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Circular Head goes live.

Adapting to a new way to do business during COVID-19, Circular Head Council conducted its first Ordinary Council meeting by video conference on 23rd of April 2020. The meeting was also live streamed to the public.

During the closed section of the online meeting, Circular Head Council endorsed an economic support package for the Circular Head community in response to the COVID-19 impacts.

Initiatives adopted by the Council include:

- 0% general rate increase for the 2020/2021 financial year,
- Establish a business support fund, community recovery program in partnership with local service providers and State and Federal Government,
- Invest in an economic development Officer to support recovery for Circular Head post-COVID-19.

The councillors voted unanimously for this initiative.

“It was great to see the councillors vote in favour of this recommendation for an economic support package for our community,” Mayor Daryl Quilliam said.

The Council will develop a business support fund; for applicants to seek assistance in information technology, financial and business mentoring. More details will follow on how this is to be rolled out.

“We know it is a challenging time for our local businesses amid the Coronavirus pandemic. We are here to support the best we can, providing access to support in areas that will have long term benefits,” Mayor Quilliam said.

Deputy Mayor Norman Berechree chaired throughout the Planning Authority section, as Mayor Quilliam had declared an interest in the planning application. Under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council considered a permit application from Agritas Inc. to establish a Robotic Dairy and Cheese Production Facility in Smithton. Council decided to grant a permit for this development.

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