operations and performance of a corporation.
4. Council acknowledges the need for proper business planning to evaluate the potential for shared services to proceed, and accepts that Council may need to make an in-kind and/or financial contribution commensurate with our relative involvement.

The extent of any such financial commitment will be subject to the detail of which councils are interested and which services and structural model are being considered.

5. If other councils want us to, Glenorchy is prepared to gear up its capacity to provide services to those other councils on a commercial basis; and accept services on a commercial basis also.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Branch, Lowrie, Ridler, Manson, Taylor, Lucas, King, Slade, Vervaart and Pearce.

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

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## 12. MINUTES OF SOUTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCILS AUTHORITY MEETING - 18TH FEBRUARY 2010

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File Reference: STCA

**Reporting Brief:**

To receive the minutes of the Southern Tasmanian Councils' Authority meeting of 18th February 2010 that may be presented at a Council Meeting that is open to the public.

**Resolution:**

BRANCH/VERVAART

That the minutes of the Southern Tasmanian Councils' Authority meeting held on 18th February 2010, that have been provided for the part of the Council meeting that is open to the public, be received.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Branch, Lowrie, Ridler, Manson, Taylor, Lucas, King, Slade, Vervaart and Pearce.

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

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## 13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE

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Alderman Ridler left the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

Alderman Ridler returned to the meeting at 7.36 p.m.

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### 13.1. NOTICE OF MOTION - ALDERMAN L. MARTIN

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File Reference: Notice of Motion

#### **Reporting Brief:**

To consider a notice of motion submitted by Alderman L. Martin in accordance with the requirements of Section 16 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

#### **Resolution:**

MARTIN/LUCAS

1. That Glenorchy City Council acknowledges the significant concern in the Glenorchy community about the impact problem gambling is having on many individuals, families, businesses and community organisations within our City.  
  
Notes that our Council is already working to reduce the prevalence of problem gambling in our community, through research currently being undertaken by Council's Youth Participation Officer in partnership with Anglicare Tasmania, on an early intervention approach to reducing the incidents of problem gambling among young people.
2. That while acknowledging gaming policy and regulation is a State Government responsibility, Glenorchy City Council recognises the issue of problem gambling is a public health concern for our community and therefore resolves to undertake the following measures:
  - i. Directs the Mayor to write to the Minister responsible for Gaming requesting that the terms of reference for the Tasmanian Government's next independent study into the Social and Economic Impact of Gambling in Tasmania be revised to include a specific focus on the impact of gambling on the City of Glenorchy.
  - ii. Commits to developing a Glenorchy City Council Policy on Gambling to determine Council's role and responsibilities in working to further reduce the impact of problem gambling in our community.

- iii. Ensures this policy is based on a practical public health approach to reducing the impact of problem gambling in our community following consultation with representatives of the Tasmanian gambling industry, the Tasmanian Gaming Commission, Community and Government gambling support service providers and the general Glenorchy community.
- iv. Requests that a draft Glenorchy City Council Policy on Gambling be presented to a full Council workshop for consideration within 6-months of this resolution.

**Each part of the motion was put separately as follows:**

1. That Glenorchy City Council acknowledges the significant concern in the Glenorchy community about the impact problem gambling is having on many individuals, families, businesses and community organisations within our City.

Notes that our Council is already working to reduce the prevalence of problem gambling in our community, through research currently being undertaken by Council's Youth Participation Officer in partnership with Anglicare Tasmania, on an early intervention approach to reducing the incidents of problem gambling among young people.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Branch, Lowrie, Manson, Taylor, Lucas, King, Slade and Pearce.

**AGAINST:** Aldermen Ridler and Vervaart.

The motion was CARRIED.

2. That while acknowledging gaming policy and regulation is a State Government responsibility, Glenorchy City Council recognises the issue of problem gambling is a public health concern for our community and therefore resolves to undertake the following measures:

- i. Directs the Mayor to write to the Minister responsible for Gaming requesting that the terms of reference for the Tasmanian Government's next independent study into the Social and Economic Impact of Gambling in Tasmania be revised to include a specific focus on the impact of gambling on the City of Glenorchy.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Branch, Lowrie, Ridler, Manson, Taylor, Lucas, King, Slade and Pearce.

**AGAINST:** Alderman Vervaart.

The motion was CARRIED.



- ii. Commits to developing a Glenorchy City Council Policy on Gambling to determine Council's role and responsibilities in working to further reduce the impact of problem gambling in our community.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Manson, Taylor, Lucas, King, Slade and Pearce.

**AGAINST:** Aldermen Branch, Lowrie, Ridler and Vervaart.

The motion was CARRIED.

- iii. Ensures this policy is based on a practical public health approach to reducing the impact of problem gambling in our community following consultation with representatives of the Tasmanian gambling industry, the Tasmanian Gaming Commission, Community and Government gambling support service providers and the general Glenorchy community.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Manson, Taylor, Lucas, King, Slade and Pearce.

**AGAINST:** Aldermen Branch, Lowrie, Ridler and Vervaart.

The motion was CARRIED.

- iv. Requests that a draft Glenorchy City Council Policy on Gambling be presented to a full Council workshop for consideration within 6-months of this resolution.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Manson, Taylor, Lucas, King, Slade and Pearce.

**AGAINST:** Aldermen Branch, Lowrie, Ridler and Vervaart.

The motion was CARRIED.

## **Resolution:**

VERVAART/RIDLER

That the meeting be closed to the public to allow discussion of matters that are described in paragraph 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 and Section 22K of Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Branch, Lowrie, Ridler, Manson, Taylor, Lucas, King, Slade, Vervaart and Pearce.

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

## **CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

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### **14. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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None.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

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### **15. CIVIC CENTRE**

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*This item is to be considered at a closed meeting of Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 Section 15(2)(d).*

## **ORGANISATION**

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### **16. CHILD CARE CONNECTIONS**

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*This item is to be considered at a closed meeting of Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 Section 15(2)(b).*

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

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RIDLER/LUCAS

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Martin, Nielsen, Branch, Lowrie, Ridler, Manson, Taylor,  
Lucas, King, Slade, Vervaart and Pearce.

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

**The meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.**

Confirmed,

**CHAIRMAN**