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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We start today's meeting by acknowledging and paying respects to the leterremairrener and pangerninghe Aboriginal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are gathered today.

Council pays its respects to their Elders past and present and acknowledges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders here today.

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1 PRESENT

1.1 Present

Mayor Cr Christina Holmdahl
Deputy Mayor Cr Rick Shegog
Cr Joy Allen
Cr Lynden Ferguson
Cr Richard Ireland
Cr Caroline Larner
Cr Geoff Lyons
Cr Julie Sladden

1.2 In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer	Kristen Desmond
Director Community Assets	Dino De Paoli
Director People, Culture & Safety	Richard Heyward
Acting Director Planning & Development	Scott Lewis
Team Leader Planning	Krstyna Ennis
Community Development Manager	Marcus Grantham
Manager Communications & Engagement	Simon Tennant
Building Department	Jason Folo
Governance Officer	Tom Chalmers
Executive Assistant	Kathryn Prince
Personal Assistant to the CEO & Mayor	Liz du Plessis

1.3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Cr Josh Manticas - Leave of Absence

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Cr Larner - Public Apology

Mayor, Councillors, and members of the community, I wish to make a formal apology to the petitioner and to every resident who signed the Exeter Road Safety petition. I made an error of judgement in photographing the petition sheets in order to count the signatures in preparation for my notice of motion. My intention was to establish the level of community support for a public meeting about road safety in Exeter, however, I recognise that I should have used a counting method that did not involve photographing signatures, personal details.

I wish to reassure the petitioner and signatories that the photographs were used only to count signatures, were not shared with anyone, and were deleted immediately after the count. I have confirmed that no copies remain in my possession or online accounts. I sincerely regret the concern my actions have caused, and I accept full responsibility for that decision. I have also spoken directly with the petitioner to offer my apology personally.

I deeply respect residents' privacy and their right to petition Council. Those who signed did so in good faith, and they are entitled to expect that their personal information will be handled with care. In future, I will seek advice on the appropriate way to establish petition numbers without photographing or recording personal information. I ask that this apology be recorded in full in the minutes of this meeting. Thank you.

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 15 September 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 15 September numbered 26/151 to 26/164 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Minute No. 26/165

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Ireland

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 15 September numbered 26/151 to 26/164 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

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3 LATE ITEMS

Nil

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4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN A MATTER OF A COUNCILLOR

Cr Larner, other interest – **Item 8.5 CEO 5 - Submission on Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers: Tasmania**.
I have a non-pecuniary conflict in item 8.5. I have advocated for the concerns of residents of Rowella in my capacity as an individual Councillor and as an individual ratepayer of the municipality. My personal submissions to the parliamentary inquiry into AI data centres do not constitute authorized submissions on behalf of West Tamar Council, and I do not claim to speak for every resident. My personal submission to the inquiry supported the major projects assessment pathway rather than the ordinary council planning permit pathway. I also lodged a personal submission concerning DA202629. These submissions express my own position, not council's endorsed position.

Separately, I made a non-refundable contribution for legal advice and representation, connected with a community group's participation in the parliamentary inquiry. I am named the client - no, I'm not the client, I have quarantined the funds in my personal capacity, but I am not a member of the group. My financial contribution supported coordinated inquiry work. It was expressly restricted to purposes other than TASCAT proceedings. I oppose that challenge and I have made my position clear to the group. I considered my personal inquiry submission, the legal engagement in my name, the funding of inquiry-related work, and the relationship between that work and Council's proposed submission. I also considered that I am not a group member, have no personal litigation case, and excluded the TASCAT proceedings from the contribution. Although I believe I could decide impartially, an informed, reasonable person could perceive a competing commitment. I therefore declare the perceived conflict and withdraw from the meeting at item 8.5, since an informed, reasonable observer could perceive that I have a separate personal commitment to a position advanced through legal engagement.
- Left the room

Cr Allen, other interest - **Item 13.2 Comm 2 - Community Grant Application - Beaconsfield Park Homes Inc.**
I have a non-pecuniary interest in matter 13.2, which is a community grant application for Beaconsfield Park Homes. I am a current board member on that committee.
- Left the room

Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, other interest - **Item 13.1 Comm 1 - Sponsorship request - Exeter Cricket Club.**
I have to declare an interest in 13.1, which is a sponsor request from the Exeter Cricket Club, as I am the patron of that cricket club.
- Left the room

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5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.1 Public Question Time

Commenced at: 1:40PM

Anne Brumby, Legana

Statement: I would firstly like to thank the CEO, Mayor and Councillors for their help and guidance throughout the road safety petition and the public meeting. We are so lucky to live in a community where caring for each other still exists. I found the meeting to be respectful, with the people from our community allowing individuals to speak freely with their ideas to improve road safety. A big thank you also to all the businesses who accepted to have a petition and public meeting poster. We need to keep in mind any decisions made for road safety in Exeter does not affect our small businesses. I would also like to thank my family and friends who have helped me but have chosen to stay in the background. I am hoping something positive comes from this, but if not, as a community, we will keep pursuing this.

Rebecca Luck, Grindelwald

Statement: Councillors, Mayor and executives of the council, I'm writing to express our full support to the amended food van policy, *Item 14.1 - Asset 1*, that will be voted on today. Specifically removing Tatana Way as an option for Legana.

We were getting very concerned regarding the increased regular presence of mobile food vans operating in close proximity to established food businesses including our local shop, Rhino Pizza Legana. Firstly, I wish to make very clear that we are not opposed to food vans. We recognise that they provide a valuable service and add variety to the community. We believe they have an important role at community events, agricultural shows, festivals, sporting events, markets and other special occasions where they complement existing businesses rather than compete directly with them.

Our concern is with food vans that establish a regular trading pattern in commercial areas, effectively operating as permanent businesses without being subject to the same costs and obligations as us as established businesses. Brick and mortar businesses make a substantial long-term investment in the local community. We lease a commercial premise with our rent being $40,000 per annum. We pay council rates, contribute to local taxes and charges, maintain buildings, comply with planning requirements and employ local staff throughout the whole year. These costs continue regardless of whether our business is busy or quiet. By comparison, mobile food vans can choose to operate only on the busiest trading nights, typically Friday and Saturday evenings where customer demand is highest. They avoid the quieter trading periods that established businesses must endure while still meeting all of their ongoing financial commitments. This selective approach has created an uneven competitive environment, specifically in Legana.

Our concerns include established businesses contribute significantly to council revenue through rates and ongoing investments in our permanent premises. We provide year round employment and support the local economy every day of the week, not just during peak trading periods. Mobile food vans often target the most profitable

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trading times leaving permanent businesses to absorb the costs associated with the slower trading days. Some food vans now trade on a predictable weekly basis effectively operating as a permanent business without occupying an appropriately zoned commercial premises. This regular pattern of trading appears inconsistent with the original purpose of mobile food vending which has traditionally been to service temporary events and locations where permanent food businesses are not available. The cumulative impact on established businesses can be significant, particularly during the limited peak trading periods that many hospitality businesses rely upon to remain financially viable. We appreciate Council's consideration of this matter and we respectfully suggest that the council vote for this policy, obviously in particular today removing Tatana Way which is right behind our food business, from an area that will be allowed in the future. Thank you.

Bridgette Townsend, George Town

Statement: I'm actually here as a representative for the River Cafe in Beauty Point in relation to the food vans as well. I have three questions to ask Council today.

Question 1: Has the council consulted with Beauty Point's two remaining cafes, the pub, the local bowls club, to understand their current financial viability and trading conditions and undertaken an economic impact assessment to determine whether the introduction of food vans would generate generally new spending or simply divert customers and revenue away from established local businesses?

Response: *We will take that on notice and you will be responded to in the time period that's required to reply, and that will be also written into the agenda for the next Council meeting.*

Question 2: Has council considered that established businesses carry significant ongoing costs including rent, rate, utilities, insurance, equipment and staffing and rely heavily on peak summer trading periods including three peak boxing day, easter to offset quieter winter months. What measures would Council implement to ensure that casual food vans do not unfairly undermine these businesses, their employment opportunities and their ability to remain viable year round?

Response: *I'll take that on notice as well.*

Question 3: Has Council assessed the potential long term consequences for Beauty Point if the introduction of food vans contributes to the closure of its remaining cafes, given that these established businesses provide local employment, attract visitors and support the community throughout the year, how would Council reconcile the potential loss of these permanent businesses with its objectives for the town's long term economic sustainability?

Response: *And again, I'll take that on notice and it will be thoroughly responded to.*

Peter Kearney, Lanena

Statement: I wish to address the mobile food vending policy. My particular concerns relate to Tailrace Park. Having been involved in the development of Tailrace Park, not from the start, that was way back before my time but being on the committee which consisted of the Lions Club, the Scouts, the Council and the key stakeholders that actually

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developed Tailrace Park, and were responsible for the expenditure of the Riverside rates levy which provided the cash flow that enabled that to be built in the way that it was.

Now over the time I was on that committee, we had frequent requests for businesses to come to Tailrace Park. We had requests for trains, we had requests for fun spinner things, we had requests for ice cream vans, we had requests for small scale food dispensers and on all occasions we had, we continued to adopt the policy that we did not want Tailrace Park to be a place where families went to enjoy the park but were subject to having to deal with the fact that they would under kid pressure maybe or other things to, to go and use these facilities. We always felt right through that process that that was inappropriate for Tailrace Park, that it was not consistent with the culture of that place.

Over that time, the electrical cabling in that place was upgraded so that it could host a festival, because festivals require lots of power and there was no objection to having a festival, I remember one year we had a multicultural festival there. There are barbecues there where families go and cook a meal. There is a large barbecue that the Lions Club put there which is able to be used for events, but the regular use of food vans or commercial operations in the park we, the committee had always believed and from a personal point of view, I have not changed my point of view, is inappropriate.

So I am asking that you delete 11A and 11B from your mobile food policy. In the meantime, having heard the other submissions that have come forward, I hope that very careful consideration will be given to this policy because the unintended consequences and maybe intended consequences can sometimes be very substantial for some of our best citizens.

Response: *Thank you, Mr Kearney.*

Cheryl Swan, Swan Point

Statement: I notice with interest that we have a submission on Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy discussion paper, Item 8.4 in the agenda today. Given that this is one of the major issues people have been talking about in the lead up to this council election, it is appropriate that it is in here.

What results we'll get from this will be another story. I notice in Chief Executive Officer Kristen Desmond's letter to James Verrier, it talks about where can we strengthen our management approaches, partnerships and use of evidence and data to achieve road safety outcomes. The answer to that is management approaches and partnerships can be strengthened by drawing more systematically on local knowledge. Well, as a local, I've been bringing this knowledge to this council for more than 10 years with little result. So I'm hoping now we're going to have a change in response to issues raised not only by me but other members of our community to road safety issues, because I don't call it road safety, I call it people safety on our roads. Because it's all about people and our wildlife, which is the point I'm going to raise today.

I recently went up Waldhorn Drive to go up to Grindelwald, I noticed 35km/h signs, dusk to dawn, wildlife on the road. Now I've asked before on a number of occasions for similar signage to be put down through Gravelly Beach, Deviot, Swan Point. We

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have dead wildlife on our road constantly because of the speeds in those areas at night time. It's also dangerous to people driving along there.

Just a few days ago, Mary was with me, we actually stopped one evening and I lifted a little possum off the road so he wouldn't get run over. But we constantly have dead pademelons and things lying in the gutters all the time, it's not pleasant. It's even less pleasant if something runs out in front of you. Which is why I go a lesser speed at night time. From experience, that's the better way to do it. So I'm asking, can this council actually deliver more consistency of road signage through areas that I've already spoken to you about for safer speeds, especially at times at night time in the areas where we know there's a lot of wildlife? That's just one issue with road signage and speeds, but I'll leave that one with you for today.

Response: *Thank you very much and we'll take your question on notice.*

Jim Collier, Legana

Statement: Good afternoon, everybody. I'm here to say to the Mayor and to Councillor Richard Ireland, I understand you both are soon to depart this scene. And I would like you to understand that the West Tamar community, and my wife Linda should have been here today but unfortunately, she couldn't make it so she sends her apologies but she shares my sentiments. We want to say thank you very much for everything you've done for the years that you have been on council. I know there have been difficult times for both of you, but I've seen your hard work and I've always known that you are both very approachable and that's fantastic. On behalf of the West Tamar community, myself, Linda Collier, thank you very much for everything that you've done. If the people who replace you are just half as good as you two are, we will be served very well indeed. Thank you for your stewardship.

Response: *Thank you very much, Jim. Jim, thank you to you and your wife too. You are a couple of our ratepayers that are very diligent in, getting involved in issues that are important to you, and it's been a pleasure to work with you from time to time as well. Thank you.*

Don McInnes, Kayena

Statement: Good afternoon. Item 13.2, the community grant application for Beaconsfield Park Homes. The recommendation is that you reject the application, and I would like to characterise that as being a missed opportunity if you do so. It represents an opportunity, a chance for the council to engage with the local community in a really meaningful way. The prime objective seems to be that the two defibrillators will be placed on private land, and you used the word precedent, it would be establishing a precedent if you do so. There's nothing legally, there's no legal objection, impediment to doing so. In fact other councils in Tasmania have done just that, placing defibrillators on private land, and before I go on, I should add that coronary heart disease is the largest cause, single cause of death amongst West Tamar residents.

These defibrillators will demonstrably alleviate that death rate in West Tamar. Now I urge you to… if you have concerns about it being on private property, go back to the operators of the home. You talk about access for the public, signage, etc, etc. Work through this. Come up with an accessibility agreement with this operator so all these concerns can be dealt with, and they can be dealt with. It's purely operational, it's not

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rocket science. Talk to your community, your job is to serve the community. I urge you on this matter, a chronic health issue. Talk to the people, the operators of Beaconsfield Park Homes, find a solution to the problem.

Response: *Thank you very much.*

Concluded at: 2:01PM

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5.2 Public Questions on Notice

All answers to questions on Notice have been prepared by the Chief Executive Officer, Kristen Desmond.

5.2.1 J Brooks, Lanena

Question 1: Legana Structure Plan - properties identified for demolition. Given the length of time that Council-owned residential properties in Legana have remained occupied despite being identified for future demolition under the Structure Plan, the current housing shortage, and concerns that maintenance may be limited because of their intended future demolition, will Council review whether demolition of all of these properties is still necessary and, in the meantime, ensure they are maintained to an appropriate residential standard?

Response: *Since acquisition, properties have been subject to independent 6-monthly maintenance inspections and any necessary maintenance items have been undertaken as required. Council cannot confirm timing for demolition of all the properties until future plans for development of land to the south have progressed and the extension of Tatana Way is finalised.*

Question 2: Winkleigh Road speed limit. Given that a number of Winkleigh Road residents and road users only became aware of the reduction in the speed limit from 100 km/h to 80 km/h after it was implemented, will Council advise what community consultation was undertaken before the change and make the TCS road safety assessment relied upon by the Road Safety Committee publicly available so the community can understand the evidence supporting the decision?

Response: *As previously advised in our responses to questions on notice in our August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda, Council undertook community consultation in relation to speed limit reviews in August 2023. The results of the survey were included in Council's Ordinary Council meeting in December 2023, and Council subsequently adopted the list of identified priority areas for speed limit review. This included Winkleigh Road.*

In April 2025, Council also received a petition from residents on Winkleigh Road requesting that Council consider a reduction in the speed limit on Winkleigh Road.

Question 3: Kelso foreshore erosion. Given the evident foreshore erosion at Kelso, including sections where erosion is encroaching toward the road and tidal debris is reaching the road surface, what works or longer-term coastal protection measures does Council have planned to protect public infrastructure and assist in reducing the risk to adjoining residential properties from ongoing erosion, coastal inundation and future sea-level rise?

Response: *Council's capital works program for the current financial year includes funding for officers to design and seek construction approval from Parks and Wildlife for erosion control works on the river side of Foreshore Road. The project does not include investigations or assessments into the erosion or innundation hazards that may impact adjoining residential properties along Foreshore Road, and the work that may mitigate these hazards.*

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5.2.2 C Sherlock, Clarence Point

Question 1: On 20 February 2024, Council unanimously adopted motion 25/24 seeking legislative changes concerning Working with Vulnerable People registration for councillors. In light of that resolution, I ask which serving West Tamar councillors have provided Council with evidence of current Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP)?

Response: *The requirements for Councillors in Tasmania are set out in the* Local Government Act 1993*.*

There is no requirement under the Local Government Act 1993 *requiring an elected member in Tasmania to have a valid Registration to Work With Vulnerable People.*

Council has no statutory authority to require a Councillor to provide evidence that they hold a current Registration to Work with Vulnerable People unless required by a West Tamar Council Policy as it is not a legislated requirement of office.

Council does require any Councillors who are representing Council on the Youth Advisory Council or who participate in a Council led youth activity (such as the WTC Youth Leadership Camp) to provide evidence of their current Registration to Work with Vulnerable People.

Question 2: For each councillor identified, when did Council last verify their registration status through the Department of Justice's online checking tool or Employer Portal?

Response: *Council verifies registration status upon nomination to the Youth Advisory Council and requires Councillors to advise Council should any changes to their Registration occur.*

Question 3: Where Council has not verified a councillor's registration, will it clearly identify their status as "not verified".

Response: *See response to question 1.*

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5.2.3 T Sherlock, Clarence Point

Question 1: On 20 February 2024, Council adopted motion 25/24 to write to the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the Minister for Local Government, seeking an amendment to the Local Government Act to include Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) registration in the eligibility requirements for councillors and requesting a written response within 30 days. Were written responses received within the requested 30 days?

Response: *A written response from the Minister for Local Government was received 58 days after our correspondence was sent.*

*In relation to the Local Government Association of Tasmania, further conversations occurred on the subject which culminated in a September 2024 LGAT General Meeting resolution that "*LGAT request the State Government legislate, that eligibility for nomination as Councillor requires a person to hold a Working with Vulnerable People Card.*"*

Question 2: What follow-up action did Council take, and what is the current status of the proposed legislative change?

Response: *As Council received a response from the Minister for Local Government, and action by way of a motion through LGAT occurred, no follow-up action was required.*

Questions regarding local government legislation – proposed or otherwise – should be directed to the Office of Local Government.

Question 3: Council's April–June 2024 quarterly performance report records the action under motion 25/24 as completed. What action satisfied that completion status, and has Council made any subsequent decision or taken further action on councillors' WWVP registration?

Response: *The motion listed in the question requested Council to write to the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the Minister for Local Government, requesting that the Local Government Act be amended to include Working with Vulnerable People in the eligibility clause, and require a response in writing with 30 days.*

Council met all the requirements of this motion and no further decisions of Council have occurred on this issue.

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5.2.4 B Brown, Legana

Question 1: Proposed Bell Bay data centre (George Town DA 2026/29). Since 1 January 2026, on what dates have the Mayor, acting as Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer, any Council officer, or any consultant engaged by Council met with, or received correspondence from, Firmus Technologies or its representatives about the proposed Bell Bay data centre?

Response: *At the request of Council, Firmus Technologies presented to Council at the Interim Workshop on 21 July 2026. This was reported in our July Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda.*

The CEO and Council's Director of Planning & Development met with representatives of Firmus on 25 March 2026. During those discussions, Council raised potential issues that may arise, including visual amenity, noise and any potential emissions. This meeting was publicly listed in the CEO's Diary section of the January to March 2026 Quarterly Report.

Question 2: Will Council publish in its next available agenda any replies received to its February 2026 letters (resolution 26/36) to TasWater and TasNetworks on new dwelling capacity in the West Tamar?

Response: *Yes, they are available and will be published in the response to these questions below.*

Question 3: The 21 July 2026 minutes record the Major Project declaration motion as having lapsed, but the answer at item 5.3.2 of the 18 August 2026 minutes says it was not supported by Councillors. Will Council note a correction in its next agenda?

Response: *The premise of the question is incorrect. The Minutes for the July Ordinary Council Meeting correctly note that the motion lapsed for want of a mover.*

The response to your question on notice provided in the August Agenda and Minutes stating that the motion was not supported by Councillors is accurate in that no Councillor supported the motion sufficiently to move it in Cr Larner's absence.

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5.2.5 G Hay, Beauty Point

Question 1: Under the prior Management, for example 2023-2024 financial year the underlying surplus of the West Tamar Council was $3.35Million, under the new management it seems we have a 2026–27 financial year underlying surplus of only $200,000, this final position was formally adopted by the out-going Councillors, Are the out going councillors leaving the new councillors a *poison challis ?*

Response: *The 2026–27 underlying surplus of approximately $200,000 is a budget estimate, not the final financial result. Council budgets are prepared conservatively, and the budgeted underlying surpluses for the previous two years were at similar levels.*

In those years, Council's actual underlying surplus exceeded the original budget estimate. The adopted 2026–27 Budget reflects Council's prudent approach to financial planning and provides a sustainable basis for the incoming Council to continue delivering services and maintaining community assets. Council's sound financial position will be supported by regular financial reporting, active budget management and timely responses to emerging cost pressures.

Question 2: Further when to come to the financial position of the West Tamar Council in the past 3 years rates have risen by over 14%, in the same period inflation was !0%, given there is a 4 % variation between the two is the West Tamar Council loosing control of its once secure financial position ?

Response: *Rate increases are not determined solely by movements in the Consumer Price Index. Council's budget must also account for factors such as wage and contract cost increases, insurance, utilities, regulatory requirements, the maintenance and renewal of infrastructure, service levels and the delivery of the capital program.*

The rating increase is set as part of the overall budget process to ensure that Council can continue to provide services, maintain its assets and achieve a financially sustainable underlying result. Council's prudent budgeting, ongoing financial monitoring and capacity to respond to changing cost pressures demonstrate its continued ability to manage its financial position responsibly and sustainably.

Question 3: Based on the council's public financial reporting, the West Tamar Council has not recorded any underlying deficit in recent years, it has historically retained a reserve fund this has been spent it seems, the last financial report did not show the capital cost of for example the replacement of the Stoney Creek Bridge, if these works are to be undertaken in a timely fashion will the West Tamar Council for the first time in many years go Into deficit ?

Response: *Any required works relating to the Stony Brook Bridge are expected to be funded from Council's available cash reserves. The construction or replacement cost would generally be treated as capital expenditure and recognised as an asset, rather than being recorded as an operating expense. It would therefore reduce Council's cash reserves but would not directly reduce the underlying operating result.*

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5.2.6 A Collier, Kayena

Question 1: Legana supermarket disabled parking area - two disabled residents have complained that the disabled parking area requires them to reverse into the pedestrian crossing which creates a safety issue. Is Council responsible for the parking area? Could the disabled parking be interchanged with the Woolworths direct to boot parking spots? Ideally disabled residents would like to reverse into the parking spot. Furthermore, additional disabled parking spots need to be created given the aging community - can this be addressed?

Response: *The car park at the Legana Shopping Centre is privately owned and Council has no responsibility or authority over the same.*

Question 2: A resident has noted that an additional defibrillator is required at 1 Outreach Drive Legana 7277. Residents are concerned that they do not have easy access to a defibrillator. The resident has investigated purchasing this herself for the community but notes it requires maintenance hence requests Council purchase and install the defibrillator. Will Council buy and install a defibrillator at 1 Outreach Drive?

Response: *Whilst Council notes the importance of early access to defibrillators in the event of an emergency, it has no authority to install or maintain defibrillators on private property.*

Council has a community grant application process through which any private property owners may apply for a community grant for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator which would be assessed against Council's community grant assessment matrix. Should the community grant application be successful, Council would not be responsible for the installation or maintenance of the defibrillator.

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5.3 Responses to Questions from Previous Public Question Time

5.3.1 D Barr, Kayena

Our Ref: GO.COU.194
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28 September 2026

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Dear Ms Barr

Response to Questions on Notice – Ordinary Council Meeting 15 September 2026

I refer to the question set out below taken on notice at the West Tamar Council meeting on 15 September 2026, and now provide the following response:

Question 1: *My comment and then following up question is about some government conventions. It's quite common for National, Provincial, State, and Local governments to go into a caretaker period before elections. This is not a mandatory thing in Tasmanian legislation, but many councils in Tasmania do do so. And I was just wondering if the West Tamar Council has considered that in the past, and if not, you know, what are the reasons why you've decided not to go into caretaker mode?*

A draft Election Period Policy was presented to Council for its consideration at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 July 2026 with a recommendation to adopt the new policy. The motion was lost 1/6 with Cr Lynden Ferguson voting for the policy, and the remaining 6 Councillors present voting against. Councillors debated their reasoning for not adopting the draft policy during the meeting and the recording can be located on our YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/@WestTamarCouncil7250.

Yours sincerely

Kristen Desmond
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DECLARATION

"I certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendation provided to Council with this agenda:

1. the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation;

2. where any advice is given directly to council by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person; and

3. a copy or written transcript of the advice received has been provided to council."



Kristen Desmond
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

"Notes: Section 65(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* requires the General Manager to ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council (or a council committee) is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation. Section 65(2) forbids council from deciding any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering that advice."

At West Tamar Council, the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*. For the avoidance of doubt, Chief Executive Officer means General Manager for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* and all other legislation administered by or concerning Council.

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7 PLANNING AUTHORITY

Council is now sitting as a planning authority. Each council acts as the planning authority for their municipality. In this role, councillors consider development applications and make administrative decisions that are based on the council's planning scheme. While councillors are obliged to consider the community's views, this does not mean they can vote in favour of those views while fulfilling the role of a planning authority. Councillors must make planning decisions based on whether a planning application is consistent with the local planning scheme, even if members of the community object to the planning proposal.

7.1 PA2022244-2 Extension of Planning Permit - 27 Greenfield Drive, Riverside

REPORT AUTHOR: Statutory Planner - Patrick McMahon

REPORT DATE: 25 September 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**7.1.1**] Plan 1 - Location Plan

RECOMMENDATION

That application PA2022244-2 be determined as follows:

That the application for a further extension of time for Planning Permit PA2022244 for Residential – Single Dwelling and Outbuilding, by Adrian Leary, for land at 27 Greenfield Drive, Riverside Lot No.11 on Plan No. 170950 be **APPROVED** under Section 53(5B) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act,* extending the time to commence for a further 2 years until 26/09/2028.

Team Leader Planning entered the meeting at 2:02pm

Minute No. 26/166

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Larner

That application PA2022244-2 be determined as follows:

That the application for a further extension of time for Planning Permit PA2022244 for Residential – Single Dwelling and Outbuilding, by Adrian Leary, for land at 27 Greenfield Drive, Riverside Lot No.11 on Plan No. 170950 be **APPROVED** under Section 53(5B) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act,* extending the time to commence for a further 2 years until 26/09/2028.

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VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

Team Leader Planning left the meeting at 2:06pm

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8 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

8.1 CEO 1 - Council Workshops held in September and October 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on Council Workshops held on 15 September and 6 October 2026.

Minute No. 26/167

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council receives the report on Council Workshops held on 15 September and 6 October 2026.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

UNCONFIRMED

8.2 CEO 2 - Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) Quarterly Report - April to June 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 8 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**8.2.1**] NTDC Quarterly Report - Apr- Jun 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd Quarterly Report for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.

Minute No. 26/168

DECISION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council receives and notes the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd Quarterly Report for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

UNCONFIRMED

8.3 CEO 3 - Northern Tasmania Development Corporate (NTDC) Annual Report 2025/26

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 7 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**8.3.1**] NTDC 2025-2026 Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd Annual Report for the 2025-2026 financial year.

Minute No. 26/169

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Allen

That Council receives and notes the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd Annual Report for the 2025-2026 financial year.

VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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8.4 CEO 4 - Submission on Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy Discussion Paper

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS:
1. [**8.4.1**] Draft Road Safety Strategy Submission
2. [**8.4.2**] Tasmanias Road Safety Strategy Discussion Paper

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. endorses the attached letter as its feedback on Tasmania's next Road Safety Strategy; and
2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to Building Tasmania.

Minute No. 26/170

DECISION

Moved: Cr Larner

Seconded: Cr Sladden

That Council:

1. endorses the attached letter as its feedback on Tasmania's next Road Safety Strategy; and
2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to Building Tasmania.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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8.5 CEO 5 - Submission on Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers: Tasmania

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 14 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS:
1. [**8.5.1**] Draft Submission Statement of Expectations for AI Data Centre
2. [**8.5.2**] Data Centre and AI Statement of Expectations 4_ September 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the attached letter as its feedback on the Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers: Tasmania document; and

2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to the Tasmanian Government.

Cr Larner left the meeting at 2:21 pm

Minute No. 26/171

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Ireland

That Council:

1. Endorses the attached letter as its feedback on the Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers: Tasmania document; and

2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to the Tasmanian Government.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

Cr Larner entered the meeting at 2:29 pm

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8.6 CEO 6 - 2025/2026 West Tamar Council Annual Report

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 13 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**8.6.1**] Draft 2025-2026 West Tamar Council Annual Report

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. adopts the 2025/2026 Annual Report as presented;
2. makes a copy available for inspection at Council's Beaconsfield and Riverside Offices and the Windsor Community Precinct;
3. ensures an electronic copy is available on Council's website; and
4. provides a copy to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health.

Minute No. 26/172

DECISION

Moved: Cr Sladden

Seconded: Cr Allen

That Council

1. adopts the 2025/2026 Annual Report as presented;
2. makes a copy available for inspection at Council's Beaconsfield and Riverside Offices and the Windsor Community Precinct;
3. ensures an electronic copy is available on Council's website; and
4. provides a copy to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health.

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VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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8.7 CEO 7 - Public Meeting Report

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 14 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS:
1. [**8.7.1**] Submission 1
2. [**8.7.2**] Submission 2

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. acknowledges the concerns of the community in relation to safety in Exeter;
2. acknowledges the community support for:
    a. a signalised pedestrian crossing;
    b. a bypass;
    c. moving the speed limit signs further out; and
    d. exploring changes to the current parking situation;
3. defers consideration of next steps in relation to advocacy to the November 2026 Interim Workshop for discussion with the new Council.

Minute No. 26/173

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ireland

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council:

1. acknowledges the concerns of the community in relation to safety in Exeter;
2. acknowledges the community support for:
    a. a signalised pedestrian crossing;
    b. a bypass;
    c. moving the speed limit signs further out; and
    d. exploring changes to the current parking situation;
3. defers consideration of next steps in relation to advocacy to the November 2026 Interim Workshop for discussion with the new Council.

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VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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9 GOVERNANCE

Nil

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10 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

10.1 Special 1 - Youth Advisory Council Minutes - September

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham

REPORT DATE: 10 September 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**10.1.1**] YAC Minutes - 10 September 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the Youth Advisory Council Meeting held on 10 September 2026.

Community Development Manager entered the meeting at 2:47pm

Minute No. 26/174

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Allen

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the Youth Advisory Council Meeting held on 10 September 2026.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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10.2 Special 2 - Positive Ageing Committee Minutes - September

REPORT AUTHOR: Community Development Officer - Todd Mitchell

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**10.2.1**] 28.09.2026 PAC minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the West Tamar Positive Ageing Committee meeting held on 28 September 2026.

Minute No. 26/175

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the West Tamar Positive Ageing Committee meeting held on 28 September 2026.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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10.3 Special 3 - Winkleigh Hall Committee - Minutes of Annual General Meeting 21 September 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - David Gregory

Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**10.3.1**] Minutes of AGM 21 Sept 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Winkleigh Hall Committee Annual General Meeting 2026, as presented.

Minute No. 26/176

DECISION

Moved: Cr Larner

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Winkleigh Hall Committee Annual General Meeting 2026, as presented.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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10.4 Special 4 - Winkleigh Hall Committee - Nomination of Members

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - David Gregory

Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with the WT-TOR04.00 - Winkleigh Hall Committee Terms of Reference endorses the appointment of the following ten (10) people as Community Members (pending nomination of Office Bearers) of the Winkleigh Hall Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Committee:

1. Sally Clements
2. Joel Clements
3. Edwin Darke
4. Stephen Buckland
5. Donald Beams
6. Elizabeth Jordan
7. Janet Beams
8. Karen Plapp
9. Tanya Ellis
10. Rose-Marie Callaghan

Minute No. 26/177

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

That Council in accordance with the WT-TOR04.00 - Winkleigh Hall Committee Terms of Reference endorses the appointment of the following ten (10) people as Community Members (pending nomination of Office Bearers) of the Winkleigh Hall Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Committee:

1. Sally Clements
2. Joel Clements
3. Edwin Darke
4. Stephen Buckland
5. Donald Beams
6. Elizabeth Jordan
7. Janet Beams
8. Karen Plapp
9. Tanya Ellis
10. Rose-Marie Callaghan
11. Debbie Buckland

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VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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11 DEVELOPMENT

Nil

UNCONFIRMED

12 CORPORATE

Nil

UNCONFIRMED

13 COMMUNITY

13.1 Comm 1 - Sponsorship request - Exeter Cricket Club

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**13.1.1**] Exeter Cricket West Tamar Council 26_27

RECOMMENDATION
That Council does not approve the Exeter Cricket Club sponsorship application for $1,000 to purchase uniforms for the club's Over 50s team.

Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog left the meeting at 3:02 pm

Minute No. 26/178

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Larner

That Council does not approve the Exeter Cricket Club sponsorship application for $1,000 to purchase uniforms for the club's Over 50s team.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner and Cr Sladden

Against: Cr Allen and Cr Lyons

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED 5/2

Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog entered the meeting at 3:12 pm

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13.2 Comm 2 - Community Grant Application - Beaconsfield Park Homes Inc

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**13.2.1**] Grant Application - Beaconsfield Park Homes

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council does not approve the Beaconsfield Park Homes Inc community grant application for the amount of $4,450 to procure and install two AEDs.

Cr Allen left the meeting at 3:14 pm

Minute No. 26/179

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ireland

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council does not approve the Beaconsfield Park Homes Inc community grant application for the amount of $4,450 to procure and install two AEDs.

VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

Community Development Manager left the meeting at 3:19pm

Cr Allen entered the meeting at 3:19 pm

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14 COMMUNITY ASSETS

14.1 Asset 1 - Review of Mobile Food Vendor Policy

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Community Assets - Dino De Paoli Director Corporate & Community - David Gregory
REPORT DATE:	12 October 2026
ATTACHMENTS:	1. [**14.1.1**] WT-HRM45.00 - Mobile Food Vendor Policy - Draft 260922 Tracked Changes 2. [**14.1.2**] WT-HRM45.00 - Mobile Food Vendor Policy - Draft 260922 - Clean 3. [**14.1.3**] Mobile Food Business - Application for Permit 260922 4. [**14.1.4**] Mobile Food Business - Certificate of Permit - 260922 5. [**14.1.5**] Work Instruction - Mobile Food Vendor Application Approval Process -260922

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Rescinds the existing Mobile Food Vendor Policy;
2. Adopts the revised Mobile Food Vendor Policy as presented, effective 20 October 2026;
3. Updates the version number to 3.00; and
4. Approves a review date of October 2030.

Director Community Assets entered the meeting at 3:19pm

Minute No. 26/180

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ireland

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council:

1. Rescinds the existing Mobile Food Vendor Policy;
2. Adopts the revised Mobile Food Vendor Policy (with the removal of site 7A at Greens Beach) as presented, effective 20 October 2026;
3. Updates the version number to 3.00; and
4. Approves a review date of October 2028.

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VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden
Against:	Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED 7/1

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14.2 Asset 2 - Capital Works Projects - Change of Scope Approval

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Community Assets - Dino De Paoli

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, by simple majority, approves a change in scope of work to capital works project number 63146 for the design of a retaining wall in Ecclestone Road, Riverside, to the implementation of a soft landscape treatment.

Minute No. 26/181

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council, by simple majority, approves a change in scope of work to capital works project number 63146 for the design of a retaining wall in Ecclestone Road, Riverside, to the implementation of a soft landscape treatment.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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14.3 Asset 3 - Waste Disposal for Charity and Community Groups Policy - New

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Community Assets - Dino De Paoli

REPORT DATE: 13 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**14.3.1**] WT- HRM 77.00 - Waste Disposal for Charity and Community Groups Policy - October 2026 - DRAFT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the new Waste Disposal for Charity and Community Groups Policy effective 20 October 2026;
2. Allocates a new policy number of 77.00;
3. Updates the version number to 1.00; and
4. Approves a review date of October 2030

Minute No. 26/182

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Cr Sladden

That Council:

1. Adopts the new Waste Disposal for Charity and Community Groups Policy effective 20 October 2026;
2. Allocates a new policy number of 77.00;
3. Updates the version number to 1.00; and
4. Approves a review date of October 2028

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VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

Director Community Assets left the meeting at 3:45pm

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15 PEOPLE, CULTURE & SAFETY

Nil

UNCONFIRMED

16 PETITIONS

Nil

UNCONFIRMED

17 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

17.1 Motions on Notice

Nil

UNCONFIRMED

17.2 Motions without Notice

Nil

UNCONFIRMED

18 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

18.1 Councillors' Questions on Notice

Nil

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18.2 Councillors' Questions without Notice

Cr Sladden

Question 1: I asked about the motion that we passed regarding the pathway between Acropolis Drive and the Wetland Centre, and whether we could have any correspondence printed, and I think that that was going to appear in this agenda if we'd received anything?

Response: (From the CEO through the Chair) *All we've got is an acknowledgement to date. We've got a meeting with Building Tasmania I think next week to get some updates, so hopefully in the next agenda we'll have something further for you.*

Question 2: I did have an enquiry from a couple of people about disabled parking here at Windsor. I haven't done an audit on the number of disabled parks that we have here, there's two? And whether that is enough.

Response: (From the CEO through the Chair) *I might just take that one on notice.*

Cr Ferguson

Question 1: Just in terms of the issue that's previously been raised about the traffic queuing on Cleghorn, just considering we're going to have a new council, will (that issue) be picked up by anyone in the new council?

Response: (From the CEO through the Chair) *Building Tasmania is currently looking at that issue as part of the West Tamar corridor work. So that continues to be on council officers' agendas and we will provide regular updates to Council as we continue to see what traffic management Building Tasmania is looking at as they investigate that issue.*

Cr Lyons

Question 1: I had a query from a couple of people on Stephensdale Drive, I suggested to them that they write to the Chief Executive. What they're requesting is dropping the speed limit down to 60km/h on Stephensdale Drive. At any rate, I haven't got a copy of the letter, but I'm just asking if you've received one.

Response: (From the CEO through the Chair) *Not that I'm aware of last time I looked, so I would continue to encourage them to do that and we will go through the normal kind of assessment processes to see whether that's something that road safety would recommend and then it can go through its process back to Council.*

Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Question 1: Do we have an update on the roadworks on the Frankford Main Road from Exeter to Long Plains Road, and if not, could we possibly get an update on those works?

Response: (From the CEO through the Chair) *We received a response from the government in terms of they were going to have a study done and part of the previous motion of Council was that they provide us with a copy of any studies that they do. We haven't received anything yet, so very happy to follow up Building Tasmania to see where that's up to.*

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Cr Ireland

Statement: Well after 12 years as a councillor for West Tamar Council, it's finally time for me to shut up, but I hope you'll indulge me a few final words.

12 years is a long time in council. When I first became a councillor, I thought I had a pretty good idea what local government was all about. I was wrong, totally wrong. I've discovered that local government is a fascinating mixture of big decisions, small decisions, complicated decisions, and planning applications that somehow manage to make everybody unhappy. I also learned that no matter how many potholes Council fixes, there's always someone who knows where the next one is.

But seriously, serving as a councillor has been a wonderful experience. It's opened my eyes to how much goes on behind the scenes to keep a community like West Tamar functioning, and it functions extremely well. Thanks to the many people who work hard here to make it happen, it's a pity that so much of this goes unseen. I've met some incredibly professional and dedicated people within council, in the community, and across Tasmania. They work extremely hard, often without recognition, to make West Tamar a better place. And of course, I've made some great friends along the way.

There have been plenty of challenges, also plenty of laughs. I think it's important that if you can't laugh at local government occasionally, you're probably taking yourself too seriously. I've been involved in many worthwhile council initiatives, from the Rowella Hall and business grants, to the architectural awards and the Exeter Community Hub. It's been satisfying to see ideas turn into real outcomes for our community.

I've always tried to be available to residents, to listen to their concerns, and where possible find a solution. I haven't always got it right, I'm sure there's plenty of people who'd be happy to confirm that. But I've always tried to act with integrity, common sense, and a genuine belief in what was best for the community, which is not necessarily the easiest way, or the most popular way, or even the right way. But it's always been my intention of doing the best I could for West Tamar.

After 12 years, I think it's time for fresh ideas, fresh energy, and most importantly, someone else to read those lengthy council agendas and explain why a planning application for a shed has somehow become a major strategic issue. To my fellow councillors past, present, and future, and to the council staff, and to everyone in the community, it's been a pleasure working with you, and especially those who've been great friends. Thank you.

It's been a real privilege to serve the West Tamar community. I leave with wonderful memories, a much better understanding of local government, and some great friendships. I'm grateful for all of it. So may your future agendas be short, your public input time be civil, and your coffee be significantly stronger. After 12 years, it's time to say goodbye. Goodbye and thank you.

Response: *Thank you, Richard.*

UNCONFIRMED

Cr Larner

Question 1: I met a young couple who own a property at Deviot, frustrated that there are no green bins for garden waste available on request of Council for the many garden-loving Deviot residents living there. What are the processes for providing these user-pays, needed services in this clearly residential area of the municipality?

Response: (From the CEO through the Chair) *There's a form on council's website that can be used by residents who wish to lodge an expression of interest for the extension of FOGO collection services beyond our current serviced areas. Alternatively, residents can contact Council's customer service team to discuss the collection service. Council sets the charges for kerbside organic collections when it approves the budget estimates and the rates each financial year. If a request to extend FOGO services results in an increase in annual service delivery charge, this would be required to be approved by council, but I would be suggesting that that couple contact council either via the website or our customer service team.*

Question 2: Just with regards to the youth, the minutes of the YAC meeting talking about a more sort of outdoor facility for young people. I received feedback from a number of teenagers living in the Exeter and Beaconsfield settlements that there is no socialising opportunity for young people to engage in locally. Can council investigate the options, and I don't want to burden operations staff at this point, maybe it's a budgetary matter, for a regular indoor youth space for young people between the ages of say 13 and 18 for casually connecting with each other socially, watching movies on a video screen facility as is available to older people? Or another youth suggestion that a simple gazebo or outdoor roofed space, preferably with a wind wall, be provided in a local public area such as Miners Park, Beaconsfield to include multiple charge points for their smartphones.

Response: (From the CEO through the Chair) *I think we certainly acknowledge the feedback from young people in Exeter and Beaconsfield and recognise that providing safe and accessible opportunities for them to connect is important, and it's part of our health and wellbeing plan to try and achieve some of that, often we can't do that on our own. We're currently looking at our youth strategy, so of course that kind of feedback will certainly come into that.*

I think it's important to understand that Council's youth team currently delivers a program at the youth centre within the Beaconsfield Community Centre from 3pm to 5pm each Wednesday during school terms. The program's available to young people aged between 10 and 17 and offers a range of activities and informal social activities, and we normally have 25 to 30 participants, but I'm sure they would be very happy to welcome further participants at that.

I think some other programs that are important for people to understand include Fun Station activities for children aged 6 to 12 and Free To Be Girls program that Beaconsfield House offers. Our youth team also delivers school holiday programs in April, July, and October for young people aged between 10 and 17 across the municipality, and there's also a number of local sporting and recreation organisations that provide additional participation. So I think what we really need to do is better spread the word of some of the work that we're already doing in those areas, and of course as part of our youth strategy we'll continue to look at what other things are appropriate for council to deliver.

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Question 3: Just in conclusion of this term, I've only been here for 13 months. When I first came to Council I was very gung-ho and thinking "oh, you know, it'd be good to get things sorted like the TasWater funding and get our..."

At the beginning of my term, I raised the matter of a public post office bank as an alternative funding vehicle for TasWater infrastructure. Following delivery of my council workshop presentation 16th of September 2025 on the historic role of the state-owned Commonwealth Bank in funding public infrastructure outside annual budgets, has council considered, or is it prepared to consider, formal advocacy through collaboration with other councils, or directly to advocate to the Australian Government for the re-establishment of a publicly owned post office bank using the branch network of Australia Post as a long-term public finance mechanism to fund the aging water and sewerage infrastructure upgrades needed particularly for growth areas Legana and Exeter that TasWater has indicated will now be deferred as a result of the regulator's draft determination? And this goes directly to a question in our agenda from a member of the public about exactly this matter of sewerage needed for the expansion of Legana.

Response: (From the CEO through the Chair) *What I can say, I'd have to go back and look at the motions, but I believe there's already been a motion put in relation to that that wasn't supported by Council, so it would be up to the new Council to determine whether that's something they would likely support or not, but as it stands right now, it's not something on the books that this Council has supported.*

Mayor Cr Holmdahl

Statement: I'd just like to recall a little bit about my time on Council, and what I'd like to say is that after 16 years of service on the West Tamar Council, including my 12 years as Mayor, I wish to express a profound gratitude to the people of our municipality.

Serving this community has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. Every decision, every challenge, and every achievement has been shaped by the trust you placed in me and in our council. During these 16 years, our municipality has grown stronger, we've become more connected and more forward-looking.

Together, we have delivered projects and initiatives that have improved the daily lives of residents and strengthened the foundations of our future. Among the achievements I'm proud to have been a part of are the major infrastructure upgrades that we undertook, the enhancements to recreational and cultural amenities, environmental stewardship initiatives, support for local business and economic growth, and community engagement improvements.

These achievements were never mine alone. They belong to our dedicated Council staff, who, as I said earlier on today, I can't speak highly enough of, and I'm so very proud at the way they look after our municipality.

I thank my fellow elected members, um, our community organisations, our volunteers, and most importantly, the people of West Tamar, who have always shown passion, pride, and a willingness to work together. As I step away from Council, I do so with deep appreciation for the honour that you've given me. I leave confident in the strength of our community and optimistic about the future of the West Tamar. Thank you for

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your support, your trust, and your commitment, and for making this municipality a place that we're proud to call home.

Chief Executive Officer

Statement: Madam Mayor, if I may be indulged, I have an email from Cr Manticas who couldn't be here today, he would very much like to read in his thoughts.

Cr Manticas

Statement: *(Read on Cr Manticas's behalf by the CEO)* Councillor Richard Ireland - Firstly, Richard, I'd like to thank you for your dedication and service to the West Tamar community during your time on Council. On a personal level, over the last four years, you've been somebody that I've genuinely looked up to, respected and listened to. You've always brought an incredible level of expertise, experience and depth to your reasoning and decision making. There have been many occasions where your perspective has either changed my own thinking or helped me better understand what sometimes can be quite complicated matters. For that, I want to personally thank you.

You've helped shape me as a Councillor, particularly in the way I approach issues, consider different perspectives and ultimately make decisions. Your knowledge and experience have been incredibly valuable, not just to me personally, but to the entire Council and the broader community that we serve. I wish you all the very best in your future endeavours, your contribution has been greatly appreciated, and you'll certainly be missed around the council table.

Mayor Christina Holmdahl - Christina, I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your many years of dedication, leadership and service to the West Tamar community. Speaking particularly of the last four years during which I've had the privilege of serving alongside you, I've seen firsthand the compassion, sensitivity and professionalism you've brought to the role of Mayor. You've been the face and voice of our Council through some challenging times, and I've watched you navigate those challenges with dignity, grace and poise. One thing I've particularly admired is your ability to bring people together. You've helped create an environment where despite our different perspectives and opinions, we work constructively with one another and make decisions in the best interests of our community.

Under your leadership over the past four years, we've also made significant progress on a number of major projects and initiatives that will benefit the West Tamar community for many years to come. I think that's something you should be incredibly proud of. You've led with compassion, professionalism and a genuine commitment to the people you represent, and I have enormous respect for that. I wish you the absolute very best in whatever comes next. You'll be sorely missed, and I sincerely thank you for everything you've contributed to our council and community.

To both Richard and Christina, thank you for your guidance, support and leadership over the past four years. I've personally learned a great deal from both of you, and I know our community has been fortunate to have had such two dedicated and experienced people representing them - Josh.

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Chief Executive Officer

Statement: I just want to take this opportunity to thank everybody sitting around the table. We could not have achieved what we've achieved, certainly in my three years here, without all of you and the work that's done. It's very easy from the outside to think that all you do is come to this meeting. I think we've heard a number of you talk about how long the agendas are and I thank you for bearing with me as they've become longer over the past three years, as has the amount of time that you're required to be here to make those really key strategic decisions.

So I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every one of you, the community is lucky to have each and every one of you represent them, and to those seeking re-election, good luck. Democracy is a wonderful thing, but it can make life rather difficult as well.

Richard, you bring a real balance to council. When sometimes there's difficult decisions, the precision and the way in which you are able to contribute and to bring a different thought process in, is simply remarkable to watch and I think we're going to be very disappointed and sad to see that go, but I also respect that it's time for renewal at council.

Christina, you're the only Mayor I've ever sat next to, I'm not sure how that's going to work without you sitting there. For those that don't know, Christina and I speak probably almost every day, I can't make this organisation work without the relationship that she and I have, I have a special relationship with all councillors, but very particularly with Christina.

I want to thank you, Madam Mayor, for the hours that you put in, the work that you have to do that no one ever gets to see, the criticism you cop when it's not justified, and the professionalism that you work under. You do a huge job to bring this Council together, to bring the community with you, and to stand up and be principled even when you might be howled down.

I really appreciate how everybody has worked with me, but I certainly appreciate the time and effort that you put in as Mayor, you will be sorely missed sitting in that chair, and I'm going to hand over to the Deputy Mayor because we have a few little things to provide to both Christina and Richard in their last open Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Statement: Richard, on behalf of Councillors and Council as a whole, we'd like to just give you a small token of our appreciation for your years of service. I was here when you started and you're a person who can't be fazed, you're never fussed by anything, you just soldier on. Your experience through life, your life experiences through your previous work as an engineer, has been invaluable and I agree with what Josh said.

Listening to you, you've often changed my perspective on things because of your experience and the way you deliver it. You will be sorely missed, I've appreciated your friendship over that time. We haven't always agreed on things, but we've always come out the other end as friends. On behalf of Council, presented to Richard Ireland, in recognition of 12 years of dedicated and loyal service to the community of the West Tamar municipality, 2014 – 2026. Well done, my friend.

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Christina, I was on Council, as was Councillor Allen, when Christina joined, soon becoming the Deputy Mayor and soon thereafter becoming the Mayor. I've had the greatest pleasure being your Deputy Mayor for the last 13 months, and in all your service to the community, you've served with aplomb, and I had to actually google that to make sure it was the right word. But it was, and you'll be very, very hard to replace. Whoever is in that chair will have big, big footsteps to fill. So thank you again, and again presented to Mayor Christina Holmdahl in recognition of 17 years of dedicated and loyal service to the community of the West Tamar Municipality, Councillor 2009 to 2026, Mayor 2014 to 2026. What an achievement and congratulations.

Response: *How beautiful. Thank you very much, thank you. I will miss you all. Thank you.*

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18.3 Responses to Previous Questions on Notice

18.3.1 Cr Sladden - Question from 15 September 2026

Question 1: There was an email received regarding the possibility of a bus shelter at 68 Beach Road bus stop. I was wondering if that's ever been on the council's agenda?

Response: *The recent email correspondence to Councillors requesting consideration of a new bus shelter in Beach Road has not previously been presented on Council's agenda for discussion. Requests for a bus shelter in this location have previously been submitted by the customer in August 2025 and through a Snap Send Solve enquiry in May 2026. The request has been included on Council's draft capital works project listing for the 2027/28 financial year and will be brought to Council for consideration as part of budget approval processes for the next financial year.*

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18.3.2 Cr Ferguson - Question from 15 September 2026

Question 1: Are we able to get the asset manager just to give me an update on the asset management plan for the playground in front of the doctor's surgery here at Windsor?

Response: *The playground equipment at Windsor was installed in 2011 and is not scheduled for renewal until around 2034. Council officers regularly inspect our playgrounds to identify any maintenance requirements and the Windsor playground is noted as still being in good condition. Following the initial installation of the playground equipment, a ramp was installed in 2013 and table settings in 2014.*

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18.3.3 Cr Larner - Question from 15 September 2026

Question 1: How many inspections of erosion and sediment control on development sites in the Legana catchment did Council carry out in the 12 months to the 30th of June 2026?

Response: *It is estimated there were in the order of 65 inspections undertaken.*

Question 2: How many notices, directions, or penalties were issued?

Response: *There were 4 directions issued.*

Question 3: Will Council bring a report on the Zone 2 result and Council's response, including any TasWater sewer overflow events reported to Council within the West Tamar municipality, to a public Council meeting?

Response: *Publicly available information on the Zone 2 TEER Report card results are publicly available on the TEER website at https://www.teer.org.au/tamar-estuary-report-cards. As such no Council report will be provided. TEER is the appropriate body to provide the information requested.*

Question 4: When will the community be able to see and comment on Council's input to the 2026 update of the Water Quality Improvement Plan?

Response: *TEER staff are currently liaising with technical officers from councils across the region, including West Tamar Council. As this is a technical document, input will be provided from appropriately qualified technical officers.*

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19 INTO CLOSED MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That, pursuant to Regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Council close the meeting to the public at …pm to discuss the following items:

Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Closed Meeting held 15 September 2026

This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 40(6). At the next closed meeting, the minutes of a closed meeting, after any necessary correction, are to be confirmed as the true record by the council or council committee and signed by the chairperson of the closed meeting.

Office of the CEO

6.1 Confidential 1 – Sale of Land

This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(g) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land.

Corporate & Community

8.1 Confidential 2 – Frankford Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee – Nomination of Members

This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(h) information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential.

Community Assets

9.1 Confidential 3 – Contract No. WTC 72/2026 Reseal Program 2026/27, Spray & Asphalt Resurfacing

This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

9.2 Confidential 4 – Contract No. WTC 68/2026 Notley Hills Road Reconstruction

This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

9.3 Confidential 5 – Contract No. WTC 73/2026 Pitt Avenue Road Reconstruction

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9.4 Confidential 6 – Contract No. WTC 43/2026 Glengarry, Loop Road – Culvert, Embankment & Pavement Reconstruction

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Minute No. 26/183

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Sladden

That, pursuant to Regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Council close the meeting to the public at 4:11pm to discuss the following items:

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VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

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20 OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

Council resolved to move out of Closed Session at 5:00pm.

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21 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5:00pm.

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