

# Minutes

## **1 OPENING**

Welcome from the Chair.

## **2 ATTENDANCE**

Jill Davis	Member
Danny Saunders	Member (to 10.20am)
Sally Hills	Member
Owen Diefenbach	Member
Christopher Beach	Member (Acting Chairperson)

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Paul Terrett	Councillor
Lorraine Wyatt	Executive & Communications Officer (Minutes)
Michael Johnston	Inspector, Tasmania Police Central North Division (to 10.10am)
Nick Lynch	Sergeant, Tasmania Police (to 10.10am)

### **APOLOGIES**

Alison Andrews	Councillor
Jillian Clarke	Chairperson
Elizabeth Porter	Member
Leisa Gordon	Member

### **ABSENT**

#### **New Business**

##### **5.2 – Presentation from Tasmania Police (Out of sequence)**

The Chairperson welcomed Michael Johnston Inspector from Tasmania Police Central North Division and Nick Lynch Sergeant from Tasmania Police (Longford) who provide an overview of incidents and crime rates for Campbell Town for the past 6 months including: 1 assault, 12 crime reports, 5 family violence matters, 8 damage reports. ESCAD (Emergency Services Computer-Aided Dispatch) matters included 54 traffic, 14 Family violence, 6 alarms. While traffic (speeding) offences were more likely to be committed by locals, the transient nature of movements through Campbell Town can cause an increase to statistics. Overall, Campbell Town is a very safe community.

The renovations to the Police housing are taking longer to complete than anticipated to bring the property up to an executive standard.

Traffic matters are dealt with from Longford and Tasmania Police are paying particular attention to the behaviour of drivers who put roadworkers at risk.

Cr Terrett raised the issue of public defecating in Conara Park. He enquired if this was illegal and if so, what Tasmania Police could do to assist with the issue which is believed to occur at night when toilets in Campbell Town are closed. Inspector Johnston advised that this was not a police matter and suggested that perhaps if Council left the public toilets open, the issue

would cease. This matter was deemed to be offensive rather than criminal behaviour.

Members enquired about vehicles (for sale) parking on kerbs and was advised that while this was once illegal, legislation was changed to allow for the parking of vehicles when electioneering is occurring (vehicles with banners etc.). There are different rules for long vehicles and no vehicles are allowed to obstruct the footpath.

Another enquiry was made regarding the discharging of firearms in built up areas (within the town boundary). This matter will be followed up by Tasmania Police.

Speed cameras are owned and operated by State Growth, not Tasmania Police. The introduction of new technology in the units will enable detection of mobile phones even when placed on the lap and seatbelt positions.

Inspector Johnston advised the Forum that a community survey would be released in the coming months that will define what Tasmania Police business strategy will look like. It is important that community members participate and provide feedback. This will most likely happen in September. Council and Forum members agreed to promote this when it is announced.

Forum members were asked to encourage community members to report incidences as soon as possible rather than wait to attend at the police station. Each vehicle is essentially a fully equipped police station, and it is concerning that community members are delaying when reporting. The number to ring is 131444. This number is the same, nationwide. In an emergency, please ring 000.

Cr Terrett spoke about a community event "Cupa with a Cop" which has occurred in other communities and enquired if Officers would be interested in attending such an event in Campbell Town? It was agreed that this would be investigated further.

The Chairperson thanked Inspector Michael Johnston and Sergeant Nick Lynch for attending the meeting and taking the time to update Forum members.

The officers left the meeting at 10.10am.

## **2 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

*In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:*

- a) has an interest; or*
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.*

*A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.*

No declarations of interest were received.

### **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### ***Recommendation/Committee Decision***

Moved Jill Davis, seconded Owen Diefenbach

The minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on **Tuesday, 6 June 2023** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

#### **Meeting Dates for 2023**

1 August 2023

5 September

3 October

7 November

5 December

### **4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **4.1 Outcome of recommendations made to Council discussed at the Council meeting.**

**UPDATES REQUESTED:**

Status Updates

**Minute No. 23/0171**

DECISION

*Cr Terrett/Cr Adams*

*That an update be provided to the Campbell Town District Forum, at the 4 July 2023*

*Campbell Town District Forum meeting, regarding:*

*2. High Street – rubbish bins upgrade*

*3. Footpaths and kerbs – King Street, Bridge Street to kindergarten, underpass to oval and to the town hall*

*4 New Street – reconstruction.*

*Carried Unanimously*

*Voting for the Motion:*

*Mayor Knowles, Deputy Mayor Lambert, Cr Adams, Cr Andrews, Cr Archer, Cr Brooks, Cr Goss, Cr McCullagh and Cr Terrett*

*Voting Against the Motion:*

*Nil*

#### **Committee Recommendation:**

That Council gives the District Forum an update on:

2. High Street – rubbish bins upgrade

3. Footpaths and kerbs – King Street, Bridge St to kindergarten, underpass to oval and to town hall

4 New Street – reconstruction.

These items were listed in the 2022/2023 - Budget Capital Works Program.

#### **Officer Comment:**

District Committee members have been seeking an update from Council regarding the matters for some time, following advice to be provided:

2. High Street – rubbish bins upgrade – *on order*
3. Footpaths and kerbs –
  - (a) King Street, Bridge St to kindergarten – *future program, possibly 2024/2025*
  - (b) underpass to oval and to town hall - *\$15,000 allocated to connect Bridge Street to underpass 2023/2024*
- 4 New Street – reconstruction – *not programmed.*

#### **4.2 Actions from the Previous Minutes**

##### **Underpass**

Action: Lorraine to follow up about community art project.

Ongoing

##### **Campbell Town Gym**

Action: Committee members to follow this up with interested parties.

This item can be removed from future agenda.

##### **Campbell Town Memorial Garden**

Action: Danny to follow up about this history.

This item can be removed from future agenda.

##### **Rabbits are Back!**

Action: Lorraine to investigate responsibilities and actions.

*The following information was provided to Forum members previously by email.*

*Please refer to the following link: [Tasmanian calicivirus release sites | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.nre.tas.gov.au/natural-resources-and-environment-tasmania) Essentially, there was a limited release of the calicivirus bait however, with an ample supply of green grass being available for the rabbits to graze upon, biosecurity staff have only released a limited amount of the bait in 2023. In the north/northwest this was done in Cressy, Riverside and Spreyton. In the south this was done in Granton, Bothwell, Mangalore, Pontville, and Kingston. The management of rabbits is not a Council matter and I suggest that members utilise the following contact details are: Invasive Species Branch, Phone: 03 6165 3777 Email: [invasivespecies@nre.tas.gov.au](mailto:invasivespecies@nre.tas.gov.au)*

This item to be removed from future agenda.

##### **Tasmania Police**

Action: Lorraine to invite Nick Lynch or a representative to a future meeting.

Refer to item 5.2.

## **5 NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 – Heritage Buildings & Works**

Colour schemes for painting of buildings.

This item was raised regarding the painting of various buildings in the main street which were of a charcoal/grey colour. Advice received was that the buildings referred to were not on any heritage register and that all heritage matters should be referred to the Heritage Council of Tasmania.

Danny Saunders left the meeting at 10.20am.

As there was already a number of absences, and only 4 members remained, it was decided

that the Forum no longer had a quorum, and the meeting was closed at 10.30am.

**6 CLOSURE**

The Chairperson closed meeting at 10.30am.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held **on 1 August 2023 commencing at 9.30am** at the Town Hall, upstairs meeting room.