



CITY OF HOBART

# **MINUTES**

## **Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting**

**Open Portion**

**Thursday, 23 May 2019 at 5:00 pm**

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**Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting (Open Portion)  
held on Thursday, 23 May 2019 at 5:00 pm in the Lady Osborne Room, Town  
Hall.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Thomas (Chairman)  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Dutta  
Ewin

**NON-MEMBERS**

Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Briscoe  
Denison  
Harvey  
Behrakis  
Sherlock

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Dutta (Acting  
Chairman), Councillors H Ewin,  
W F Harvey and Z Sherlock.

Councillor Dutta assumed the Chair in  
the absence of the Chairman.

**APOLOGIES:**

Alderman M Zucco.

Councillor Harvey was an ex-officio  
member of the Committee.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Alderman D C Thomas (Chairman).  
Alderman Dr P T Sexton.

Councillor Sherlock was co-opted to the  
Committee.

HARVEY

That Councillor Dutta assume the chair in the absence of the Chairman.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Dutta  
Ewin  
Harvey

NOES

**1. CO-OPTION OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER IN THE EVENT OF A  
VACANCY**

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EWIN

That Councillor Sherlock be co-opted to the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Dutta		
Ewin		
Harvey		

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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SHERLOCK

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Economic Development & Communications Committee meeting held on [Thursday, 21 March 2019](#) and the Special Economic Development & Communications Committee meeting held on [Monday, 1 April 2019](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Dutta		
Ewin		
Harvey		
Sherlock		

The minutes were signed.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

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Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

**Recommendation**

That the Committee resolve to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager.

No supplementary items were received.

#### **4. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Members of the Committee are requested to indicate where they may have any pecuniary or conflicts of interest in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the committee has resolved to deal with.

No interest was indicated.

#### **5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

A committee may close a part of a meeting to the public where a matter to be discussed falls within 15(2) of the above regulations.

In the event that the committee transfer an item to the closed portion, the reasons for doing so should be stated.

Are there any items which should be transferred from this agenda to the closed portion of the agenda, or from the closed to the open portion of the agenda?

No items were transferred.

#### **6. REPORTS**

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Mr Richard Warner – Chair of Crawford Fund addressed the Committee in relation to item 6.1.

##### **6.1 Update Timor-Leste / Balibo Project File Ref: F19/53862**

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SHERLOCK

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Economic Development Project Officer and the Director Community Life of 16 May 2019, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

##### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Dutta  
Ewin  
Harvey  
Sherlock

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the Council endorse the proposed project for the village of Balibó in Timor-Leste, as outlined in the report marked as item 6.1 of the Open Economic Development and Communications Committee agenda of 23 May 2019, subject to a detailed report on the costs and implementation of the project being provided to Council in due course.

**Delegation: Council**

Ms Marnie Craig – Chief Executive Officer of Business Events Tasmania addressed the Committee in relation to item 6.2.

**6.2 Business Events Tasmania Annual Funding Submission**  
**File Ref: F19/44086**

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EWIN

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Economic Development Project Officer and the Director Community Life of 16 May 2019, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Dutta		
Ewin		
Harvey		
Sherlock		

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

- That:
1. The Council notes Business Events Tasmania's funding submission for the financial year 2019–20.
  2. The Council resolves to provide funding of \$105,555 to Business Events Tasmania to be attributed to the Economic Development Budget Function of the 2019–20 Annual Plan.

**Delegation: Council**

**6.3 International Relations Action Plan - Annual Progress Report**  
**File Ref: F19/38606**

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SHERLOCK

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Economic Development Project Officer and the Director Community Life of 16 May 2019, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Dutta  
Ewin  
Harvey  
Sherlock

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the Council receives the annual progress report against the current International Relations Action Plan 2018.

**Delegation: Committee**

**6.4 Community Conversations and Listening Posts Program**  
**File Ref: F19/54753; 17/59**

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EWIN

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Community Engagement Advisor, the Manager Future, Engaged and Active Communities and the Director Community Life of 15 May 2019, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Dutta  
Ewin  
Harvey  
Sherlock

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

- That:
1. The Council endorse the Community Conversations and Listening Posts program to commence in late 2019.
  2. The Community Conversations and Listening Posts program be reviewed and evaluated after the first year of the program.

**Delegation: Council**

**7. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

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**7.1 Social Inclusion Index - Connected Community Program**  
**File Ref: F19/52327**

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SHERLOCK

That in accordance with Council's policy, the following Notice of Motion which was adopted by the Economic Development & Communications Committee of 23 May 2019, be considered by the Council.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Dutta		
Ewin		
Harvey		
Sherlock		

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

**Motion:**

"That Council consider the addition of a Social Inclusion Index (SII), as an initiative of the Connected Community Program within the Connected Hobart Action Plan. The index would serve to support and measure the impact of, and potential actions for, homelessness in Greater Hobart."

**Rationale:**

"In recent weeks we have heard that Connected Hobart is not all about digital technologies. Sometimes it is about embracing innovative opportunities to look at the world differently. With that in mind, how do we become a more socially inclusive city?"



How do we move forward, in the right direction, and make practical changes, grounded in evidence? The simple answer is, we get information. However, to be useful, information needs to be specific and for a specific purpose. That is the intention of this motion.

If our goal is to be a socially inclusive city, wouldn't it be nice, in fact, wouldn't it be practical to get information for a specific purpose? Evidence that not only shows us where we are now, but where we are in 3 to 6 months from now; what we have achieved, or where we are failing to move the needle on change. This is the purpose of the Social Inclusion Index. The Index aims to measure quarter to quarter whether we have improved, regressed or stayed the same, and adjust our course accordingly.

Information obtained from the SII could have far reaching benefits for services. How we make changes and data can potentially be used to provide better structure and programs across other areas. How we go about making practical changes comes from this visibility of statistical data and information, and by putting measures on ourselves of how we are progressing on these issues.

The Index would not be an invasion of privacy nor require personal data. It could coalesce a range of existing social and economic measures in order to determine the social inclusivity progress of the city. It could be a national first. These measures may include:

- Homeless population
- Empty homes
- Housing affordability
- Hotel room vacancies
- Share accommodation stock volumes
- Number of homes per person in Hobart
- Ratios of houses to apartment living
- Development approvals new room counts
- Incarceration populations
- Investment housing stock
- And even compound statistics such as churches per population

**Examples of what we can do when we have the right information:**

- Inform better planning decisions
- Work more closely and purposefully with community welfare organisations

- Enhance grant funding opportunities
- Repurpose city assets: Car parking operator Secure Parking is starting a trial in Brisbane where empty carparks will be turned in to temporary overnight accommodation for homeless people. This will provide them shelter while the car parks are not in use.”

*<https://www.facebook.com/7NEWSBrisbane/videos/2225504957687721/?v=2225504957687721>*”

**The General Manager reports:**

“In line with the Council’s policy in relation to Notices of Motion, I advise that the matter is considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Hobart City Council as it relates to the Connected Hobart Action Plan.”

**Delegation: Council**

**8. COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT**

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**8.1 Committee Actions - Status Report**  
**File Ref: F19/40972**

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HARVEY

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Dutta  
Ewin  
Harvey  
Sherlock

**Delegation: Committee**

## 9. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.  
File Ref: 13-1-10

### 9.1 Councillor Ewin - Employment Policy File Ref: 13-1-10

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Question: Does the Council have an affirmative action employment policy?

Answer: The Director Community Life took the question on notice.

## 10. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

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HARVEY

That the Committee resolve by majority that the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to regulation 15(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* because the items included on the closed agenda contain the following matters:

- Commercial information of a confidential nature that if disclosed is likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;
- Information provided to the Council on the basis that it be kept confidential.

The following items were discussed: -

Item No. 1	Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
Item No. 2	Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda
Item No. 3	Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest
Item No. 4	Committee Action Status Report
Item No. 4.1	Committee Actions - Status Report LG(MP)R 15(2)(g)
Item No. 5	Questions Without Notice

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Dutta  
Ewin  
Harvey  
Sherlock

**Delegation: Committee**

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 6.16 pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS  
A CORRECT RECORD THIS  
20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2019.

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**CHAIRMAN**