

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2020,
COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager
Acting Director Planning and Environment (Strategic Planning Manager)
Director Corporate and Community Services
Acting Director Works and Infrastructure (Infrastructure Manager)
Development Services Manager
Information Technology Manager
Economic Development and Tourism Manager
Human Resource Operations Coordinator
Internal Auditor
Senior Media & Communication Officer
Corporate Governance Officer

APOLOGY:

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Sander

Seconded: Councillor Fitzgibbon

1411

RESOLVED that the apology tendered on behalf of Councillor Dagg, for unavoidable absence, be accepted and leave of absence granted.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES:

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Doherty
Seconded: Councillor Lyons

1412

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 August 2020, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI10/2020

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.

WI71/2020 – Weston Bears Park Masterplan - Councillor Burke declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Interest for the reason that he knows someone who submitted a submission. Councillor Burke advised that he will remain in the Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced him in carrying out his public duty because it has no impact on his decision making.

WI71/2020 – Weston Bears Park Masterplan - Councillor Olsen declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that his daughter made a submission. Councillor Olsen advised that he will remain in the Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced him in carrying out his public duty because it has not had any influence on how he votes.

PETITIONS

Nil

ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS

One Submission was received from Natasha Waeger and Neville Bolam regarding DA8/2020/46/1 – 69 High Street, Greta which was tabled and read.

EXTENSION OF TIME

Moved:
Seconded:

Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Sander

1413

RESOLVED

That an extension of 1 minute be given to complete the reading of the submission.

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

CARRIED

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE32/2020

SUBJECT: **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 8/2020/46/1 PROPOSING:**
PHASE 1: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND ONE (1)
INTO SIX (6) LOT TORRENS TITLE SUBDIVISION
PHASE 2: CONSTRUCTION OF SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS ON
LOTS 5 AND 6
PHASE 3: CONSTRUCTION OF SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS ON
LOTS 3 AND 4
PHASE 4: CONSTRUCTION OF SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS ON
LOTS 1 AND 2

69 HIGH STREET, GRETA

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Gray

1. That:

- (i) Development Application No. 8/2020/46/1 proposing a four (4) phase development at 69 High Street, Greta, as described above, be refused pursuant to Sections 4.16 and 4.17 of *the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, for the reasons contained in this report.
- (ii) The reasons for the decision (having regard to any statutory requirements applying to the decision), are as follows:
 - The proposed development is inconsistent with the objectives of the R2 Low Density Residential Zone of the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*
 - The development is contrary to the development standards prescribed in Clause 4.1 – Minimum Subdivision Lot Size of *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*
 - The development is contrary to the provisions of Chapter D.1 – Subdivision Guidelines of Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010
 - The development is contrary to the provisions of Chapter D.2 – Urban Housing of Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010
 - The proposal is considered to be an over-development of the subject site
 - The subject site is not considered suitable for the proposed development
 - The proposed development is not in the public interest
- (iii) The details contained above be publicly notified pursuant to Section 2.22 and Clause 20(2) of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

REASONS FOR REFUSAL

- 1. The proposed development is inconsistent with the objectives of the R2 Low Density Residential Zone of the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011* for the reasons outlined below:

- a) The proposed development is inconsistent with the desired character of the area and will result in a medium density development being located in a low density residential zone. The proposed built form is uncharacteristic of the surrounding low density residential character of Greta which consists predominately of small scale single-storey weatherboard dwellings.
 - b) The housing type and density represents an over-development of the site and is inconsistent with the low density residential character of the locality.
 - c) The proposed development will result in a development which increases the demand for facilities and services in a locality with limited access to facilities and services to meet the needs of the current and future population (Section 4.15(1)(a)(i) *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*).
2. The development is contrary to the development standard prescribed in Clause 4.1 – Minimum Subdivision Lot Size of *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*, in that Proposed Lots 1 – 6 do not meet the minimum lot size required. Council has considered the ‘request for variation’ lodged by the applicant in respect of Clause 4.6 – Exceptions to Development Standards, and determined that the application does not satisfactorily establish that the development standard is unreasonable and unnecessary in the circumstances of the case (Section 4.15 (1)(a)(i) *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*).
3. The development is contrary to the provisions of Chapter D.1 Subdivision Guidelines of Council’s Development Control Plan 2010 in that Proposed Lots 1 – 6 do not meet the minimum lot size and lot width controls (Section 4.15(1)(a)(iii) *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*).
4. The development is contrary to the provisions of Chapter D.2 – Urban Housing of Council’s Development Control Plan 2010 in that Proposed Dwellings 1 and 6 do not adequately address the streetscape or meet the front setback requirements. In addition, it is considered that the proposed development has not adequately considered the existing scale, character or massing of residential development in the immediate area, and has not demonstrated the adequateness of the landscaping proposed (Section 4.15(1)(a)(iii) *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*).
5. The subject site is not considered suitable for the proposed development for the reasons outlined below:
 - a) The proposed development is inconsistent with the low density residential character of the area.
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 - d) The proposed development requires significant variation to a number of development controls and standards, demonstrating the proposed development represents an over-development of the subject site (Section 4.15(1)(c) *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*).
6. The proposed development is not in the public interest (Section 4.15(1)(e) *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*).

AMENDMENT **Moved:** Councillor Sander **Seconded:** Councillor Fitzgibbon

That a report be provided to Council by the end of the year providing conditions of consent for consideration.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Olsen
Councillor Dunn	Councillor Fagg
Councillor Fitzgibbon	Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Sander	Councillor Suvaal
	Councillor Gray
	Councillor Burke
	Councillor Lyons
	Councillor Pynsent
Total (4)	Total (8)

The Amendment was **PUT** and **LOST**.

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

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
1414
RESOLVED

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FOR

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 Councillor Fagg
 Councillor Stapleford
 Councillor Suvaal
 Councillor Gray
 Councillor Burke
 Councillor Lyons
 Councillor Pynsent
Total (9)

AGAINST

Councillor Doherty
 Councillor Fitzgibbon
 Councillor Sander

Total (3)**CARRIED**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

That the Motion for Report Number PE 32/2020 be recommitted.

The Motion was recommitted.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Gray

1415

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FOR

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent

Total (8)

AGAINST

Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Sander

Total (4)

CARRIED

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

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1416

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 Fagg
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Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYORAL MINUTES

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM9/2020

SUBJECT: CHARITIES DISCOUNT FOR TEMPORARY EVENTS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Pynsent
1417

RESOLVED

1. That the General Manager amends the Events DA Policy in the appropriate areas to reflect:

“That Events run by Registered Charities, have all councils’ fees and charges applicable to Temporary Events Development Applications discounted by 50% of the adopted fees and charges”.

2. That the 50% discounted fees be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and if no submissions are received, the 50% discount apply.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM10/2020

SUBJECT: MEDICARE ELIGIBILITY FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Pynsent
1418

RESOLVED

That Council write to the following Federal and State members of parliament seeking their support for a Full Medicare licence for a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) system to be installed in the new Maitland Hospital;

- The Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt MP
- Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, Minister for Youth and Sport, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck
- Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government, the Hon Mark Coulton MP
- Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP
- Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston
- The NSW Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP
- Minister for Health and Medical Research, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP
- Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shelley Hancock MP
- Member for Lyne, the Hon David Gillespie MP
- Federal Member for Hunter, the Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP
- Federal Member for Paterson, Ms Meryl Swanson MP
- State Member for Cessnock, Mr Clayton Barr MP

FOR

AGAINST

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Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM11/2020

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE 2022

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Pynsent
1419

RESOLVED

That the General Manager be delegated to accept the offer from LGNSW to host the 2022 LGNSW Annual Conference.

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

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU10/2020

SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY

Nil

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU18/2020

SUBJECT: HUNTER VALLEY TOURISM SERVICE AGREEMENT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
1420

RESOLVED

1. That Council endorses the creation of a tourism service agreement between Council and the Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Association that represents the interests of tourism operators in the Hunter Valley;
2. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to create a tourism service agreement between Council and the Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Association;
3. That Council notes that there will be only one membership body with a form of tiered membership for tourism operators in the proposed agreement with the fees administrated by the Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Association;
4. That Council places the removal of tourism fees (4.a – 4.i) on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and provide public notice of the intention to remove the fees subject to consideration of submissions received;
 - a) Fee For Service – Silver Deal
 - b) Fee For Service – Gold Deal
 - c) Fee for Service – Diamond Deal
 - d) Fee for Service for Community – Not for Profit
 - e) Visitor Guide and Map listing
 - f) Fee For Service – Additional Brochure
 - g) Early bird incentives
 - h) Sequential Fee For Service: Multi packages
 - i) Accommodation and Activity Bookings Commission
5. If no submissions are received after public exhibition, adopt the Recommendation.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Dunn	Councillor Olsen
Councillor Fagg	Councillor Doherty
Councillor Suvaal	Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (9)	Total (3)

CARRIED

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU19/2020

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO CLOSE COUNCIL OFFICES BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1421
RESOLVED

1. That Council close its offices, including Libraries, from 12 noon Thursday, 24 December 2020 and reopen on Monday, 4 January 2021.
2. That Council close the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre from Thursday, 24 December 2020 and re-open on Monday, 11 January 2021.

FOR	AGAINST
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Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
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Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
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Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU20/2020

SUBJECT: APPRENTICE, TRAINEE AND GRADUATE FRAMEWORK

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1422

RESOLVED

That Council notes the Apprentice, Trainee and Graduate Framework.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
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Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU21/2020

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 28 AUGUST 2020

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1423
RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 28 August 2020 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.

FOR	AGAINST
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Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
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Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE33/2020

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1424

RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the outcome of the public exhibition process for the draft Community Engagement Strategy and Action Plan.
2. That Council adopts the Community Engagement Strategy and Action Plan.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
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Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE34/2020

SUBJECT: ABANDONED OR UNATTENDED SHOPPING TROLLEY POLICY REVIEW

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1425
RESOLVED

1. That Council places the revised Abandoned or Unattended Shopping Trolley Policy on public exhibition for 28 days.
2. That following public exhibition, Council adopt the revised Abandoned or Unattended Shopping Trolley Policy if there are no unresolved submissions received during the exhibition period.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE35/2020

**SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING
REPORT - JUNE QUARTER AND FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1426
RESOLVED

That Council receives and notes the Development Performance Monitoring Report for the June quarter and financial year 2019/2020.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC79/2020

SUBJECT: T072021HUN PROVISION OF LINEMARKING

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1427

RESOLVED

1. That Council accepts the Regional Procurement Tender for the Provision of Line Marking (T072021HUN).
2. That Council accepts the panel tenderers as the preferred suppliers for Council under the Regional Procurement Tender for Provision of Line Marking (T072021HUN), in no order of preference;
 - Jenalad Pty Ltd t/a Whiteline Road Services.
 - Workforce Road Services Pty Ltd.
 - J & M Road Marking Specialists.
3. That Council notes the contract term for Tender Provision of Line Marking (T072021HUN) is from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2022 with an option for one 12-month contract extension based on satisfactory supplier performance.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC80/2020

**SUBJECT: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020 -
REFER FOR AUDIT AND COUNCIL CERTIFICATION**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1428
RESOLVED

1. That the financial statements are formally referred for external audit.
2. That in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act, 1993* the General Purpose Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with:
 - *The Local Government Act 1993* and the Regulations made thereunder.
 - The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements.
 - The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these reports:

- Present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and
- Accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render the reports false or misleading in any way.

3. That in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting the Special Purpose Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with:
 - The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
 - NSW Government Policy Statement "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government".
 - Department of Local Government Guidelines "Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses: A Guide to Competitive Neutrality".

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these reports:

- Present fairly the operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared Business Activities for the year, and
- Accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render the reports false or misleading in any way.

4. That Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Statements by Council on its Opinion of the 2019-20 Financial Statements.

FOR**AGAINST**

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC81/2020

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
1429

RESOLVED

That the election of Deputy Mayor be held and determined by open ballot with the term of office to be from 19 September 2020 to 2 September 2021.

FOR	AGAINST
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Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	

Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The General Manager advised the meeting that 2 nominations had been received those being Councillors Gray and Councillor Olsen.

Voting was conducted between Councillors Gray and Olsen by way of a show of hands.

The result of the vote is as follows:

For Councillor Gray – Councillors Suvaal, Stapleford, Gray, Burke, Fitzgibbon, Sander, Lyons and Pynsent

For Councillor Olsen – Councillors Olsen, Dunn, Fagg and Doherty

The General Manager advised that Councillor Gray was the successful candidate and elected to the position of Deputy Mayor from 19 September 2020 until 2 September 2021.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC82/2020

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF COUNCILLOR NUMBERS - 2021 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1430
RESOLVED

That Council maintains the current number of Councillors being 13 (one of whom is the Mayor) for the following term of office.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC83/2020

**SUBJECT: SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL FOR THE
REMAINDER OF 2020 AND UP TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTIONS IN 2021**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
1431
RESOLVED

1. That Council temporarily amends clause 3.1 of the Code of Meeting Practice, which deals with the timing of Ordinary Meetings of Council, to hold one meeting per month for the months of October and November 2020, due to the ongoing uncertainty with COVID-19.
2. That Council adopts the following schedule of Ordinary Meetings of Council for 2020:-

 21 October 2020
 18 November 2020
 9 December 2020
3. That Council consider the schedule of Ordinary Meetings of Council for 2021 at the ordinary meeting on 9 December 2020.
4. That the General Manager give consideration to a trial of providing meeting agendas to Councillors at least one week prior to the scheduled meetings with the agenda review meetings forming part of the scheduled Councillor briefings.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Olsen
Councillor Dunn	Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (10)	Total (2)

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC84/2020

**SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020 -
DETERMINE VOTING DELEGATES AND MOTIONS**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Gray **Seconded:** Councillor Burke

1432

RESOLVED

1. That Council determines voting delegates for the online Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2020 to be held on 23 November 2020 to be Mayor Pynsent and Councillors Suvaal, Gray and Dagg.
2. That Council submits the motion relating to the usage of the NSW Waste Levy for funding of the rehabilitation of orphan landfilled sites to the Association for consideration at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2020.
3. That Council determines other motions, if any, for referral to the Association for consideration at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2020.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent

Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC85/2020

**SUBJECT: CODE OF CONDUCT AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATION
OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT - UPDATE TO REFLECT NEW
PRESCRIBED MODELS**

MOTION

1433

Moved: Councillor Gray

Seconded: Councillor Dunn

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopts the Code of Conduct and Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct, which align with the recently updated Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and Model Procedures for the administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW.
2. That the General Manager arranges a training session on the changes under the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW.
1. That Council notes the actions proposed to ensure Council staff are provided with suitable training and information regarding the revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW.
2. That Council maintains Gifts and Benefits Token Value at \$50.00.

FOR

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

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen

Total (1)

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC86/2020

SUBJECT: DISPLAY OF COMMUNITY NOTICES, COMMUNITY DISPLAYS & EXHIBITIONS AND HOSTING OF PETITIONS IN COUNCIL LIBRARIES POLICY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1434

RESOLVED

1. That Council places the amended Display of Community Notices, Community Displays & Exhibitions and Hosting of Petitions in Council Libraries Policy on public exhibition for 28 days.
2. That should public submissions be received, a further report be prepared and submitted to Council for consideration.
3. That should no public submissions be received, the amended Display of Community Notices, Community Displays & Exhibitions and Hosting of Petitions in Council Libraries Policy is adopted by Council.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC87/2020

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 2020

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1435
RESOLVED

1. That the Minutes of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee held on 21 August 2020 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.
2. That Council notes that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee meeting was inquorate at the commencement of the meeting and became quorate prior to the consideration of the agenda item AACLM5/2020 Council Activities for NAIDOC Week 2020.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC88/2020

SUBJECT: BI-ANNUAL COMPLAINT HANDLING REPORT (1 JANUARY - 30 JUNE 2020)

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Burke **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1436
RESOLVED

That Council notes the Bi-annual Complaint Handling Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2020.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC89/2020

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS IN WRITTEN RETURNS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1437

RESOLVED

That Council notes the tabling of the annual disclosures of interests in written returns received from designated persons and Councillors within 3 months of 30 June 2020 by the General Manager in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC90/2020

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT REPORT - AUGUST 2020

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1438

RESOLVED

That Council receives the Investment Report for August 2020 and notes:

- Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy which accords with the Ministerial Investment Order.
- Council's month end balance was \$44,850,207, year to date interest earned to 31 August was \$81,414 and the interest earned for August 2020 was \$39,184.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC91/2020

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS TRACKING REPORT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1439

RESOLVED

That Council receives the report and notes the information in the Resolutions Tracking Report.

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

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC92/2020

SUBJECT: DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY - RESOURCES FOR REGIONS ROUND SEVEN - FUNDING APPLICATION AMENDMENT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Fitzgibbon
1440
RESOLVED

That Council notes that the Mayor pursuant to section 226(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, between Council meetings exercised the decisions of Council due to the funding body advice of project eligibility under Resources for Regions Round Seven Program Guidelines which resulted in an amended funding submission as follows:

1. Cessnock Pool Splash Pad Stage 2 - \$420,300
2. Beatification of Rotary Park Kurri Kurri - \$482,198
3. Cessnock Disadvantaged Youth Driver Training Program - \$100,000
4. Cessnock City Cultural Hub - \$500,000 (\$309,700 within allocation and \$190,300 outside of allocation)

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI69/2020

SUBJECT: 2019/20 AQUATIC SEASON REVIEW

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
1441

RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the review of the 2019/20 aquatic season.
2. That the General Manager bring back a COVID-19 Plan, to address the safety of pool users and staff on the 10 free Family Fun Days to the October Ordinary Meeting of Council.
3. That Council notes the COVID-19 implications that will affect the operations and capacity of the pools for the foreseeable future.
4. That Council notes the performance of Belgravia Health & Leisure Group Pty Ltd in respect of Year 1 of the contract for management of Kurri Kurri Aquatic & Fitness Centre.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI70/2020

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF SKATE AND BMX STRATEGY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Stapleford **Seconded:** Councillor Dunn
1442

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopts the Skate and BMX Strategy.
2. That Council notes the implementation priorities of the Skate and BMX Strategy.
3. That the General Manager notifies those who made submissions during the public exhibition of Council's decision.
4. That Council makes provisions for the implementation of the Skate and BMX Strategy in consideration of future Operational Plans and available resources, including grant funding and development contributions.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI71/2020

SUBJECT: WESTON BEARS PARK MASTERPLAN

Councillor Burke declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Interest for the reason that he knows someone who submitted a submission. Councillor Burke remained in the Chamber and participated in discussion and voting.

Councillor Olsen declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that his daughter made a submission. Councillor Olsen remained in the Chamber and participated in discussion and voting.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1443

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopts the Weston Bears Park Masterplan.
2. That the General Manager notifies those who made submissions, and key stakeholders, of Council's decision.
3. That Council makes provisions for implementation of the Masterplan in consideration of available resources including grant funding and development contributions.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI72/2020

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF ROADS REVIEW COMMITTEE OF 14 AUGUST 2020

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
1444

RESOLVED

1. That the Minutes of the Roads Review Committee Meeting of 14 August 2020 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.
2. That the General Manager write to the Member for Cessnock, Clayton Barr, Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter, Hon Catherine Cusack, and Hon Taylor Martin MLC, the Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads seeking their support for MR181 – From the Central Coast Council boundary to Wollombi then via Millfield and Bellbird to Allandale Rd at Cessnock 52.4km - to be transferred to State from regional road status. Specifically noting the need for funding for the Lemming's Corner stretch of road on the Great North Road, Bucketty and Council's inability to fund such a project without external funding.
3. That the General Manager provide any supporting evidence relating to deaths and crashes in that area in recent times, including the most recent motorbike fatality this month.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI73/2020

**SUBJECT: HAMILTON STREET ABERNETHY
PETITION REGARDING SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1445
RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the petition lodged by residents of Hamilton Street, Abernethy.
2. That Council notes the outcome of an investigation of septic seepage from properties adjoining Hamilton Lane.
3. That Council includes investigation of drainage in Hamilton Street and Hamilton Lane, Abernethy and preparation of a proposal in the Operational Plan 2020-21.
4. That the General Manager report back to Council once investigations and a proposal have been finalised.
5. That the General Manager notifies the petition organiser of Council's decision.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI74/2020

SUBJECT: SHARED PATHWAYS AND TRAILS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
1446

RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the status of the design for the shared pathway along Wine Country Drive Nulkaba, the Pokolbin Cycling Improvements, and eight recreational trails.
2. That Council notes the total estimated costs of \$2,500,000 to progress to Preliminary Designs for the shared pathway along Wine Country Drive Nulkaba, the Pokolbin Cycling Improvements, and eight recreational trails.
3. That Council endorses the sources of funding identified as suitable to progress to Preliminary Designs with the further investigation and finalised scoping to inform the cost of Final Designs.
4. Determining the feasibility of trails 1, 3, 6 and 7 are included as well as the Abermain to Weston link and the Chinaman's Hollow and Maybury Peace Park Trails as an action in the 2021/2022 Operational Plan
5. A report back to Council with results of the feasibility study.

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN28/2020

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF LANEWAY

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Olsen

Seconded: Councillor Dunn

1447

RESOLVED

1. That the General Manager bring a report back to Council on the process of closing the laneway from Duguid Close to Casson Avenue, Cessnock with a plan to closing this laneway to all pedestrians.
2. That the General Manager bring back a report on the process in closing laneways in the Cessnock Local Government Area.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN29/2020

SUBJECT: SHADE COVERS OVER BENCH SEATS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
1448

RESOLVED

That the General Manager bring back a report on the construction of shade covers over the 4 new bench seats, situated on the paved section of the Cooper Street/Charlton Street intersections.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO12/2020

SUBJECT: MM4/2020 - COVID-19 PANDEMIC - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1449

RESOLVED

That Council notes the correspondence from The Hon Mark Coulton MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government, regarding the request for financial support and stimulus packages to local government to enable them to continue to operate effectively and provide essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Lyons

Austar Consultative Committee – 26 August 2020

Councillor Lyons reported on his attendance at the Austar Community Consultative Committee meeting held 26 August 2020.

Due to Austar moving into care and maintenance and Covid 19 the consultative committee is now meeting twice a year with any member able to call an extraordinary meeting if need arises.

Austar is still waiting for a decision from Yancoal as to whether the next phase of mining shall proceed, no decision has been made yet as to the future of Austar.

The last coal train left Austar on 23 March 2020.

Austar staff have either been redeployed to other Yancoal mines in the valley, or took voluntary redundancies. Only Contractors have been terminated.

44 employees remain undertaking ongoing care and maintenance. Air and water quality along with vibrations are still being monitored.

An increase in controls burns are being planned around Bellbird and Pelton for early November, the reason they were not conducted during winter as it is the breeding season of an endangered owl species found on the site.

A weed survey was in August. An ongoing weed control program is planned with a focus of Green cestrum, lantana, mother's of millions and others.

Community support program for 2020, applications closed 4 November, 16 applications were received, 9 were successful and will be notified shortly. The program will now be suspended until mining resumes at Austar.

The next meeting will be held in March 2021.

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 8.33pm

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 7 October 2020

.....**CHAIRPERSON**

.....**GENERAL MANAGER**