

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY, ON MONDAY 18 MAY 2020

**HOUR CALLED:** 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** The meeting commenced at 7.00pm with the Mayor (Ald D C Chipman) in the Chair and with Aldermen:

B A Blomeley  
H Chong  
L Edmunds  
D Ewington  
R H James  
W Kennedy  
T Mulder  
J Peers  
S von Bertouch  
J Walker  
B Warren; present.

**1. APOLOGIES** Nil

**ORDER OF BUSINESS** Items 1 – 13

**IN ATTENDANCE**

General Manager  
(Mr I Nelson)

Chief Financial Officer  
(Ms M Coleman)

Group Manager Engineering Services  
(Mr R Graham)

Manager Health and Community Development  
(Mr J Toohey)

Manager City Planning  
(Mr R Lovell)

Manager Communication and Strategic Development  
(Mr A Saddler)

Executive Officer to the General Manager  
(Ms J Ellis)

The Meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor made the following declaration:

*“I acknowledge the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay respect to elders, past and present”.*

The Mayor also advised the Meeting and members of the public that Council Meetings, not including Closed Meeting, are audio-visually recorded and published to Council’s website.

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 18 MAY 2020**

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## 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Refer to cover page.

## 2. \*\*\*CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 April 2020, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald von Bertouch **SECONDED** Ald Blomeley

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 April 2020, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION

The Mayor reported on the following meetings and attendances since the last Council Meeting:

- 28 April – TasWater Owners' Representative Group Information Session;
- 1 May – Greater Hobart Homelessness Alliance;
- 4 May – COVIS-19 Local Government Recovery Planning; and
- 5 May – Hobart Airport Community Aviation Consultative Group.

## 4. \*\*\*COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In addition to the Aldermen's Meeting Briefing (workshop) conducted on Friday immediately preceding the Council Meeting the following workshops were conducted by Council since its last ordinary Council Meeting:

**PURPOSE**  
Budget Discussion

**DATE**  
4 May

Budget Discussion

11 May

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the workshops conducted.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald von Bertouch **SECONDED** Ald Blomeley

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ALDERMAN OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE**

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 and Council's adopted Code of Conduct, the Mayor requests Aldermen to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary benefits or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

**INTEREST DECLARED:**            **NIL**

**6. \*\*\*TABLING OF PETITIONS**

Nil.

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Public question time at ordinary Council meetings will not exceed 15 minutes. An individual may ask questions at the meeting. Questions may be submitted to Council in writing on the Friday 10 days before the meeting or may be raised from the Public Gallery during this segment of the meeting.

The Chairman may request an Alderman or Council officer to answer a question. No debate is permitted on any questions or answers. Questions and answers are to be kept as brief as possible.

**7.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

(Seven days before an ordinary Meeting, a member of the public may give written notice to the General Manager of a question to be asked at the meeting). A maximum of two questions may be submitted in writing before the meeting.

Nil.

**7.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

The Mayor may address Questions on Notice submitted by members of the public.

Nil.

**7.3 ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil.

**7.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

The Chairperson may invite members of the public present to ask questions without notice.

Questions are to relate to the activities of the Council. Questions without notice will be dependent on available time at the meeting.

Council Policy provides that the Chairperson may refuse to allow a question on notice to be listed or refuse to respond to a question put at a meeting without notice that relates to any item listed on the agenda for the Council meeting (note: this ground for refusal is in order to avoid any procedural fairness concerns arising in respect to any matter to be determined on the Council Meeting Agenda).

When dealing with Questions without Notice that require research and a more detailed response the Chairman may require that the question be put on notice and in writing. Wherever possible, answers will be provided at the next ordinary Council Meeting.



<b>8. DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</b>
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(In accordance with Regulation 38 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 and in accordance with Council Policy, deputation requests are invited to address the Meeting and make statements or deliver reports to Council)

**PETITION – TREE REMOVAL – 15 HILL STREET, BELLERIVE**  
(REFER ITEM 11.2.1)

Mr Pawan Mishra provided a deputation regarding the above matter which was read out by the General Manager.

## 9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

### 9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ALD EWINGTON BELLERIVE BEACH PAVILION

(File No 10-03-05)

In accordance with Notice given Ald Ewington intended to move the following Motion:

“A That Council initiate a review of the master plan for Bellerive Beach and surrounds with consideration given to the addition of a “bathers pavilion” and other associated amenities including, but not limited to a café/restaurant, a public beach promenade, public DDA compliant toilets and showers, a possible equipment hire facility and other amenities to enhance the recreational, sporting and cultural/arts events that are currently held, or could be added to the beach, park, foreshore coastal trail and surrounds.

This review should also consider options for funding that includes private/public partnerships as well as or any other funding options that may be available.

B That a separate staff report be prepared for Aldermen to consider a policy to allow food vans to operate using our coastal foreshore trail, and parks and other suitable recreational areas as soon as possible once public health guidelines allow”.

With the Leave of the Meeting Ald Ewington **amended** his Motion and it was:

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald Ewington **SECONDED** Ald Edmunds

“A That Council initiate a review of the master plan for Bellerive Beach and surrounds with consideration given to the addition of a ‘bathers pavilion’ and other associated amenities including, but not limited to a café/restaurant, a public beach promenade, public DDA compliant toilets and showers, a possible equipment hire facility and other amenities to enhance the recreational, sporting and cultural/arts events that are currently held, or could be added to the beach, park, foreshore coastal trail and surrounds with funding allocation to be considered as part of the upcoming budget deliberations.

This review should also consider options for funding that includes private/public partnerships as well as or any other funding options that may be available.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION - ALD EWINGTON  
BELLERIVE BEACH PAVILION /Decision contd...**

B That a separate staff report be prepared for Aldermen to consider a policy to allow food vans to operate using our coastal foreshore trail, and parks and other suitable recreational areas as soon as possible once public health guidelines allow”.

The **MOTION** was **put** and **CARRIED**

**FOR**

Ald Blomeley  
Ald Chipman  
Ald Edmunds  
Ald Ewington  
Ald Kennedy  
Ald Mulder  
Ald Peers  
Ald von Bertouch

**AGAINST**

Ald Chong  
Ald James  
Ald Walker  
Ald Warren

**10. \*\*\*REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

This agenda item is listed to facilitate the receipt of both informal and formal reporting from various outside bodies upon which Council has a representative involvement.

**10.1 \*\*\*REPORTS FROM SINGLE AND JOINT AUTHORITIES**

Provision is made for reports from Single and Joint Authorities if required.

Council is a participant in the following Single and Joint Authorities. These Authorities are required to provide quarterly reports to participating Councils, and these will be listed under this segment as and when received.

- **COPPING REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE JOINT AUTHORITY**

Representatives: Ald James Walker  
(Ald Luke Edmunds, Deputy Representative)

**Quarterly Reports**

March Quarterly Report pending.

**Representative Reporting**

- **TASWATER CORPORATION**

The Mayor tabled a briefing summary provided to Owner representatives on 28 April 2020 regarding the Board's decision not to distribute the balance dividend payments for the year and advising that no decision has been made by the board at this stage regarding future dividends.

- **GREATER HOBART COMMITTEE**

The Mayor advised that there would be a meeting on 28 May, and he would keep Aldermen informed of outcomes.

**10.2 \*\*\*REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE BODIES**

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – QUARTERLY REPORT**  
(ECM 3798328)

**Chairperson’s Report – Alderman D Ewington**

Report to Council for the 3-month period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Chairperson’s Report be received by Council.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald von Bertouch **SECONDED** Ald Blomeley

“That the Chairperson’s Report be received by Council”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TRACKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – QUARTERLY REPORT**  
(ECM 3798340)

**Chairperson’s Report –Alderman D Ewington**

Report to Council for the 3-month period for 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Chairperson’s Report be received by Council.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald von Bertouch **SECONDED** Ald Blomeley

“That the Chairperson’s Report be received by Council”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND GRANTS COMMITTEE – QUARTERLY REPORT****Chairperson's Report – Alderman Beth Warren**

Report to Council for the 3-month period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Chairperson's Report be received by Council.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald von Bertouch **SECONDED** Ald Blomeley

“That the Chairperson's Report be received by Council”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OTHER COMMITTEES****RICHMOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- Ald Chong tabled the Minutes of a Meeting held on 12 February 2020.

**HOBART AIRPORT COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING**

- The Mayor tabled the meeting notes of a Meeting held on 5 May 2020.

**11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS****11.1 \*\*\*WEEKLY BRIEFING REPORTS**

The Weekly Briefing Reports of 27 April and 4 and 11 May 2020 have been circulated to Aldermen.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information contained in the Weekly Briefing Reports of 27 April and 4 and 11 May 2020 be noted.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald von Bertouch **SECONDED** Ald Blomeley

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**11.2 DETERMINATION ON PETITIONS TABLED AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS****11.2.1 PETITION – TREE REMOVAL - 15 HILL STREET, BELLERIVE**

(ECM 3798377)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider the petition tabled at Council's Meeting on 6 April 2020 from 44 signatories requesting the removal of a eucalypt tree located in the road reserve adjacent to 15 Hill Street, Bellerive.

**RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS**

Council's Strategic Plan 2016-2026 and Management of Trees on Council Land Policy are relevant.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Section 60 of the Local Government Act, 1993 requires Council to formally consider petitions within 42 days of the petition being tabled at a Council Meeting.

**CONSULTATION**

Consultation with residents was undertaken in September 2019 when the initial application to remove the tree was received. Twenty-two neighbours were contacted, and six responses received. Of the responses received, two supported the application to remove the tree, three were against removal of the tree and one was inconclusive.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The removal of this tree and replanting with an appropriate tree is estimated at around \$2,000 and can be funded from the Natural Environment Programme.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- A. Notes the petition.
- B. Notes the General Manager's advice that the petition complies with Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (Tas).
- C. Determines that the eucalypt tree adjacent to 15 Hill Street, Bellerive be retained as the tree is healthy, stable and significant to the landscape.
- D. Authorises the General Manager to write to petitioners advising of its decision.

/ Refer to Page 17 for Decision on this Item...

**PETITION – TREE REMOVAL - 15 HILL STREET, BELLERIVE**

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald Mulder **SECONDED** Ald Peers

“That Council:

- A. Notes the petition.
- B. Notes the General Manager’s advice that the petition complies with Section 59 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas).
- C. Determines that the eucalypt tree adjacent to 15 Hill Street, Bellerive be replaced with a more suitable species eg Acacia melanoxylon (Tasmanian Blackwood).
- D. Authorises the General Manager to write to petitioners advising of its position”.

**CARRIED**

**FOR**

Ald Chipman  
Ald Chong  
Ald Edmunds  
Ald Ewington  
Ald James  
Ald Kennedy  
Ald Mulder  
Ald Peers  
Ald Walker  
Ald Warren

**AGAINST**

Ald Blomeley  
Ald von Bertouch

**11.3 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS**

Nil Items.

<b>11.4 CUSTOMER SERVICE</b>
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Nil Items.

**11.5 ASSET MANAGEMENT****11.5.1 GORDONS HILL ROAD FOOTPATH, LINDISFARNE AND OCEANA DRIVE FOOTPATH AND RETAINING WALL PROJECT, TRANMERE - AMENDMENTS TO 2019/2020 ROADS CAPITAL BUDGET**

(ECM 3799580)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To approve amendments to the 2019/2020 Roads Capital Budget by reallocating funds to the Budget Estimates of the Gordons Hill Road Footpath, Lindisfarne and Oceana Drive footpath and retaining wall project, Tranmere.

**RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS**

Council's Strategic Plan 2016-2026 is relevant.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Approval of the reallocation of funds requires a simple majority of Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, s.82(5).

**CONSULTATION**

No public consultation has occurred in relation to the proposed budget changes. However, Council will send letters to the immediate nearby residents informing them of the intended works. Council's works crew will also undertake further consultation with residents prior to works starting on-site.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed reallocation of funds will not result in any overall change to the Roads Capital Budget. The funding changes relate to individual project budgets within the overall Roads Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

Approves the reallocation of funds from the 2019/2020 Roads Capital Budget as follows:

- Allocate funds totalling \$70,000 to the Gordons Hill Road footpath project from savings in:
  - the Vienne Drive, Howrah retaining wall project; \$26,883
  - the Middle Tea Tree Road reconstruction project. \$43,117
- Allocate funds totalling \$100,000 to the Oceana Drive, Tranmere footpath project from the Roads Major Dig-out programme.

/ Refer to Page 21 for Decision on this Item...

**GORDONS HILL ROAD FOOTPATH, LINDISFARNE AND OCEANA DRIVE  
FOOTPATH AND RETAINING WALL PROJECT, TRANMERE - AMENDMENTS TO  
2019/2020 ROADS CAPITAL BUDGET /contd...**

**Decision:**

**MOVED** Ald James **SECONDED** Ald Chong

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

<b>11.6 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</b>
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Nil Items.

**11.7 GOVERNANCE****11.7.1 QUARTERLY REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2020****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider the General Manager's Quarterly Report covering the period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.

**RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS**

The Report uses as its base the Annual Plan adopted by Council and is consistent with Council's previously adopted Strategic Plan 2016-2026.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

There is no specific legislative requirement associated with regular internal reporting.

**CONSULTATION**

Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Quarterly Report provides details of Council's financial performance for the period.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Quarterly Report to 31 March 2020 be received.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald von Bertouch **SECONDED** Ald Blomeley

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

**CARRIED**

**FOR**

Ald Blomeley  
Ald Chipman  
Ald Chong  
Ald Edmunds  
Ald Kennedy  
Ald Mulder  
Ald Peers  
Ald von Bertouch  
Ald Walker  
Ald Warren

**AGAINST**

Ald Ewington (abstained)  
Ald James (abstained)



**11.7.2 TASNETWORKS CREATION OF EASEMENTS – ATHENA DRIVE, RISDON VALE****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider a request from TasNetworks to create an easement over Council's public open space at 21 and 74a Athena Drive, Risdon Vale for the benefit of a private subdivision development at Sugarloaf Road, Risdon Vale.

**RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

As the proposed creation of easement represents a transaction of an interest in Council land, this decision is required to be dealt with under the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) and requires an Absolute Majority decision of Council.

**CONSULTATION**

Consultation has occurred between Council officers, TasNetworks and the private developer.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Costs associated with the establishment of the easement will be borne by the Owner of the private sub-division and will not impact on Council's Annual Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That Council approves the request from TasNetworks and endorses the creation of electricity easements over public open space at 21 and 74a Athena Drive, Risdon Vale.
- B. That all costs associated with the creation of the easement, including compensation as determined by the Valuer-General, Council's legal costs and valuation fee, are to be borne by the owner of the land at 170 Sugarloaf Road, Risdon Vale.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald Chong **SECONDED** Ald Ewington

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.7.3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE – NATONE HILL AND GORDONS HILL ROAD, LINDISFARNE****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider a request from Telstra Corporation Ltd to renew leases of Council land for telecommunications sites at Natone Hill and 95a Gordons Hill Road, Lindisfarne.

**RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS**

Council's Leased Facilities Pricing and Term of Lease Policy is applicable.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

As the renewal of leases is a transaction of an interest in Council land, this decision is required to be dealt with under the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) and requires an Absolute Majority decision of Council.

**CONSULTATION**

Consultation has occurred between Council officers and Telstra's representative.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Costs associated with the renewal of these leases should be borne by the beneficiary and will not impact on the Annual Plan. The leasing of these sites will continue to provide revenue to Council in the order of \$21,855 per annum plus annual 3% adjustments.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Council gives notice of intention to renew the lease at Natone Hill and 95a Gordons Hill Road, Lindisfarne for the existing telecommunications sites.
- B. That once the notice of intention process to lease has been finalised and if no objections are received that Council approves the renewal of the leases with Telstra for a term of 10 years with two options of 5 years.
- C. That alternative to Recommendation "B" above, should objections be received, the proposed lease be referred to a future meeting of Council for consideration and determination.
- D. That subject to the outcome of Recommendation "B" or "C" above, whichever is applicable, the rental to apply is to commence at \$10,500 plus GST for each lease and be adjusted at a fixed rate of 3% per annum in accordance with Council's Leased Facilities Pricing and Term of Lease Policy.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald Blomeley **SECONDED** Ald Chong

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.7.4 COVID-19 – CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE – STATUS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To provide an update on Council's COVID-19 response for the 22 April to 13 May 2020.

**RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

The *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (Tas) and the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) are relevant.

**CONSULTATION**

Council, via the Mayor and key Council staff, has been keeping the Clarence community updated in relation to the evolving issues and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic response are being closely monitored and are reported to council at each Council meeting via this report during the pandemic crisis.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council notes this COVID-19 Response status report for the period 22 April to 13 May 2020.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Ald Peers **SECONDED** Ald Warren

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. ALDERMEN'S QUESTION TIME**

An Alderman may ask a question with or without notice at Council Meetings. No debate is permitted on any questions or answers.

**12.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

(Seven days before an ordinary Meeting, an Alderman may give written notice to the General Manager of a question in respect of which the Alderman seeks an answer at the meeting).

Nil

**12.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

**12.3 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

Ald Walker

1. In regard to the Victoria Esplanade Master Plan and previous advice that a workshop is imminent, given the environment I totally accept why that may not have occurred yet but it is an important project. I wonder if that is something that will be coming before us soon.

**ANSWER**

The General Manager is collating a list of workshops because there is a large bank of them and we need budget time as well. All the managers are giving the General Manager a list of what might be considered important for Council to consider in terms of workshops and timing.

2. Regarding outside organisations that we provide funding for, or are members of, have any discussions been had around how they might change their format to reduce the funds from us and other Councils and could an Alderman work with officers on this matter.

**ANSWER**

It is proposed that it would be one of the issues that we discuss in our recurrent budget session which is scheduled for 11 May as to which of those organisations do we want to continue with or open a line of discussion. I do not think that it is for officers to make that decision. It is certainly a matter for Council and therefore a matter for a budget workshop.

Ald von Bertouch

1. I would like to know whether we are still in the period where the Clarence City Council Business Continuity and Recovery Planning policy is enacted.

**ANSWER**

Yes we are. It is an interesting question in the sense that like most Business Continuity Plans they are subject to review in terms of when you would need to change tack or reduce the effort or return to a normal operating environment. I anticipate that in the next two weeks we will reach that decision point and I anticipate that will probably be linked to 15 May in the context of any decisions by the State Government regarding how the responses to the pandemic are going and whether any are going to be changed or amended or loosened. At this stage I would say there is no change in the short term, but I would anticipate the discussion about whether we need to continue in the Business Continuity mode for a longer period after that is certainly something that would be required. I would be keen to return to business as usual or as close as we can get to it as soon as possible after 15<sup>th</sup> if that is an option.

2. While we are under the Clarence City Council Business Continuity and Recovery Plan Policy and the plans associated with that policy am I correct in understanding that the elected members have no formal role in the emergency response and it is actually the leadership team that undertakes that role.

**ANSWER**

That is correct. The situation around the Business Continuity and Recovery Plan is all about the organisation responding quickly to a crisis and so the leadership process is abbreviated to deal with that in the context of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager forming a leadership team that can make decisions. Those decisions in quite a lot of instances are operational in nature not at a strategic or a long term level. They are all about responding to the immediate crisis that is in front of the organisation and it is all about maintaining services and continuity with the community. In the context of the leadership team that does not change fundamentally the role of the Mayor or General Manager under the Local Government Act. The General Manager still maintains responsibility for the operational conduct of the organisation and the Mayor has primary responsibility as the spokesperson for the organisation.

(Mayor)

I do not see the Business Continuity and Recovery Plan as being anything other than operational. Any matters that would normally involve the full Council I would insist coming back to and consulting with the Aldermen accordingly. The Business Continuity and Recovery Plan is structured directly at operational matters and it is only in that context that I have participated on that leadership team.

Ald Peers

1. Have we got any projects – roads, footpaths on main roads because it would be a good time to do those now while there's little traffic around.

**ANSWER**

A briefing listing on our current or recently completed projects has been forwarded to Aldermen.

2. I notice there is nothing happening with the Airport Roundabout. I thought this would be a great time to be doing work there. Have you heard anything?

**ANSWER**

It is understood that the Department of State Growth has awarded the tender to Hazell Brothers but it is a design and construct contract so there will be significant design work occurring and I would anticipate that it may need to go through a planning application as well so it is going to take some time for them to complete the design and get the necessary approvals before physical works will commence on-site.

Ald Mulder

1. Regarding the local planning provisions which were recently advertised and the time for community submissions has now well passed I understand that some of the procedures may have been impacted by the current issues but what is the process for Council dealing with those submissions and what sort of timeframe do we have?

**ANSWER**

That was one of the workshop items that we had listed for early April. It has clearly been delayed by the COVID-19 crisis and it is on the list of workshops to bring before Aldermen as soon as possible and hopefully during May.

2. With bringing them to the workshop is the idea that for each of the submissions or each of the local planning provisions we discuss the submissions and come back to a full Council Meeting to approve or recommend or not recommend the content of the submissions?

**ANSWER**

(Mayor) We would be workshoping it at least once and then coming back to a full Council Meeting to certify whatever we have done and send it back to the Commission.

Ald Kennedy

Could you give us an update on what percentage of staff are actually working from home at the moment?

**ANSWER**

I don't have a firm number but in terms of the staff working from the Chambers building it is in the order of probably around about 75 – 80% of all staff working from home. That fluctuates on a day to-day basis as some people need to come in, some areas have rosters so that people aren't working from home all the time. They come in and have some contact with work colleagues for different things but obviously practice social distancing and so forth. The outdoor workforce is all at work as there is obviously a limited opportunity to work from home. There are a couple of admin staff who are working from home but by and large nearly 100% of our outdoor workforce are out in the field. Within our child care and family day care operations those staff are also at work because child care is not something you can do remotely.

Ald James

1. A short while ago the Manager City Planning advised us that the appellants had to resubmit their appeal to the tribunal in relation to Rosny Hill. Are you in a position to provide us with an update on where we are with the appeal process and as to whether there's any indication when the tribunal may make a decision?

**ANSWER**

My recollection was that a hearing date was set down initially for 25 May, however, I understand that both the applicant and respondents, so the developer and Rosny Hill Friends Network through their lawyers, have sought an adjournment to a later time. At this point in time I do not think the Commission has determined that. We will provide an update to Aldermen as soon as we have a firm date.

2. Council passed a resolution for the Mayor to trot off to China with a letter from the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania purporting to be the service provider in relation to the Kangaroo Bay hotel and training development. Given the Mayor's discussions and involvement with this can he provide Council with a definite timeline that Council did consider that that timeline will be met by Chambroad and the University of Tasmania in plans for the hotel and training facility to be provided to Council on or before October 2020?

(Mayor) Just to correct the record Council did not send me off with a letter from the Vice-Chancellor you sent me off for other purposes and I happened to carry a letter. That aside I will ask the General Manager if we have got an update in terms of the Chambroad application and when plans are to start work.

**ANSWER**

My understanding is that Chambroad and UTAS have been going through a detailed review of the design to make sure it is fit for purpose for the UTAS school proposal and as far as we are aware at the moment that is on track. As you will be aware, they have until October to achieve substantial commencement. We have not heard from Chambroad or UTAS that there has been any change to that plan.

Ald Ewington

Could I have an update on the status of works to repair the steps in Little Howrah Beach with all the people running up and down the beach and the stairs? I know I spoke to the General Manager quite a while ago and that there were funds sitting there for the repair and the disability access onto the beach from the zig-zag path going down to the beach.

**ANSWER**

We are awaiting final engineering details for the DDA ramp extension so our crew can schedule construction. We will further advise when works are planned for commencement. The existing sandstone steps are clear of vegetation for users. No further ready-maintenance can be undertaken to the sandstone.

Ald Edmunds

1. Last meeting I asked about Jobkeeper which was before the policy went through and I see that since then the CEO of the Local Government Association of Tasmania has significantly toughened her language on that. I just wondered if there was any update on the Clarence City Council's position?

**ANSWER**

(Mayor) Clarence City Council has not considered it since, therefore there has been no change.

2. I was on SEEK the other day and saw a Business Advisor job advertised and under the title Clarence City Council. Now I appreciate there might be some confusion about who is paying for this when it's under the umbrella of other Councils however, the title says Clarence City Council and the email address to enquire is a staff member at Clarence City Council so I just wondered in light of particularly Ald Walker's question about hiring of new staff if we could get some clarity about whether we are contributing to that or if it is the State Government or if it is shared or what the deal is?

It is the South East Region Development Association, a part time job, point 6, pro rata \$100,000 per year and it says Clarence City Council and if you want to enquire about the job you contact Clarence City Council. I am happy to put that on notice and will email the details through.

**ANSWER**

We are assisting SERDA to recruit this business advisor position. We are not contributing any funds for this position. Our support is in kind and through our account with Seek, for which Council pays a subscription fee. This business advisor position is totally funded through State Government and Sorell Council provide support for the position on behalf of SERDA.

SERDA is a separate organisation and Council funds SERDA projects on a case by case basis, not via an annual membership fee.

Ald Blomeley

My question is regarding the status of the Lincoln Street pedestrian safety report following our October 21 motion of last year.

**ANSWER**

The final report has been received by the consultants and a workshop is being prepared to be presented to Council when we get an available opportunity.



**12.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

An Alderman may ask a Question without Notice of the Chairman or another Alderman or the General Manager. Note: the Chairman may refuse to accept a Question without Notice if it does not relate to the activities of the Council. A person who is asked a Question without Notice may decline to answer the question.

Questions without notice and their answers will be recorded in the following Agenda.

The Chairman may refuse to accept a question if it does not relate to Council's activities.

The Chairman may require a question without notice to be put in writing. The Chairman, an Alderman or the General Manager may decline to answer a question without notice.

### 13. CLOSED MEETING

Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meetings Procedures) Regulations 2015 provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in Closed Meeting.

The following matters were listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

13.1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

13.2 TENDER T1334 - TARA DRIVE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 the reports in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda were dealt with on the grounds that the detail covered in the reports relates to:

- contracts and tenders for the supply of goods and services; and
- applications by Aldermen for a Leave of Absence.

**The content of reports and details of the Council decisions in respect to items listed in “Closed Meeting” are to be kept “confidential” and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by the Council.**

<b>Decision:</b>	<b>PROCEDURAL MOTION</b> <b>MOVED</b> Ald Peers <b>SECONDED</b> Ald Chong	
	“That the Meeting be closed to the public to consider Regulation 15 matters, and that members of the public be required to leave the meeting room”.	
	<b>CARRIED</b>	
	<b>FOR</b> Ald Blomeley Ald Chipman Ald Chong Ald Edmunds Ald Ewington Ald Kennedy Ald Mulder Ald Peers Ald von Bertouch Ald Walker Ald Warren	<b>AGAINST</b> Ald James (abstained)

**CLOSED MEETING /contd...**

The following Closed Meeting Motion has been authorised by Council for publication in the public Minutes.

**13.2 TENDER T1334 – TARA DRIVE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**

(ECM 3798812:T1334-19)

**Decision:**

**MOVED** Ald Peers **SECONDED** Ald Kennedy

- “A. That the Tender from Andrew Walter Construction (AWC) for \$337,837.39 excluding GST, be accepted for the road pavement reconstruction work in Tara Drive, Acton Park.
- B. That, in accordance with Regulation 34(3) of the Local Government (Meetings Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council authorises for release the Council’s decision (only) in respect to this item to the general public and for communication to relevant parties.
- C. That Council publishes its decision only in regard to this matter in the open Minutes of this Meeting”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Meeting closed at 9.03pm.