

LAUNCESTON RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING, MONDAY 17th Nov., 2008
at Heather Hall, Penquite Rd Newstead.

Meeting opened at 8.10 pm, Lionel Morrell, President in the chair.

Apologies were received from: Ald Ball, Ald Dean, Ald Norton, GM Frank Dixon, Mr Bob Scholtz (Carepark), Mr Andrew Frost (LCC Parking Manager).

Minutes: Minutes of the October 2008 meeting were distributed to members and visitors.

Moved by Kelvin Jowett and seconded by Pam Butler, that the Minutes be accepted as a true record.

Motion passed without dissent.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Review of Tasmanian Planning Scheme

No further report as yet. Matter to be kept on the Agenda.

Climate Change (State Action) Bill 2008

No further report as yet. Matter to be kept on the Agenda.

LCC 5-Year Strategic Plan 2008-2013

Still no direct response received from LCC as yet.

LCC Piling failure North Esk River

No further report as yet.

LCC Annual General Meeting

Chairman tabled LCC Agenda containing details of Questions on Notice and formal answers. Chairman referred to letter sent to General Manager dated 24 November expressing unhappiness with answers to 12 of the questions put on notice by the Association and requesting answers prior to the commencement of the AGM. This request was refused in writing by the General Manager.

Chairman reported that this information was requested again at the AGM as a Question from the floor, however, both the General Manager and the Mayor refused to provide any more information or undertake to provide this information within an agreed period of time. Meeting noted its dissatisfaction with the refusal by Council to reply to these questions, and noted that the matter would now be referred to the relative State Minister.

Chairman also reported on a question from the floor and tabled the question which was concerning the deletion of the wind powered generator at the Regional Aquatic Centre Project. Council undertook to respond to that question in writing.

Our Community Forum 8th November

Chairman reported that he was unable to attend this final public forum, and that no-one from the Executive was available to attend.

Infrastructure Australia Submission

Anticipated announcement December 2008.

Launceston Silt Study

Refer to correspondence for 2 emailed letters from local parties that had been presented to Association for publication on LRA website.

Car Parking Issues

In the absence of Messrs Scholtz and Mr Frost, this matter will be deferred to December Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Report tabled by Treasurer, indicating the balance of \$311.97 as at 17 November.

Moved Max Plummer, seconded Pam Butler that the report be accepted.

Motion passed without dissent.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Emails requesting support of submissions re Silt Study Investigation.

Email from General Manager 24 November 2008 refusing to provide answers to questions on notice at LCC AGM.

Outwards:

24 Oct 2008 to Members re Membership Renewals.

13 Nov 2008 Submission to LCC Annual General Meeting

16 Nov 2008 Submission to Editor Examiner re Local Govt Allowances

24 Nov 2008 Letter to LCC expressing unhappiness about answers provide to Questions.

RESOLVED that the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outwards Correspondence be endorsed.

Business arising from the Correspondence:

Matters remain unresolved because of refusal by LCC to provide adequate responses.

General Business:

Infrastructure Australia Call for Submissions

Chairman reported that the General Manager had advised the LCC AGM that Council has resolved to support the projects put forward by Northern Tasmanian Development, however Mr Wallace (who was present at the AGM) was not invited (or was unwilling) to address the AGM, particularly concerning the eastern road construction.

Launceston Road Issues

Chairman reported on dialogue with Carepark and Mr Galea encouraging their participation at the December Forum, and seeking information prior to that meeting scheduled for Monday 15th December 2008.

Launceston Silt Study

Meeting noted the emails that had been posted to the LRA website.

Car Parking Issues

Chairman reported that he was optimistic that this matter could be dealt with at the December meeting.

Meeting Close: 9.05 pm

Next Meeting:

Monday, 15th December 2008, 7.30pm
at Invermay Bowls Club, Forster Street Invermay.