

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2019, COMMENCING
AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor R Pynsent (in the Chair) and Councillors Olsen, Doherty, Dunn, Stapleford, Suvaal, Fitzgibbon, Gray, Dagg, Burke, Sander and Lyons.

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager
Director Planning and Environment
Director Corporate and Community Services
Director Works and Infrastructure
Development Services Manager
Strategic Planning Manager
Management Accountant
Media & Communication Officer
Corporate Governance Officer

**APOLOGY/LEAVE
OF ABSENCE:**

MOTION	Moved: Councillor Fitzgibbon Seconded: Councillor Suvaal
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1042
RESOLVED that the apology tendered on behalf of Councillor Fagg, for unavoidable absence, be accepted and leave of absence granted.

That the Leave of Absence requested for Councillor Olsen from 13 November 2019 to 1 December 2019 be accepted.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES:

MOTION

Moved:

Councillor Fitzgibbon

Seconded:

Councillor Sander

1043

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 October 2019, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

FOR

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (9)

AGAINST

Councillor Gray
Councillor Dagg
Councillor Burke

Total (3)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI21/2019

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

WI79/2019 - Minutes of the Dollar for Dollar Grants Committee Meeting of Cessnock City Council Held 23 October 2019 - Councillor Burke declared a Non Pecuniary Interest Significant Conflict because of his association with the Cessnock Chamber and they are in the applicant list

WI79/2019 - Minutes of the Dollar for Dollar Grants Committee Meeting of Cessnock City Council Held 23 October 2019 - Councillor Dunn declared a Non Pecuniary Interest Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that one of the applicant is a former Liberal Councillor representing a Community Organisation. Councillor Dunn advised that he will remain in the Chamber and take part in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced him in carrying out his public duty.

WI79/2019 - Minutes of the Dollar for Dollar Grants Committee Meeting of Cessnock City Council Held 23 October 2019 - Councillor Doherty declared a Non Pecuniary Interest Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that one of the applicants is a past councillor, representing a Community Organisation. Councillor Doherty advised that he will remain in the Chamber and take part in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced him in carrying out his public duty because he has no financial interest in the Organisation.

PETITIONS

Councillor Dunn tabled a petition with respect to BN10/2019 – Local Area Traffic Management Scheme at Millfield.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Nil

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ALL REPORTS BY ENGLOBO OR INDIVIDUALLY WITH NOMINATED EXCEPTIONS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1044

RESOLVED

That having read and considered the reports in the agenda related to items:-

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Council adopt the recommendations as printed for those items.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYORAL MINUTES

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM15/2019

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC REVIEW OF THE RESOURCES FOR REGIONS PROGRAM - INPUT SUMMARY REPORT

MOTION *Moved:* Councillor Pynsent

1045

RESOLVED

1. That the General Manager prepares a submission to the proposed recommendations in the Strategic Review of the Resources for Regions Program – Inputs Summary Report.
2. That the submission be circulated to Councillors for their input prior to the November 22 deadline to Regional NSW Business.
3. That the submission makes a recommendation that program funding be extended to fund both infrastructure and programs aligned to Council Community Strategic Plans and other regional economic or planning priorities.
4. That the submission include discussion on what should be considered in a definition of mining –impacted communities, which supports recognition of mining legacy impacts.
5. That the submission include discussion on eligibility and application requirements and support additional loadings for disadvantaged communities, non mandatory co-contributions or minimum BCR requirements involved in the program.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU19/2019

SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY

Nil

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU21/2019

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 17 OCTOBER 2019

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1046
RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 17 October 2019 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU22/2019

SUBJECT: EXCLUSION OF ITEM FROM THE AGENDA

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1047

RESOLVED

That Council notes that, as assessed by the General Manager, and on advice from the Office of Local Government NSW, the received notice of motion relating to the administration of the Code of Conduct, was unlawful and could therefore not be included on the agenda for the Council meeting held on 23 October 2019.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
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Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE72/2019

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND EXTERNAL ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
1048
RESOLVED

1. That Council appoint Councillor Pynsent and Councillor Sander to the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel, and Councillor Stapleford and Councillor Lyons as alternate members until the term of the current Council expires, and advises the RPP Panel Secretariat of these appointments.
2. That Council's adopted expenses and facilities policy apply to any expenses incurred by Councillor members exercising their RPP responsibilities.
3. That Council appoint Mr Robert Bisley and Mr Stephen Leathley as the external alternate members to represent Council and participate in any briefings and meetings scheduled for the Regional Planning Panel in respect of any Development Application, S4.55 Application, and Planning Proposal in circumstances where a member has declared a conflict of interest, for a period of three years, and advise the RPP Panel Secretariat of these appointments.
4. That delegation be granted to the General Manager to determine which external alternate member will represent Council in circumstances where a member has declared a conflict of interest, taking into account their area/s of expertise.
5. That Council allocates \$6,000.00 in the 2019/20 Operational Plan for relevant costs incurred by Council's external alternate members (professional fees and travel), and that this funding be sourced from within the operational budget relating to Councillor expenses, and that in the development of the 2020/21 Operational Plan, a minimum allocation of \$12,000 be provided for such expenses.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE73/2019

SUBJECT: POST EXHIBITION REPORT OF THE DRAFT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Stapleford **Seconded:** Councillor Fitzgibbon
1049
RESOLVED

1. That Council adopts the revised Community Participation Plan with Point 3.3.2 (1) being amended to read “Development is for new dwelling houses, additions to a dwelling house provided that the development ...”.
2. That Council writes to all those persons who made a submission thanking them for their input and to advice of Council’s decision.
3. That Council repeal Chapter B.2 Public Notification and Advertising of the Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC92/2019

**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
OF CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL HELD 24 OCTOBER 2019**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1050
RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cultural Facilities Committee held on 24 October 2019 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC93/2019

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1051

RESOLVED

That Council adopts the revised Records Management Policy.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC94/2019

**SUBJECT: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019 -
PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1052
RESOLVED

That the Annual Financial Statements, incorporating the Auditor's Reports for the year ended 30 June 2019, be received and the information be noted.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC95/2019

SUBJECT: WARD BOUNDARIES

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1053

RESOLVED

1. That Council acknowledges that an elector enrolment variation of greater than 10% currently exists with the variation as at 26 September 2019 being 11.15%.
2. That Council keeps the elector enrolment variation under review and if the variation still exists at the end of the first year of the next term (September 2021) Council then resolve to alter the ward boundaries prior to the next general election.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
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Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI78/2019

SUBJECT: T1920-05 - BRIDGES HILL PLAYGROUND - STAGE 3 CUSTOM MADE "SKY WALK TOWER"

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
1054
RESOLVED

That Council accepts the tender (T1920-05) from Studio 2 Pty Ltd in the lump sum of \$298,100 (including GST) for the Bridges Hill Playground Stage 3 custom made "Sky Walk Tower" subject to satisfactory referee checks.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI79/2019

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL HELD 23 OCTOBER 2019

Councillor Dunn declared a Non Pecuniary Interest Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that one of the applicant is a former Liberal Councillor representing a Community Organisation. Councillor Dunn remained in the Chamber and took part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Doherty declared a Non Pecuniary Interest Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that one of the applicants is a past councillor, representing a Community Organisation. Councillor Doherty remained in the Chamber and took part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Burke declared a Non Pecuniary Interest Significant Conflict because of his association with the Cessnock Chamber and they are in the applicant list. Councillor Burke left the Chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Burke left the meeting, the time being 6.45pm

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1055

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the Minutes of the Dollar for Dollar Committee held on 23 October 2019.
2. That Council write to all applicants advising them of the outcome of their applications and thank them for their ongoing support and commitment to the enhancement of either Council's sporting and community facilities, the local environment, community and the arts.
3. That Council reaffirms the provision of funding for the projects listed in the Table below, noting that these projects were funded in the 2018/19 Community and Cultural Dollar for Dollar Grants Scheme and are scheduled to be delivered in October and November 2019.

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST	FUNDING SOUGHT	FUNDING PAYABLE
Kurri Kurri Community Services	Greta, Branxton, Huntlee Family Disco 2020 Promotions, decorations, entertainment, catering	\$4,500	\$2,250	\$2,250
Sculpture in the Vineyards Inc	Wollombi Sculpture in the Vineyards Marketing, venue hire, transportation, printing	\$26,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

Towns with Heart	2020 Town of Murals Show Major Award (\$2,200) Acquisitive art prize	\$13,750	\$2,200	\$2,200
TOTAL			\$7,450	\$7,450

4. That Council provides Community and Cultural Development Dollar Grants funding in 2019/20 for the projects listed in the Table below:

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST	FUNDING SOUGHT	FUNDING PAYABLE
Abermain Eisteddfod	Purchase of a portable PA system	\$1,858	\$929	\$929
Cessnock Chamber of Commerce	Mt View Laneway - 5 ways to wellbeing Costs of production and installation of artwork into the Laneway.	\$8,800	\$3,000	\$3,000
Cessnock Chamber of Commerce	The Coalface Mining Laneway Costs of printing and installation of artwork into the Laneway.	\$11,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Cessnock Seniors Citizens Association Inc	24 Music stands for Cessnock Seniors Choir Costs of purchase of stands.	\$648	\$324	\$324
Early links Inclusion Support service	Music therapy Costs of consultant/therapist and resources.	\$6,600	\$3,000	\$3,000
* Freemasons Cessnock (Lodge Cessnock No.252)	Cessnock Masonic Centre Transformation Project Purchase of 55 chairs for hall.	\$5999.25	\$2,999	\$1,487
Korreil Wonnai Aboriginal Education Consultative Group	Kullaburra Awards Promotion, printing, catering	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
Richmond Vale Railway Museum	Upgrade of administration and presentation equipment at RVRM Purchase of laptop, digital voice recorder, display panels and cash registers.	\$4847.95	\$2,423	\$2,423
Wine Country Music Association Inc	Stage Gear Upgrade Purchase of microphones, music stands and microphone.	\$1,773.20	\$887	\$887
TOTAL			\$19,062	\$17,550

5. That Council provides Sustainable Communities Dollar for Dollar Grant funding for the projects listed in the Table below.

TIDY TOWN GROUP	PROJECT	TOTAL COST (exc. GST)	GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED
Weston Heritage & Tidy Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watering system for Jock Stewart Park • New whipper snippers/ brushcutters • Sander 	\$1,723.41	\$861.71
North Rothbury Tidy Towns	Purchase water cart trailer for ride on mower.	\$3,345.50	\$1,672.73
	TOTAL	\$5,068.91	\$2,534.44

6. That Council offers a second round of grants for the remaining Sustainable Communities Dollar for Dollar Grant budget (\$7,465.56) to be run in February 2020.

7. That Council provides Schools Environment Grant funding for the projects listed in the Table below.

School	Project Description	Total Cost	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed
Honey Tree Preschool	Native stingless beehive	\$750	\$200	\$200
Cessnock Multipurpose Children's Centre	Herb and vegetable garden	\$471	\$200	\$200
Cessnock Kids Preschool and Early Learning Centre	Yarning circle with bush rock and bush tucker plants	\$400	\$200	\$200
Branxton Preschool	Espalier fruit trees to add to edible garden	\$389	\$200	\$200
*Bees Nees Early Learning	Seed germination 'grow table' and supporting education resources	\$318	\$200	\$200
Abermain Public School	Plastic bottle recycling program	\$2,822	\$500	\$500
Ellalong Public School	Enhance school grounds with native plants to support local fauna including endangered Regent Honeyeater.	\$1,200	\$500	\$500
Holy Spirit Primary Kurri Kurri	Mindfulness plaques for school gardens to encourage students to respect and protect their environment.	\$572	\$500	\$500
Nulkaba Public School	Bins to collect Return and Earn containers to fund vegetable garden	\$404	\$202	\$202
Bellbird Public School	TerraCycle recycling boxes for pens and markers	\$416	\$416	\$416
*Cessnock High School ¹	Sustainable garden (bed, water tank & seedlings) for middle school (year 7) area.	\$2,000	\$500	\$500
*Cessnock High School ¹	Bush-tucker garden for SEEK Learning Centre	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
*Cessnock High School ³	Stephanie Alexander garden	\$1,600	\$500	\$500
	TOTAL	\$12,342	\$4,618	\$4,618

8. That Council provides Community Facilities Dollar for Dollar Grant funding for the projects listed in the Table below.

FACILITY/ORGANISATION	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST (ex. GST)	FUNDING SOUGHT (ex. GST)	FUNDING PAYABLE (ex. GST)
Branxton Community Hall Committee	Installation of solar panels at Branxton Community Hall	\$12,300	\$5,455	\$5,455
Cessnock Multipurpose Children's Centre	Construction of fairy house and gardens	\$12,000	\$4,500	\$4,500
Greta Community Preschool	Refurbishment of existing storeroom	\$7,200	\$2,727	\$2,727

Kurri Retired Mineworkers Association	Purchase of 1st Aid Kit and AED unit for Kurri Senior Citizens Hall	\$3,217	\$1,608	\$1,608
Wollombi Valley Progress Association Inc.	Upgrade and installation of sound system at Laguna Community Hall	\$2,504	\$1,252	\$1,252
	Various maintenance at Laguna Community Hall	\$1,800	\$900	\$0*
TOTAL		\$39,021	\$16,442	\$15,542

9. That Council transfers \$4,458 from the Community Facilities Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme to the Sporting Facilities Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme to offset the additional funding requested due to the excess number of applications lodged.
10. That Council provides Sporting Facilities Dollar for Dollar Grant funding for the projects listed in the Table below.

FACILITY/ORGANISATION	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST (\$) (ex. GST)	FUNDING SOUGHT (\$) (ex. GST)	FUNDING PAYABLE (\$) (ex GST)
Abermain Weston Hawks Rugby League Club	Purchase and installation of aluminum bench seating with concrete pads	\$10,517	\$5,259	\$5,259
Cessnock District Hockey Association	Repairs to existing synthetic hockey playing field at Baddeley Park Cessnock	\$11,650	\$2,727	\$2,727
Cessnock Dog Club	Installation of pathway, purchase of lawnmower and weed control	\$8,108	\$4,054	\$4,054
Kearsley Community Sporting Association	Manufacturing costs and installation of electronic scoreboard at Jeffery Park Kearsley	\$7,750	\$2,727	\$0*
Kurri Weston District Cricket Club	Upgrade wicket square at Kurri Central Oval	\$12,825	\$6,415	\$5,488**

Weston Workers Bears Football Club	Replace goalposts on main field at Weston Park	\$5,565	\$2,782	\$2,782
Wollombi Valley Pony Club Inc	Repairs to existing post and rail horse holding yards	\$2,673	\$1,350	\$1,350
Wollombi Valley Tennis & Sports Association	Purchase of new fridge, oven, cooktop, kitchen benches and stackable furniture. And painting of kitchen in Wollombi Tennis Clubhouse	\$5,596	\$2,798	\$2,798
TOTAL		\$64,684	\$28,112	\$24,458

11. That Council undertakes a review of the Sporting Facilities Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme with a view to increasing the budget allocation for this scheme in the 2020/21 Operational Plan.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Dagg
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (11)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Burke returned to the meeting, the time being 6.46pm

BUSINESS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN28/2019

SUBJECT: FENCED OFF LEASH DOG AREA

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Olsen **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal

That Council considers, as part of the current development of an Off Leash Dog Exercise Strategy, the installation of 2 Off Leash Fenced Dog Areas, one in Cessnock and one in Kurri Kurri with consideration being given to installing these in the next financial year as part of the 2020-21 Operational Plan.

AMENDMENT **Moved:** Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg

1. That Council wait for the delivery of the off leash dog exercise area strategy as identified in the 2019/20 Operational Plan.
2. That the Carmichael Park Masterplan be considered in the off Leash dog exercise area strategy.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Olsen
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (11)	Total (1)

The Amendment was **PUT** and **CARRIED** and as such became the **MOTION**.

The **MOTION** was then **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg

1056

RESOLVED

1. That Council wait for the delivery of the off leash dog exercise area strategy as identified in the 2019/20 Operational Plan.
2. That the Carmichael Park Masterplan be considered in the Off Leash Dog Exercise Area Strategy.

FOR

Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Dagg
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (11)

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen

Total (1)

CARRIED

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN29/2019

SUBJECT: WOLLOMBI COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Stapleford **Seconded:** Councillor Lyons
1057

RESOLVED

That the General Manager write a letter of support to Rover Motors, the Minister for Transport and the Local Member to give support to the Wollombi Community for a bus service for Wollombi.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN30/2019

SUBJECT: WATER TANK ON COUNCIL LAND - WOLLOMBI

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Stapleford **Seconded:** Councillor Lyons
1058

RESOLVED

That the General Manager investigate the possibility of granting permission for the Wollombi Community to place a water tank on Cessnock City Council land (parcel number 24965) – title PT85Ec, 6 DP759103. The old Wollombi bushfire shed. The slimline tanks will be used as a water supply for fighting fires in the village.

The community will fundraise and provide the money. However, will need plans and specifications because of tight fit and the heritage of the village.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO26/2019

SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1059

RESOLVED

That Council notes the correspondence on the Intergovernmental Agreement to Guide NSW State-Local Government Relations on Strategic Partnerships.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO27/2019

SUBJECT: PLANNING PANELS CODE OF CONDUCT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1060

RESOLVED

That the correspondence from the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces, The Hon. Rob Stokes, in regards to Regional Planning Panels, be noted.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
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COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Dagg

International Cities Towns Communities conference.

Councillor Gray and I recently attended the International's Cities, Towns, Communities (ICTC) Conference in Townsville, which was a thoroughly useful and informative experience.

The main theme that we both took from the conference was the importance of one thing, and that is involvement of community and their engagement at every stage of the planning process.

What we do in local government is more than rates, roads and rubbish. People expect far greater than that - we are not just another level of bureaucracy through which our community needs to navigate. We build a sense of place, we build communities, but it is important to remember that this relationship should not be paternalistic. Local government is in partnership with communities when it comes to ensuring that the projects we deliver are not only a reflection of the wants and needs of the people we represent, but that those same people have played an active role in the planning and realisation of those projects.

Our first session was a place making masterclass. This is probably planning 101 for Council's officers, but for elected representatives it flipped previous assumptions on their head. Built infrastructure is not what creates a community, rather it is activation and connection to place, as this leads to greater social density as opposed to just population density - there is a key difference between the two. Lighter, quicker, cheaper components that are incorporated into plans allows for the immediate implementation of plans and this has triggered in both of us many ideas of ways we can activate the community to take ownership of the spaces they live in.

Councils for some time have been moving towards the engagement of a Place Making Team. This is something which Cessnock could consider going forward. It was suggested local government provide innovation or place making grants for community groups, so they can take ownership of the projects they care about. This is already something we do at Cessnock through our Dollar for Dollar program by leveraging the enthusiasm of community groups to achieve real outcomes on the ground. Examples of place making done well, for Councillor's benefit if they wish to follow up, are Parramatta Square and Bryant Park in New York.

Setting aspirational goals are important for a community such as ours which is transitioning from blue collar to service-based. The goals needs to be far enough away that people have time to adapt and come on board and engage them to help plan for that, rather than develop in isolation before presenting to them as part of the public exhibition process. In everything local government does, there should be a conversation with the community about what THEY want their towns to look like in 10, 20, 50 years as industries, population and demographics change. Do we have a process to ensure the community is investor ready? Do we have anything to fill the void so that we can ensure the people of Cessnock can live where they work and love where they live.

Detailed summaries of the various sessions will be tabled here tonight but as a regional community it is important we constantly reinvent ourselves. Economic fundamentals will not swing around and fix the problems we face with investment in the regions, active initiatives and political action is most effective. Local policy settings should be aimed primarily at incentivising regional investment and local government should be advocating for state and federal policy to increase the viability of investment outside the major cities and in regional centres such as our own. Policies should reflect the benefits of regional development to the people, ie less congestion, lower dwelling costs, supports the current population. In terms of economic development and regional investment, the health of our business precincts is the indicator of whether it is being done well. We know retail is struggling anyway, but in many instances of

main street revitalisations, businesses can't survive the construction period - we've seen that in Newcastle during the construction of the light rail. This is where local government can partner with business chambers and run parallel programs with a placemaking strategy such as pop-up events. Although it should never be done in reaction to plummeting economic activity, but in a proactive way - before, during and after construction projects. It can start with small seed funding and as it grows build capacity and mitigate impacts of construction on local economies.

The take away from all of this is the importance of place making, for four reasons:

- * Localising makes a place special and unique.
- * It creates place capital as well as social capital
- * It's a magnet for workers, residents and visitors
- * Is therefore as much about economic development as well as community development.

Community is built on mutual trust, mutual history and a mutual vision for the type of environment a group of people wish to spend their lives in. The same set of emotions that makes a house a home, is the same collective emotions that make a town, a community. Local government needs to improve how it engages with, cooperates with, empowers and activates its community. An engaged community, with social and economic benefits at its heart, is one that feels ownership of its surroundings and thrives. The greatest benchmark for placemaking success is when local people can see their fingerprints all over it - the design, the materials, the labour. And this should be the goal for all of us.

Mayor

Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Communities Tidy Towns Awards

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Communities Tidy Town Awards and firstly I would like to congratulate the staff that were involved in those awards. The feedback that I have received has been very positive from our community and the wider community. I also congratulate the involvement by our staff of our community and I think that is the key to success in this Sustainable Communities Program. Having the community go with you I think when I look at the 2019 awards I now see how we were successful in 2018 because we had approximately 6 or 7 community projects and it wasn't just the Council leading them, it was the community leading them, so on behalf of the Council to the General Manager could you congratulate all the staff involved from all of us for a fantastic job upholding a great reputation for this Council.

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 6.58pm

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 20 November 2019

.....CHAIRPERSON

.....GENERAL MANAGER