

Unconfirmed Minutes,
which are to be
confirmed at the
Council Meeting on
25 February 2025.

Council Meeting Minutes

10 December 2024

Council Chamber
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre
115 Civic Parade, Altona

**HOBSONS
BAY CITY
COUNCIL**



OUR MISSION

We will listen, engage and work with our community to plan, deliver and advocate for Hobsons Bay to secure a happy, healthy, fair and sustainable future for all.

OUR VALUES

Respectful
Community driven and focused
Trusted and reliable
Efficient and responsible
Bold and innovative
Accountable and transparent
Recognised

We acknowledge the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the lands, rivers and coastal areas in Hobsons Bay. We recognise the First Peoples' relationship to this land and offer our respect to their Elders past and present.

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Chairperson:

Cr Daria Kellander (Mayor)

Altona Ward

Councillors:

Cr Rayane Hawli (Deputy Mayor)

Altona North Ward

Cr Diana Grima

Altona Meadows Ward

Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson

Laverton Ward

Cr Kristin Bishop

Spotswood Ward

Cr Lisa Bentley

Williamstown Ward

Cr Michael Disbury

Williamstown North Ward

Aaron van Egmond
Chief Executive Officer
Hobsons Bay City Council

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 December 2024 at
7:00PM.**

Present

Chairperson

Cr Daria Kellander (Mayor)

Altona Ward

Councillors

Cr Rayane Hawli (Deputy Mayor)

Altona North Ward

Cr Diana Grima

Altona Meadows Ward

Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson

Laverton Ward

Cr Kristin Bishop

Spotswood Ward

Cr Lisa Bentley

Williamstown Ward

Cr Michael Disbury

Williamstown North Ward

Officers

Mr Aaron van Egmond

Chief Executive Officer

Mr Andrew McLeod

Director Corporate Services

Ms Rachel Lunn

Director Sustainable Communities

Mr Matthew Irving

Director Infrastructure and City Services

Ms Diane Eyckens

Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel

Ms Paula Giaquinta

Lead Governance and Business Support

Mr Sean Ryan

Governance Officer and Minutes Taker

1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Chairperson welcomed members of the public and acknowledged that the meeting is gathered on the traditional land of the Bunurong peoples of the Kulin Nation, that Council recognises the First Nations peoples' relationship to this land and offers respect to elders past and present.

2 Apologies

The Chairperson called for apologies received from Councillors who are unable to attend this meeting.

Nil

3 Disclosure of Interest

In accordance with sections 127 and 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* Councillors and staff are required to disclose a general or material conflict of interest. A conflict of interest must be disclosed in accordance with rule 15.3 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 8 October 2024 (copy previously circulated).

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Lisa Bentley:

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 8 October 2024.

Carried

Confirmation of the minutes of the Hobsons Bay City Council Swearing-in Ceremony held on 19 November 2024 (copy previously circulated).

Motion

Moved Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson, seconded Cr Michael Disbury:

That Council confirms the minutes of the Hobsons Bay City Council Swearing-in Ceremony held on 19 November 2024.

Carried unanimously

Confirmation of the minutes of the Hobsons Bay City Council Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor held on 22 November 2024 (copy previously circulated).

Motion

Moved Cr Rayane Hawli, seconded Cr Lisa Bentley:

That Council confirms the minutes of the Hobsons Bay City Council Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor held on 22 November 2024.

Carried unanimously

5 Councillor Questions

Lohse Street Reserve upgrade

Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson announced that he had a question in relation to the park upgrade at the Woods and Lohse Street intersection, in particular the completion of Stage One and plans for the future.

Mr Matthew Irving, Director Infrastructure and City Services said that the first stage of the works that surrounds the shops and the playground area at Woods and Lohse Street is nearing completion. These works are scheduled to occur by the end of December 2024. Mr Irving said that the works include floor paving and the construction of flower beds along the shared path in front of the shops, relocation of the telephone booths, floor paving in front of the Arts Space building and the cobblestone paving of the laneway beside the shops on Lohse Street. Once these works are completed by the end of December, this will see the stage one works complete.

Mr Irving said that the further stages would include elements around the reserve that are subject to future budget considerations by Council.

Ford upgrade on Racecourse Road, Altona

Cr Daria Kellander announced that she had a question in relation to the ford upgrade on Racecourse Road in Altona. Cr Kellander asked what options did Council look at when determining an alternative bike route?

Mr Matthew Irving, Director Infrastructure and City Services, stated that providing a response would require some time, due to the complexity of the project and the longstanding issues Council has navigated to reach this stage. The delivery of the project is particularly challenging because of the unique flooding characteristics, the presence of significant flora and fauna, and the extensive approvals required from external agencies.

These factors were carefully considered when developing the proposed transport detour during the works and consulting with local cycling groups on the detour options. Council officers conducted a thorough assessment of construction and site risks, including the feasibility of a temporary bridge, while reviewing detour options.

Mr Irving explained that the existing bike path is directly built on top of the culvert structure, necessitating complete removal of the culvert, road and bike path for excavation. Therefore, this makes it impossible to keep the bike path open during construction. Attempting to work on only half of the structure at a time would compromise its stability. Furthermore, the constrained work zone eliminates options like a floating pontoon or temporary bridge, which would require approvals from Melbourne Water, DEECA (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action), planning authorities and MACA (Marine and Coastal Act), and these would be unlikely to be granted. Exploring these alternatives would also significantly increase project costs and timelines, potentially rendering the project unfeasible.

Cr Kellander asked once the new ford is complete, what benefits will this deliver to both road and bike users?

Mr Matthew Irving, Director Infrastructure and City Services, stated that upon completion of the project, users will benefit from a new culvert structure that significantly enhances the area's functionality. Currently, the ford floods almost 100% of the time during significant rainfall events. The new structure is designed to reduce this likelihood to approximately 50% meaning flooding is expected to occur only once or twice a year during severe weather conditions.

This improvement will enable safer and more consistent access for cyclists, pedestrians and vehicles. In addition to flood mitigation, the new infrastructure addresses serviceability concerns, replacing the degraded existing structure with a more durable and user-friendly surface. These upgrades will ensure long-term reliability and usability for all.

6 Public Question Time

Public Question Time provides an opportunity for the public to ask questions related to items on the agenda of the Council Meeting or any other matter within Council's responsibility.

There are some public questions that are in conflict with Governance Rule section 13.1.10, these were received after 12PM on the day before the Council meeting will not be answered at the Council meeting but will be responded to in writing by the appropriate Council officer or referred to the next Council meeting for a public response if requested by the submitter.

During the meeting, the Chairperson cited that in accordance to Rule 13 of the Hobsons Bay City Council Governance Rules stating that the Chairperson may authorize another person for the role of reading out the public questions and response. Given that these responses were provided by Council officers, the Chairperson authorised the Chief Executive Officer to read in response to the public questions.

Graham McGuire

Q1. Point Gellibrand Light House-stained Window that was donated to the City of Williamstown by me (Graham McGuire former Mayor 1988) which was installed in the entrance of the Town Hall in 1988. After the refurbishing of the Town Hall, it when missing. Former Mayor Angela Altair said she would have a look for it, but I have not heard anything since. If it is not going to returned to the Town Hall it would look great in Seaworks. If it can't be found could HBCC have a copy produced?

This question has been asked previously and has been responded in writing.

The stained-glass panel was placed into storage in Altona in March 2014. Following an extensive search on numerous occasions it is now deemed to be missing from that location. It is disappointing that these searches have failed to locate the panel.

At the time of your last enquiry the matter was discussed with Police following a conversation between yourself and Aaron van Egmond, Chief Executive Officer.

At this point in time there are no plans to recreate the glass.

Q2. I never received an answer to my question about Newport Powerhouse D having to be demolished by 2024 and that land be passed as a park be given to the City of Williamstown. This was part of the State Government having the bans lifted by the Unions. The first part of the act with the Newport Powerhouse A, B & C which were demolished, and that section was made with the athletic track & park were handed to Williamstown City Council. Goggle Wikipedia Newport Powerhouse & HR Nicholls Society – A Light on the Hill – Newport Power Station – A history of conflict.

A search of Council's document management system has not revealed any records relating to this issue. Council officers will reach out to discuss this matter further with yourself.

- Q3. Why does Hobson Bay Council make it so difficult to attend and ask a question at a Council Meeting? Does this new Council wish to continue with having to register to attend a Council Meeting and if the person is not in the gallery the question is not discussed. What happened to democracy and listening to your residents? When you campaigned would you say if elected, I will restrict Residents access to ask questions?**

Council has put in a variety of measures to ensure the safety of Councillors, the public and Council staff including the registration of attendees.

Council officers will reach out to discuss this matter further with yourself.

Council is committed to ensuring public safety and increasing opportunities for transparency and accessibility to our formal Council Meetings.

Council is currently considering the way in which we administer safety whilst also ensuring we balance our approach with flexibility and public transparency.

It is not Council's intention to make it difficult to ask a question at a Council meeting. Members of the public can submit public questions prior to each Council meeting, with answers prepared by officers and read out at the meeting. Councillors can also be contacted by members of the public via their email and telephones.

Lisa Stevens

- Q1. According to the Agenda Item 8.3.2 On 28 February 2024, the Mayor wrote to The Hon. Jacinta Allan, Premier of Victoria, and Tim Pallas, Treasurer of Victoria to seek a meeting to raise these concerns with them and seek a temporary pause on this project back on the 28th of February 2024. Could the Council please advise whether or not such a meeting took place and the outcome of that meeting. Alternatively, if the meeting did not take place, what reason was given by the Premier and the Treasurer for not engaging with the Hobsons Bay City Council in relation to the closure of Champion Road Level Crossing and associated works.**

The meeting invitation was not taken up and a meeting did not take place. However, Council did receive a response from The Hon Danny Pearson MP, Assistant Treasurer of Victoria, Minister for Transport Infrastructure on the 23 April 2024 as the matter was referred to him.

The direct quoted response is as follows:

"I refer to your letter dated 28 February 2024 to Tim Pallas MP, Treasurer of Victoria regarding the Maddox Road and Champion Road Level Crossing Removal Project. Your letter has been referred to me as the Minister for Transport Infrastructure.

As part of this project, the Maddox Road level crossing is being removed by building a rail bridge over the road, improving safety, reducing congestion, and improving local connections during peak periods.

As a result, the nearby level crossing in Champion Road, only 500 meters away, will be closed, and a new link road will be built, which will be open before the Champion Road level crossing is closed in 2026.

During the design development phase of the project the options assessment found that due to the site constraints, which include a complex tangle of 11 oil pipes,

relocating the pipes is not practical. In addition to significant costs doing this would take years of work and significant disruption to train services in Melbourne's west. There would also be knock-on effects to the fuel line and operations of Melbourne Airport and other heavy industries.

I have been advised the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) have been meeting with pipeline companies regularly on a technical level to ensure safety process are implemented during construction to protect critical assets.

LXRP have also conducted traffic assessments, which indicate the road network will absorb the traffic previously using the Champion Road level crossing with minimal impacts to network performance. Therefore, the most feasible design for Champion Road is to close the level crossing and build the new link road to Maddox Road to keep vehicles moving through the area.

Early designs for the project will be released in the coming months and there will be an opportunity to continue to provide feedback to help refine the design.

I trust this information is of use. Thank you for raising this matter.”

7 Petitions and Joint Letters

7.1 Petitions and Joint Letters Received

No petitions or joint letters were received.

7.2 Responses to Petitions and Joint Letters

No responses to petitions or joint letters were required.

8 Business

8.1 Office of the Chief Executive

8.1.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations - October 2024 and November 2024

Directorate:	Office of the Chief Executive
Responsible Officer:	Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Reviewer:	Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">202410 - Appendix - CEO Report on Operations [8.1.1.1 - 41 pages]202411 - Appendix - CEO Report on Operations [8.1.1.2 - 44 pages]

Purpose

To present the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) Report on Operations for October 2024 and November 2024.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations for the months of October 2024 and November 2024, including details of recent issues and initiatives undertaken by the organisation.

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson:

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations for the months of October 2024 and November 2024, including details of recent issues and initiatives undertaken by the organisation.

Carried unanimously

8.2 Corporate Services

8.2.1 First Quarter Financial Report - Period ended 30 September 2024

Directorate:	Corporate Services
Responsible Officer:	Chief Financial Officer
Reviewer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	1. Financial Report at 30 September 2024 [8.2.1.1 - 18 pages]

Purpose

To present Council with the financial results for the period ended 30 September 2024 and the revised 2024-25 annual forecast projections following completion of the September quarterly forecast review.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the financial report for the period ended 30 September 2024.
2. Endorses the revised 2024-25 annual forecasts.

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Michael Disbury:

That Council:

1. Notes the financial report for the period ended 30 September 2024.
2. Endorses the revised 2024-25 annual forecasts.

Carried unanimously

8.2.2 Appointment of Councillor Delegates and Proxies to Council and Community Committees

Directorate: Corporate Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel
Reviewer: Director Corporate Services
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To formally appoint Councillor delegates and proxies to Council and Community committees for 2025.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Appoints Councillor Kristin Bishop as a delegate to the Audit and Risk Committee.
2. Appoints Councillor Diana Grima as a temporary delegate for the next meeting on Thursday, 12 December 2024 Audit and Risk Committee.
3. Appoints Councillor Diana Grima as delegate to the LeadWest Joint Delegated Committee.
4. Appoints Councillor delegates and proxies to Council and Community committees for 2025, at the 25 February 2025 Council Meeting.

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Kristin Bishop:

That Council:

1. Appoints Councillor Kristin Bishop as a delegate to the Audit and Risk Committee.
2. Appoints Councillor Diana Grima as a temporary delegate for the next meeting on Thursday, 12 December 2024 Audit and Risk Committee.
3. Appoints Councillor Diana Grima as delegate to the LeadWest Joint Delegated Committee.
4. Appoints Councillor delegates and proxies to Council and Community committees for 2025, at the 25 February 2025 Council Meeting.

Carried unanimously

8.2.3 Proposed 2025 Council Meeting Timetable

Directorate: Corporate Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel
Reviewer: Director Corporate Services
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To adopt the 2025 Council Meeting Timetable.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Adopts the Council Meeting Timetable to 31 December 2025 as listed in the report.
2. Provides appropriate public notice of the Council meeting dates, including by publication on Council's website, in accordance with the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

Motion

Moved Cr Kristin Bishop, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council:

1. Adopts the Council Meeting Timetable to 31 December 2025 as listed in the report.
2. Provides appropriate public notice of the Council meeting dates, including by publication on Council's website, in accordance with the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

Carried unanimously

8.3 Infrastructure and City Services

8.3.1 West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP) Update - December 2024

Directorate: Infrastructure and City Services
Responsible Officer: Strategic Projects Specialist
Reviewer: Director Infrastructure and City Services
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To provide a quarterly update report on the West Gate Tunnel Project (the Project) and associated initiatives, projects and advocacy activities.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes this update on the status of the West Gate Tunnel Project and Council's advocacy on aspects of the Project.

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Kristin Bishop:

That Council receives and notes this update on the status of the West Gate Tunnel Project and Council's advocacy on aspects of the Project.

Carried unanimously

8.3.2 Level Crossing Removal Projects (LXRP) Update - December 2024

Directorate:	Infrastructure and City Services
Responsible Officer:	Strategic Projects Specialist
Reviewer:	Director Infrastructure and City Services
Attachments:	Attachment 1- Project Boundary Change - Maddox & Champion Road LXRP - Council Submission

Purpose

To provide an overview of level crossing removals in Hobsons Bay and an update on the proposed level crossing removal projects at Champion Road and Maddox Road, Newport, and Maidstone Street, Altona.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes this update report on the proposed level crossing removals at Champion Road and Maddox Road, Newport and Maidstone Street, Altona.
2. Endorse the Project Boundary Change - Maddox & Champion Road LXRP – Council’s Submissions; and
3. Appoints a Councillor to chair the Newport Community Interest Group (NCIG).

Motion

Moved Cr Michael Disbury, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council:

1. Notes this update report on the proposed level crossing removals at Champion Road and Maddox Road, Newport and Maidstone Street, Altona.
2. Endorse the Project Boundary Change - Maddox & Champion Road LXRP – Council’s Submissions; and
3. Appoints Cr Michael Disbury to chair the Newport Community Interest Group (NCIG).

Carried unanimously

Procedural Motion

Moved Cr Michael Disbury, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council extends Cr Michael Disbury's speaking time by 2 minutes.

Carried unanimously

9 Committee and Delegate Reports

9.1 Committee Reports

9.2 Delegate Reports

Purpose

To consider reports by Councillors who have been appointed as delegates to Council and community committees.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the recent Delegate Reports.

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Rayane Hawli:

That Council receives and notes the recent Delegate Reports.

Carried unanimously

10 Notices of Motion

10.1 Notice of Motion No. 1262: Keep Champion Road Open

Section 8.15.5 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules requires the Chief Executive Officer to inform Councillors about the legal and cost implications of any proposed notice of motion. Accordingly, the costs of implementing this notice of motion will be accommodated within the existing operational budget.

At the time of receiving this notice of motion, there are no apparent legal implications to be considered.

Cr Michael Disbury has given notice of the following motion:

That Council:

1. Reaffirms its position to oppose the permanent closure of the Champion Road level crossing in light of the LXRП releasing designs to the community on 19th November 2024 that will result in the permanent closure of this council road.
2. Writes to the local State Member for Williamstown, the Minister for Transport and infrastructure, Minister for Public and Active Transport, Members for Western Metropolitan Region, Shadow Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Shadow Minister for Public Transport, the Premier of Victoria, and the leader of the Opposition, to reaffirm its advocacy position to oppose the permanent closure of Champion Road.
3. Continues to advocate to LXRП for improved infrastructure improvements and project outcomes that benefit the community in accordance with the Council submission endorsed on 11 June 2024, whilst reaffirming its opposition to the permanent closure of Champion Road.

Motion

Moved Cr Michael Disbury, seconded Cr Lisa Bentley:

That Council:

- 1. Reaffirms its position to oppose the permanent closure of the Champion Road level crossing in light of the LXP releasing designs to the community on 19th November 2024 that will result in the permanent closure of this council road.**
- 2. Writes to the local State Member for Williamstown, the Minister for Transport and infrastructure, Minister for Public and Active Transport, Members for Western Metropolitan Region, Shadow Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Shadow Minister for Public Transport, the Premier of Victoria, and the leader of the Opposition, to reaffirm its advocacy position to oppose the permanent closure of Champion Road.**
- 3. Continues to advocate to LXP for improved infrastructure improvements and project outcomes that benefit the community in accordance with the Council submission endorsed on 11 June 2024, whilst reaffirming its opposition to the permanent closure of Champion Road.**

Carried unanimously

Procedural Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Rayane Hawli:

That Council defers the meeting for 10 minutes to resolve a technical issue.

Carried unanimously

Procedural Motion

Moved Cr Kristin Bishop, seconded Cr Michael Disbury:

That Council resumes the meeting.

Carried unanimously

10.2 Notice of Motion No. 1263: Condolence - George Said OAM

Section 8.15.5 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules requires the Chief Executive Officer to inform Councillors about the legal and cost implications of any proposed notice of motion. Accordingly, the costs of implementing this notice of motion will be accommodated within the existing operational budget.

At the time of receiving this notice of motion, there are no apparent legal implications to be considered.

Cr Daria Kellander has given notice of the following motion:

That Council acknowledges the recent passing of George Said OAM and sends a letter of condolence written under the signature of the Mayor to his family.

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson:

That Council acknowledges the recent passing of George Said OAM and sends a letter of condolence written under the signature of the Mayor to his family.

Carried unanimously

10.3 Notice of Motion No. 1265: Air Pollution

Section 8.15.5 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules requires the Chief Executive Officer to inform Councillors about the legal and cost implications of any proposed notice of motion. Accordingly, the costs of implementing this notice of motion will be accommodated within the existing operational budget.

At the time of receiving this notice of motion, there are no apparent legal implications to be considered.

Cr Rayane Hawli has given notice of the following motion:

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledges that residents of Hobsons Bay have the same right to breathe clean air as people in other parts of Melbourne and that there are health implications for Hobsons Bay residents from relatively high levels of air pollution in our local government area, including particulate matter.**
- 2. Re-affirms its position that the State Government must install filtration stacks on the West Gate Tunnel project traversing the Spotswood and Altona North Wards, to protect the health and wellbeing of all Hobsons Bay Residents.**
- 3. Resolves that a letter be sent from Council to the relevant State Government authorities, including the Minister for Transport Infrastructure, Minister for Planning, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Minister for Environment, and the Environmental Protection Agency, seeking that new community consultation be conducted in relation to air pollution arising from the project**
- 4. Resolves that a future report be received detailing the proactive steps Council has taken, including enforcement actions, advocacy to state authorities, and collaboration with industry stakeholders, to provide tangible improvements in air quality and environmental standards for the community**
- 5. Resolves that a letter be sent from Council to entities and site operators in Brooklyn and Altona North areas that create odour and dust requesting details of actions being taken regarding:**
 - a) implementation measures to reduce industrial odours, dust and air pollution and**
 - b) continuous improvement measures that will be taken, noting that the status quo is not acceptable to residents.**

Motion

Moved Cr Rayane Hawli, seconded Cr Kristin Bishop:

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledges that residents of Hobsons Bay have the same right to breathe clean air as people in other parts of Melbourne and that there are health implications for Hobsons Bay residents from relatively high levels of air pollution in our local government area, including particulate matter.**
- 2. Re-affirms its position that the State Government must install filtration stacks on the West Gate Tunnel project traversing the Spotswood and Altona North Wards, to protect the health and wellbeing of all Hobsons Bay Residents.**
- 3. Resolves that a letter be sent from Council to the relevant State Government authorities, including the Minister for Transport Infrastructure, Minister for Planning, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Minister for Environment, and the Environmental Protection Agency, seeking that new community consultation be conducted in relation to air pollution arising from the project**
- 4. Resolves that a future report be received detailing the proactive steps Council has taken, including enforcement actions, advocacy to state authorities, and collaboration with industry stakeholders, to provide tangible improvements in air quality and environmental standards for the community**
- 5. Resolves that a letter be sent from Council to entities and site operators in Brooklyn and Altona North areas that create odour and dust requesting details of actions being taken regarding:**
 - a. implementation measures to reduce industrial odours, dust and air pollution and**
 - b. continuous improvement measures that will be taken, noting that the status quo is not acceptable to residents.**

Carried unanimously

11 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

12 Supplementary Public Question Time

Two supplementary questions were received.

Nick Vardakas

- Q1. When is Council going to organise a meeting with the local member Melissa Horne who must represent the views of the Council in respect to keeping Champion Road open considering The Hon. Jacinta Allan, Premier of Victoria, and Tim Pallas, Treasurer of Victoria have refused to meet?**

The level crossing removal project at Champion Road and Maddox Road is being delivered by the State Government and any public engagement on the matter is a responsibility of the state and relevant agencies. At this stage, Council does not intend to initiate such a meeting. However, it should be noted that regular meetings have taken place between the Mayor and CEO on a regular basis raising this issue with the local member. The community is encouraged to liaise directly with the State Representative and the Level Crossing Removing project in relation to this project.

It is noted that LXRП has set up a stakeholder liaison group with representatives from the community and Council in which MP Melissa Horne has been present with questions taken and discussed.

- Q2. When will Council ask for a health and wellbeing risk analysis be performed in relation to the primary school on Maddox Road and any additional dangers from increased traffic if Champion Road is closed?**

The level crossing removal project (LXRП) at Champion Road and Maddox Road is being delivered by the State Government and consideration of this issue would sit with LXRП as the responsible authority. Council will take on an advocacy role to have the LXRП consider and provide a response, and Officers will come back to you with a more detailed response when further information is gained from the LXRП.

13 Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8:16PM.

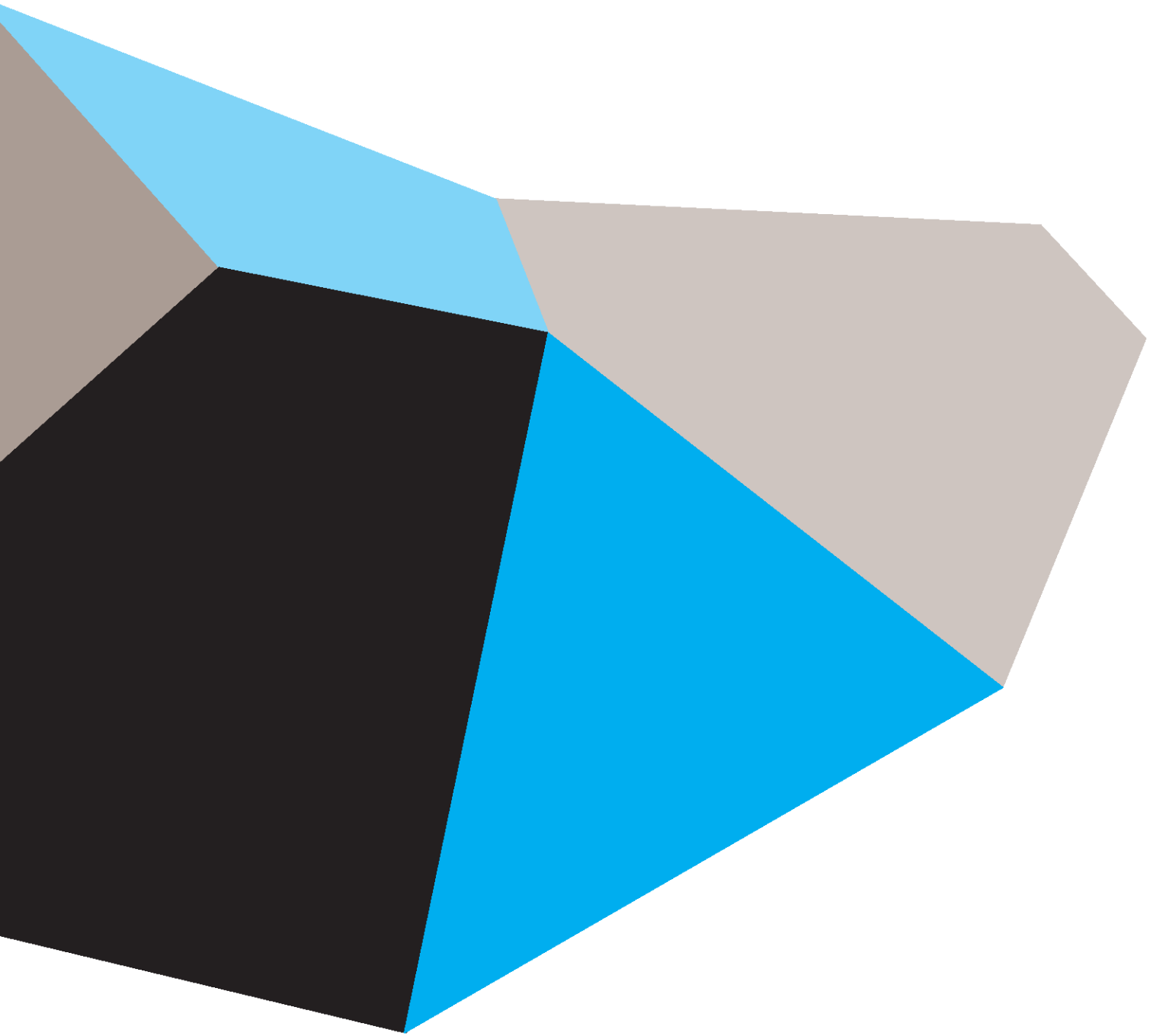
Chairperson – Cr Daria Kellander

Signed and certified as having been confirmed

25 February 2025

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