

LAUNCESTON MUNICIPAL RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

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MEETING AUGUST 20th 2007 at Heather Hall

Meeting opened at 7.30pm with Kelvin Jowett in the Chair.

Apologies: John Henshaw, Alan Chugg.

Attendance: Members present as per attendance book.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: were distributed to members and visitors.

Moved L Morrell Seconded P Parsley that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July be accepted. Passed by a show of hands.

Business Arising from those minutes: To be dealt with in General Business.

Treasurer's Report: Max Plummer reported that Bank Balance as at August 20th 2007 including cost of hall hire is \$371.02, and that he would be delivering the financial information to the Auditor James Gibson, the following day.

Moved Pam Butler, Seconded Gary Atkinson, that the Treasurer's Report be received and the expenditure be authorised. Motion CARRIED.

President's Report: Nil

Correspondence: The following was distributed to the meeting.

Inwards – Letter from LCC dated 2nd August with responses to questions posed in Assoc letter 24th July.

Outwards – Media Release by John Henshaw dated 19 July criticising rate increases and volumetric water charges.

- Letter to LCC dated 24th July asking questions regarding Council expenditure.

General Business:

- L Morrell reported on resolutions from the LCC meeting. LGAT Conference information only learned of at short notice. Clarence Council proposal to ask State Government to remove the 4% AAV rule from the Valuation Act was not supported by LCC in preference to reducing the percentage to 3%. 30% of LCC ratepayers are affected by the 4% rule which appears to be similar to proportions in other Municipal Areas. Executive to consider actions including letters to State Ministers, LGAT, other Councils etc.
Noted with some concern that an additional 20 submissions apparently received out of time, have been posted to the Commission's website, including the LGAT submission.

- Questions were raised at LCC meeting regarding Council's investments on the USA market, completion of Regional Aquatic Centre Business Plan , and Tendering procedures.
- Letter tabled detailing answers to FOI questions raised by Max Plummer concerning costs of York Park Authority and budget provisions/accrued losses. Particular costs to LCC appear to be omitted from the information provided. Kelvin Jowett suggested that the issue of accrued losses by the York Park Authority ought to be a matter of interest to the State Auditor General.
- The timing of Federal and Local Government Elections and potential candidates was discussed, along with a request that the Executive meet to start assembling a strategy for questioning candidates and also to prepare questions for the LCC Annual General Meeting.
- Particular positions that have been expressed by some Aldermen concerning funding and approval of tenders for the Regional Aquatic Centre were debated.
- New website announced
<http://www.launcestonratepayers.intas.net.au/>
- Vote of thanks to Clive Stott for setting up the site and to Mike Wilkinson of Internet Tasmania for assisting with hosting the site.
- Suggested that Clive Stott be invited to next meeting.
- Opportunity to invite members of the Trevallyn Resident's Association to the next meeting given its location.

Meeting closed 9.20pm. to be followed by supper.

Next Meeting: 7.30PM, Monday, 17 September, Trevallyn Bowls Club,
Gorge Road Trevallyn (behind Max Fry Hall)