

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



10.2.2 Mr Graham – Question regarding the Motions from the 25 January 2022 AGM

Mr Graham observed a potential lack of interest during the previous AGM 20 people were present however only 50% (10/20) voted for a motion to be noted.

Mr Graham stated that all motions, in particular motion 9.4.1 Choice of Abstention 0 members abstained which meant 23 people voted out of 28 conclusion 5 people did not vote creating a fourth option. A choice not to vote, therefore, choosing not to vote cannot be counted just like 0 or any abstained which is not a vote.

Is there any reason why a councillor can choose not to vote and how many of the 10 motions carried at the 25 January 2022 AGM have been actioned or implemented and if so has this information been included in this year's annual report?

The General Manager advises:

Part 1 - Why can a councillor choose not to vote?

The Annual General Meeting conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act Part7, Division 3 and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015. Councillors can choose not to vote or abstain and then this is considered an abstention or a vote in the negative as defined in Section 28(3).

Part 2 -How many of the 10 motions carried at the 25 January 2022 AGM have been actioned or implemented and if so has this information been included in this year's annual report?

All but two of ten motions from the 25 January 2022 AGM have been resolved.

The two remaining which are currently being investigated include:

- 1. A communication policy be adopted by the Council that is developed by a committee made up of community members and Councillors.*
- 2. That Council investigates an independent grants committee, made up of members of the Audit Panel and community to make recommendations to Council on any grants that are to be made by Council to business, community members or groups, and bring a report back to Council.*

It is anticipated that these motions will be resolved by the end of this calendar year.

10.2.3 Mr Williams – Motion regarding Public Australia Post Office Bank

Moved by Mr Williams

Seconded by Mr Shoobridge

I move that the Derwent Valley Council write to the Federal Government supporting the creation of a new Public Australia Post Office Bank.

Hundreds of Australian towns due to branch closures by the big four banks do not have proper banking facilities. Creation of a new Public Australia Post Office Bank would provide full banking services and extra employment in country towns through Australia.

The motion was put and was CARRIED.

19 member(s) of the public	For
0 member(s) of the public	Against
1 member(s) of the public	Abstained

MANAGEMENT COMMENT

Council management has nothing further to add.