



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

**held on Tuesday 4 February 2014 at 7.00 pm
Richmond Town Hall**

***Corrected by resolution of Council on Tuesday 18 February 2014**

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1. Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

“Welcome to the City of Yarra. Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri community as the first owners of this country. Today, they are still the custodians of the cultural heritage of this land. Further to this, Council acknowledges there are other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have lived, worked and contributed to the cultural heritage of Yarra.”

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Attendance

Councillors

- Cr Jackie Fristacky (Mayor)
- Cr Geoff Barbour
- Cr Roberto Colanzi
- Cr Misha Coleman
- Cr Sam Gaylard
- Cr Simon Huggins
- Cr Amanda Stone
- Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Jack Crawford (Director Corporate and Financial Services)
- Joanne Mulcahy (Acting Executive Manager Governance)
- Craig Kenny (Director Community Programs)
- Bruce Phillips (Director City Development)
- Guy Wilson-Browne (Director Infrastructure Services)
- Margaret Elvey (Governance Officer)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

Apologies

- Cr Stephen Jolly

Leave of Absence

Councillor Amanda Stone informed Council that she would be absent for part of the meeting. Cr Stone departed the chamber at 8.10pm, having been present for consideration of items 11.1, 11.2 and (prior to the resolution) 11.5.

3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

Nil

4. Confidential business reports

Item

- 4.1 Contractual matters
- 4.2 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person
- 4.3 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person

Confidential business reports

The following items were deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be suitable for consideration in closed session in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Barbour

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989, to allow consideration of:
 - (a) contractual matters; and
 - (b) matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person.
2. That all information contained within the Confidential Business Reports section of this agenda and reproduced as Council Minutes be treated as being and remaining strictly confidential in accordance with the provisions of sections 77 and 89 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 until Council resolves otherwise.

CARRIED

Following consideration of Confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

5. Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Colanzi

That the amended minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2013 be confirmed.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Barbour

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 January 2014 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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6. Petitions and joint letters

6.1 Planning Application No. PLN13/0701 – Additional Dwelling and Parking Waiver – 621 Brunswick Street North Fitzroy

Trim Reference: D14/4719

A joint letter containing seven signatures has been received from residents of Brunswick and Church Streets, North Fitzroy requesting that Council does not approve Planning Application No. PLN13/0701 for an additional dwelling and parking waiver at 621 Brunswick Street, North Fitzroy.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Colanzi

Seconded: Councillor Gaylard

That the joint letter be received and referred to the appropriate Officer for action.

CARRIED

7. Public question time

7.1 Bike Lane Markings

Question from Mr Ian Mack

Can Council repair the damaged painted bicycle lanes at the corner Gipps Street and Victoria Crescent?

Response

The Mayor advised that the Director Infrastructure Services would follow up.

7.2 Draft Parking Permit Scheme

Question from Mr Ian Mack

Assuming that the premise of the Draft Parking Permit Scheme is behavioural change and not revenue raising, can officers assist as it appears sections 8.7 and 12.1 are not congruent with this philosophy?

Response

The Mayor advised that pensioners and health care car owners are exempt from section 8.7 of the Draft Parking Permit Scheme and noted that the Manager Parking Services had provided advice in relation to section 12.1 – staff car parking .

The Director Corporate and Financial Services invited Mr Mack to provide a written submission to Council.

7.3 New Residential Zones

Question from Mr Ian Mack

In light of the State Government's new statutory requirements, what area does Council regard as appropriate for a residential growth zone? What criteria was used to end up with only two categories rather than anything in the third category?

Response

The Mayor advised that this matter is out for consultation.

The Director City Development undertook to contact Mr Mack.

7.4 Planning Enforcement

Question from Mr Peter Ford

Can Council investigate the lack of action on a planning enforcement matter regarding a building being constructed over an easement of carriageway?

Response

The Mayor thanked Mr Ford for his question and apologised for the untimely response to his enquiries.

The Acting Executive Manager Governance undertook to contact Mr Ford.

7.5 Bridge Road Store Vacancies

Questions from Mr Herschel Landes

What is Council doing to confront the high vacancy rates along Bridge Road? What is the policy for processing planning permit applications for shop signage?

Response

The Mayor thanked Mr Landes for his question and outlined the extensive work undertaken by Council and its Economic Development Team to assist the Bridge Road traders and new businesses.

The Director City Development responded that planning applications for signage are fast tracked with permits usually issued within 21 days, and noted that there were exclusions, for example zones and overlays that are State Government controls.

7.6 Traffic and Street Trees on Westbank Terrace

Questions from Mr Louie Psaltiras

Does Council have plans for the planting of street trees on the west side of Westbank Terrace? What can Council do to prevent traffic using Westbank Terrace to avoid Burnley Street, Richmond?

Response

The Director Infrastructure Services took the questions on notice and undertook to contact Mr Psaltiras.

8. General business

Nil

9. Delegates' reports

9.1 Room to Create Fund

Councillor Jackie Fristacky reported the successful launch of City of Yarra's Room to Create Fund that was held the morning of Tuesday 4 February at Bakehouse Studios in Richmond. The main goal of the fund is to raise \$1 million. Council has contributed \$100,000 to initiate and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund has matched that amount. Today Council also contributed a grant of \$10,000 to School House Studios.

The Mayor also noted and thanked Councillors Stone and Huggins for their work with the fund, as well as Councillor Barbour for initiating the fund during his term as Mayor.

A further donation of \$50,000 was received from the Meyden Property Group, bringing the total to \$250,000 with \$750,000 still to raise.

The Mayor also thanked Siu Chan, Coordinator Arts, Culture & Venues, for her role in supporting the arts.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That this report be accepted.

CARRIED

9.2 Room to Create Advisory Committee

Trim Reference: D14/13743

Councillor Simon Huggins advised that the first meeting of Council's Room to Create Advisory Committee took place last week. The core task of the newly appointed group is to provide strategic advice to Council on how Yarra can continue to be a creative city and help artists to stay in Yarra. The work of the committee will be to advise Council on how to build the fund from the initial start-up to the targeted amount of \$1m, and how to disseminate the earnings of that fund. The Committee will assist Council in developing partnerships and initiatives that can help artists. The Committee will also look at ideas on how to integrate creative space planning into new developments.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Huggins

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That this report be accepted.

CARRIED

10. Questions without notice

10.1 Pool Safety

Question from Councillor Roberto Colanzi

In light of the recent occurrence at the Watermark Aquatic Centre in Greensborough, what steps have been undertaken by Yarra Leisure to review its own procedures?

Response

The Director City Development responded that:

- (a) the three leisure centres operate in a high risk environment and therefore have active health and welfare systems that are in place to report and review all incidents; and*
- (b) incidents such as the one that occurred at the Watermark Pool will be subject to their own investigations and learnings from that will likely come through local networks that Council participates in, but also through Life Saving Victoria.*

10.2 Heatwave Plan

Question from Councillor Amanda Stone

The Municipal Emergency Management Plan includes a heatwave sub-plan and one of the recommended actions is the creation of cool rooms at the public housing estates. What actions did the Council specifically take in the recent heatwave?

Response

The Director Community Programs advised that:

- (a) the heatwave plan sits in the Emergency Management framework;*
- (b) in around October/November Council activates the plan;*
- (c) a committee meets and looks at a range of practical steps to reduce and minimise impacts of heat on community and staff;*
- (d) the threshold for a formal activation, as defined by the Department of Health, is when temperatures are expected to meet 30, 32 and 34 degrees centigrade;*
- (e) the coordination begins November/December but when Council is advised that a heatwave is coming, the team is placed on notice;*
- (f) Council does not have information on its public website regarding keeping cool but service areas distribute information to particular groups;*
- (g) Council's Aged and Disability Services branch undertakes a large mail out in December to all clients reminding them of heat health tips and modification of services during extreme heat days;*
- (h) there are service modifications on heatwave days, such as the suspension of client transportation, in the interests of both staff and clients;*

- (i) swimming pools operate on extended hours and Council has recently implemented a system where people won't be denied access if presented as homeless;*
- (j) libraries have increased patronage on extreme heat days; and*
- (k) Council's Family, Youth and Children's Services branch introduces a range of changes to its programs.*

The Director Community Programs also advised, in relation to the creation of cool rooms or refuges from the heat, that:

- (a) this matter has been raised formally with the Office of Housing and that officers have not heard whether they have taken action or not;*
- (b) the matter has been referred to the climate change adaptation program; and*
- (c) there is a review of Council buildings at this point in time.*

10.3 Urban Forest Strategy

Question from Councillor Amanda Stone

Can officers provide an update on the status of the Urban Forest Strategy?

Response

The Director City Development advised that:

- (a) Council provided some funds in the current budget;*
- (b) the near infrared is being pursued and Council will have that in a few weeks;*
- (c) the second component of the works in this financial year is undertaking further aerial photography so that Council can begin to establish a tree inventory;*
- (d) those two aspects will be done and officers will be further reporting to Council on the Urban Forest Strategy as well; and*
- (e) officers needed to wait for the summer period as the leaves need to be on the trees and there is a bandwidth of when it can be done due to temperature.*

11.1 Improvements to Open Space at Richmond and Fitzroy Estates

Trim Record Number: D13/15464

Responsible Officer: Manager Community and Corporate Planning

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report;
 - (b) consider its role providing service delivery and supporting community activity on public housing estates in conjunction with its response to the master planning processes Department of Human Services is undertaking at North Richmond and Fitzroy estates; and
 - (c) provide direction to officers as to whether to consult public housing residents on activating space on the two estates, and if so, the parameters of this consultation.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report;
 - (b) consider its role providing service delivery and supporting community activity on public housing estates in conjunction with its response to the master planning processes Department of Human Services is undertaking at North Richmond and Fitzroy estates; and
 - (c) initiate further consultation subject to budgetary allocation and further discussion about the parameters with a representative sample of residents on Richmond, Collingwood and Fitzroy public housing estates to establish:
 - (i) how the green open space is currently used;
 - (ii) how residents would like to be able to use this space; and
 - (iii) what would improve residents' use and enjoyment of this open space;
 - (d) provide a report to council on the outcomes of this consultation along with recommendations for how council can contribute to open space improvements, in conjunction with the Department of Human Services and/or in partnership with other local service providers, without any net loss of open space on either estate; and
 - (e) that this report also include an assessment of the benefits and impacts of the green space, vegetation and trees to residents, particularly in heat waves and an increasingly warmer climate.

CARRIED

11.2 Proposed Discontinuance of Road at the Rear of 312 - 314 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford

Trim Record Number: D13/120129
Responsible Officer: Manager Finance

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council, acting under clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act):
 - (a) resolves that once having followed all the required statutory procedures pursuant to sections 189, 207A, and 223 of the Act pursuant to its power under Schedule 10 clause 3 of the Act, and being of the opinion that the road shown as lot 1 on the plan attached as Attachment 1 to this report (Road), being part of the land contained in certificate of title volume 1312 folio 227, is not reasonably required for public use, to discontinue the Road;
 - (b) directs that a notice pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(a) of schedule 10 of the Act is to be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
 - (c) directs that, once discontinued, the Road be sold to the Owner;
 - (d) directs that the right power and interest of City West Water is saved over the Road pursuant to section 207C of the Act, in respect of existing sewerage assets, which must not be affected by the discontinuance and sale; and
 - (e) directs that the Chief Executive Officer sign any Transfer of the Road and any other documents required to be signed in connection with the discontinuance of the Road and its subsequent sale to the Owner.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Barbour

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council, acting under clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act):
 - (a) resolves that once having followed all the required statutory procedures pursuant to sections 189, 207A, and 223 of the Act pursuant to its power under Schedule 10 clause 3 of the Act, and being of the opinion that the road shown as lot 1 on the plan attached as Attachment 1 to this report (Road), being part of the land contained in certificate of title volume 1312 folio 227, is not reasonably required for public use, to discontinue the Road;
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 - (d) directs that the right power and interest of City West Water is saved over the Road pursuant to section 207C of the Act, in respect of existing sewerage assets, which must not be affected by the discontinuance and sale; and
 - (e) directs that the Chief Executive Officer sign any Transfer of the Road and any other documents required to be signed in connection with the discontinuance of the Road and its subsequent sale to the Owner.

CARRIED

Councillor Coleman departed the chamber at 7:58 and returned at 8.00 pm.

11.3 Yarra Affordable Housing Fund Grants 2014

Trim Record Number: D13/123833
Responsible Officer: Coordinator Community Development

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council approve a one year grant of \$35,000 to HomeGround Services and \$15,000 to Yarra Community Housing.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Gaylard **Seconded:** Councillor Colanzi

1. That Council approve a one year grant of \$35,000 to HomeGround Services and \$15,000 to Yarra Community Housing.

CARRIED

11.4 Endorsement of Early Years Strategy 2014-2017 for Community Consultation

Trim Record Number: D13/119905

Responsible Officer: Manager Aged and Disability Services

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse the draft Yarra Early Years Strategy 2014 – 2017 for public exhibition for the purpose of community consultation from 7 February 2014 to 7 March 2014; and
 - (b) receive a further report in April 2014 to consider feedback received through the consultation process.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Vlahogiannis

Seconded: Councillor Huggins

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse the draft Yarra Early Years Strategy 2014 – 2017 for public exhibition for the purpose of community consultation from 7 February 2014 to 7 March 2014; and
 - (b) receive a further report in April 2014 to consider feedback received through the consultation process.

CARRIED

11.5 2013 Annual Customer Service Survey Update

Trim Record Number: D13/128549

Responsible Officer: Manager Community and Corporate Planning

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the report.

Public Submissions

Mr Ian Mack addressed Council regarding this matter.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Councillor Huggins

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

That the motion be put.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Colanzi

Seconded: Councillor Vlahogiannis

1. That Council note the report.

CARRIED

11.6 Proposal for Commemorative Statue - Edinburgh Gardens

Trim Record Number: D14/3975

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Governance

ITEM WITHDRAWN

The report was withdrawn as Moreland City Council had already agreed to the statue being placed in their gardens.

11.7 Attendance at VELO Conference Adelaide - Authorisation

Trim Record Number: D14/4540

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council pursuant to Council's Expense Entitlement Policy, approve attendance by Councillors Fristacky and Gaylard at the VELO – CITY Global 2014 “Celebration of Cycling” Conference in Adelaide, from 27 – 30 May, 2014.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Huggins

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

1. That Council pursuant to Council's Expense Entitlement Policy, approve attendance by Councillors Fristacky and Gaylard at the VELO – CITY Global 2014 “Celebration of Cycling” Conference in Adelaide, from 27 – 30 May, 2014.

CARRIED

11.8 Chinese Community and U3A Yarra City Programs

Trim Record Number: D14/5069

Responsible Officer: Director Community Programs

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Council notes the progress report on the outcome of discussions and the process required to establish a new U3A program of courses to address the needs of the Chinese community;
 - (b) Officers continue to support discussions with Fitzroy Chinese Association; Yarra U3A and VU3A to assist in determining a preferred model to support the establishment of lifelong learning opportunities for the Yarra Chinese community; and
 - (c) Officers provide advice on funding options (including Community Grants; Participation Grants; Victorian University of Third Age Network grants) available to assist in resourcing this proposal.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Barbour

Seconded: Councillor Colanzi

1. That:
 - (a) Council notes the progress report on the outcome of discussions and the process required to establish a new U3A program of courses to address the needs of the Chinese community;
 - (b) Officers continue to support discussions with Fitzroy Chinese Association; Yarra U3A and VU3A to assist in determining a preferred model to support the establishment of lifelong learning opportunities for the Yarra Chinese community; and
 - (c) Officers provide advice on funding options (including Community Grants; Participation Grants; Victorian University of Third Age Network grants) available to assist in resourcing this proposal.

CARRIED

11.9 Tudor Street Redevelopment - Authorisation to Proceed to Quotations

Trim Record Number: D14/7304

Responsible Officer: Director Community Programs

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes progress on project implementation by the Richmond Community Learning Centre (RCLC) for the redevelopment of the Council owned property at 49 Tudor Street at the corner of Westbank Terrace;
 - (b) provide authority for the RCLC to proceed to a request for quotation process recognising this will have significant implications in relation to financial commitments by Council (in terms of grant funding of the project) and contractual commitments by the RCLC;
 - (c) refer capital works and recurrent grant funding matters to the 2014/15 budget process for formal approval; and
 - (d) receive further a project updates during the 2014 calendar year.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Huggins

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes progress on project implementation by the Richmond Community Learning Centre (RCLC) for the redevelopment of the Council owned property at 49 Tudor Street at the corner of Westbank Terrace;
 - (b) provide authority for the RCLC to proceed to a request for quotation process recognising this will have significant implications in relation to financial commitments by Council (in terms of grant funding of the project) and contractual commitments by the RCLC;
 - (c) refer capital works and recurrent grant funding matters to the 2014/15 budget process for formal approval; and
 - (d) receive further a project updates during the 2014 calendar year.

CARRIED

* Councillor Barbour abstained from voting on this item.

11.10 Audit Committee Chairperson Appointment

Trim Record Number: D14/7367

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Financial Services

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council approves the appointment of Mr Robert Yeo as Chair of the Audit Committee for the audit year ending 30 November 2014.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Vlahogiannis

1. That Council approves the appointment of Mr Robert Yeo as Chair of the Audit Committee for the audit year ending 30 November 2014.

CARRIED

11.11 Appointment of Authorised Officers - Planning and Environment Act 1987

Trim Record Number: D14/7502

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Council formally appoint officer: **Stewart MARTIN** as an authorised officer pursuant to Section 147 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1989*; and
 - (b) the attached Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation document be signed and sealed accordingly by the Chief Executive Officer.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Huggins

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

1. That:
 - (a) Council formally appoint officer: **Stewart MARTIN** as an authorised officer pursuant to Section 147 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1989*; and
 - (b) the attached Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation document be signed and sealed accordingly by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

11.12 Draft Submission to Senate Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee on the Role of Public Transport in Delivering Productivity Outcomes

Trim Record Number: D14/7527

Responsible Officer: Director City Development

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorse the attached submission, and authorise the CEO to arrange for the submission to be lodged to the Senate committee on Wednesday 5 February, 2014.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Huggins

Seconded: Councillor Barbour

1. That Council endorse the attached submission, and authorise the CEO to arrange for the submission to be lodged to the Senate committee on Wednesday 5 February, 2014.

CARRIED

11.13 Submission to Productivity Commission Into Child Care and Early Childhood Learning

Trim Record Number: D14/7970

Responsible Officer: Director Community Programs

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorse the attached submission to the Productivity Commission's 'Inquiry into Child Care and Early Childhood Learning'.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Colanzi

Seconded: Councillor Barbour

1. That Council endorse the attached submission subject to the inclusion of funding of data related to the funding of the National Quality Framework to the Productivity Commission's 'Inquiry into Child Care and Early Childhood Learning'.

CARRIED

11.14 Hearing of Submissions to the 2013/14 Revised Budget

Trim Record Number: D14/9752

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Financial Services

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council
 - (a) having received no submissions on the proposed 2013/14 Revised Budget in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act* 1989, proceed to the adoption meeting which is scheduled for 18 February 2014; and
 - (b) consider the formal adoption of the 2013/14 Revised Budget at that meeting, in accordance with the advertised timeframe.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Vlahogiannis

Seconded: Councillor Colanzi

1. That Council
 - (a) having received no submissions on the proposed 2013/14 Revised Budget in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act* 1989, proceed to the adoption meeting which is scheduled for 18 February 2014; and
 - (b) consider the formal adoption of the 2013/14 Revised Budget at that meeting, in accordance with the advertised timeframe.

CARRIED

13. Urgent business

13.1 Summary Offences and Sentencing Amendment Bill 2013

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Colanzi

Seconded: Councillor Gaylard

That Council:

- (a) note the “Summary Offences and Sentencing Amendment Bill 2013” introduced by the Victorian Government, which purports to:
 - (i) remove protections for peaceful assembly;
 - (ii) provide for up to two years imprisonment for persons returning to a banned protest or picket; and
 - (iii) give police and PSO discretion to “move on” protests;
- (b) note the details of the “Stop the Bill” Rally, being organised by the Victorian Trades Hall Council:
 - (i) commencing 10.00 am Tuesday 18 February 2014;
 - (ii) gathering at Victorian Trades Hall and march to Parliament House; and
 - (iii) marchers encouraged to wear Blue and White;
- (c) in recognition of the fundamental principle supporting democratic rights to peaceful protest:
 - (i) write to the Premier and Attorney General setting out its concerns on the inconsistencies of the proposals in the Bill with fundamental rights of freedom of assembly, the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights 1948, Article 20, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966, Articles 21, 25, and the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006;
 - (ii) submit on the above to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee of Parliament;
 - (iii) raise these concerns with other Councils and peak organisations; and
 - (iv) support attendance at the rally against the Summary Offences and Sentencing Amendment Bill 2013.

CARRIED

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 9.10 pm

Confirmed Tuesday 18 February 2014

Mayor