MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J Suvaal (in the Chair) and

Councillors Dunn, Jurd, Hawkins, Burke, Moores, Jackson, Watton,

Sander, Grine, Hill and Paynter.

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting General Manager (Director Corporate and Community

Services)

Director Planning and Environment

Acting Director Corporate and Community Services (Chief Financial

Officer)

Director Works and Infrastructure

Acting Development Services Manager (Principal Development

Planner)

Strategic Planning Manager

Communications & Engagement Manager Principal Community Engagement Officer

Help Desk Support Officer

Acting Council Services Team Leader (Senior Governance Officer)

The Mayor on behalf of Council acknowledged the events which occurred at Westfield Bondi Junction and the Western Sydney Church, extending his consideration and condolences to the victims and families involved. The Mayor further acknowledged the inspirating acts of Courage from both Frist Responders and members of the community.

The Mayor on behalf of the Cessnock region acknowledged and thanked Police Inspector Amy Scott for her service which ultimately saved many lives.

Council Prayer:

The Prayer was conducted by The Reverend Nicole Baldwin of Cessnock Anglican Church.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Moved: **Councillor Moores** Seconded: **Councillor Hawkins**

730

RESOLVED

That a Leave of Absence be granted to Councillor Dunn for the period 18 April 2024 to 30 April 2024.

| FOR | AGAINST | |
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| Councillor Jackson | | |
| Councillor Moores | | |
| Councillor Dunn | | |
| Councillor Burke | | |
| Councillor Grine | | |
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Councillor Hill **MINUTES: MOTION** Moved: Seconded: Councillor Sander

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RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 March 2024, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

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| Councillor Jackson | | |
| Councillor Moores | | |
| Councillor Dunn | | |
| Councillor Burke | | |
| Councillor Grine | | |
| Councillor Sander | | |
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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI3/2024

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION

W19/2024 - New landfill Extension Project - Changes to Biodiversity Offset Area

Councillor Jurd declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that her family work there and advised that she would leave the Chamber and take no part in discussion and voting.

RM1/2024 - DA 8/2021/22318/1 - Alterations And Additions To Existing Cafe Comprising An Amenities Building, Pop-Up Coffee Stand, Juice Bar, Additional Carparking, Outdoor Lighting And Extended Cafe Trading Hours - 701 Lovedale Road, Lovedale

Councillor Hawkins declared a Non Pecuniary Interest, Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he is an associate of an employee of the applicant. Councillor Hawkins advised that he would remain in Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict would not influence carrying out his public duty.

The Mayor declared a Non Pecuniary Interest, Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that an associate of The Mayor is employed by the applicant. The Mayor advised that he would remain in Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict would not influence carrying out his public duty.

CC19/2024 - Donations Under Section 356 - Rates Subsidy Policy

Councillor Hawkins declared a Non Pecuniary Interest, Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he is a member of a Club that occasionally uses facilities associated with this report. Councillor Hawkins advised that he would remain in Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict would not influence carrying out his public duty.

The Mayor declared a Non Pecuniary Interest, Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he is a member of a Club that occasionally uses facilities associated with this report. The Mayor advised that he would remain in Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict would not influence carrying out his public duty.

WI11/2024 - Minutes of the Community Engagement Awards and Grants Committee held on 20 March 2024

The Mayor declared a Non Pecuniary Interest, Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that his son attends a non-eligible school that applied for funding in item DOLCLM2/2024. The Mayor advised that he would remain in Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict would not influence carrying out his public duty.

PETITIONS

Nil

ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS

Nil

This is page 4 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 April 2024 confirmed on 15 May 2024

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

| MOTION 732 | Moved: | Councillor Dunn | Seconded: | Councillor Sander |
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| RESOLVE | :D | | | |
| That havii | ng read and co | onsidered the report | s in the agenda re | elated to items |
| | CC23/2024 | Minutes of the Aborig | | |
| # | CC24/2024 | Resolutions Tracking | Report | 16 |
| | WI10/2024 | Minutes of the Local 18 March 2024 | | _ |
| | WI11/2024 | Minutes of the Comm Grants Committee he | | |
| | W12/2024 | Main Bund Wall – So Evaluation Report – 0 | | |
| Council adopt the recommendations as printed for those items. | | | | |
| | FOR | | AGAINST | |
| Councillor Jackson Councillor Moores Councillor Dunn Councillor Burke Councillor Grine Councillor Sander Councillor Hill Councillor Hawkins Councillor Paynter Councillor Watton Councillor Jurd Councillor Suvaal | | | | |
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MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

MOTIONS OF URGENCY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU3/2024

SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY

Nil

RESCISSION MOTIONS

RESCISSION MOTIONS NO. RM1/2024

SUBJECT:

DA 8/2021/22318/1 - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING CAFE COMPRISING AN AMENITIES BUILDING, POP-UP COFFEE STAND, JUICE BAR, ADDITIONAL CARPARKING, OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND EXTENDED CAFE TRADING HOURS

701 LOVEDALE ROAD, LOVEDALE

Councillor Hawkins declared a Non Pecuniary Interest, Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he is an associate of the employee of the applicant. Councillor Hawkins remained in Chamber and participated in discussion and voting.

The Mayor declared a Non Pecuniary Interest, Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that an associate of The Mayor is employed by the applicant. The Mayor remained in Chamber and participated in discussion and voting.

MOTION Moved: Councillor Watton **Seconded:** Councillor Jurd

That Resolution (708) to Report PE2/2024:

That:

- 1. Council approve, pursuant to section 4.16 and 4.17 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Development Application No 8/2021/22318/1, subject to conditions as outlined in the document that Councillor Burke tabled;
- 2. This approval be publicly notified pursuant to section 2.22 and clause 20(2) of schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979; and
- 3. Council notify in writing the persons who made a submission with regard to the proposed development of Council's decision.

be rescinded.

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Watton | Councillor Jackson |
| Councillor Jurd | Councillor Moores |
| | Councillor Dunn |
| | Councillor Burke |
| | Councillor Grine |
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PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE6/2024

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN REVIEW - PARKING AND ACCESS

AND SUBDIVISION CHAPTERS PUBLIC EXHIBITION

MOTION Moved: Councillor Hill Seconded: Councillor Burke

733

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council place Draft Chapters Parking and Access and Subdivision Guideline of the Cessnock Development Control Plan 2010 on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
- 2. That Council receives a further report following the public exhibition of the Draft Chapters if unresolved objections are received or significant amendments are made to the Daft Chapters post exhibition. Otherwise the Draft Chapters be adopted by Council pursuant to clause 14 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021.

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| Councillor Jackson | Councillor Watton |
| Councillor Moores | Councillor Jurd |
| Councillor Dunn | |
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PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE7/2024

SUBJECT: LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE

MOTION Moved: Councillor Hill Seconded: Councillor Grine

734

RESOLVED

That future Local Infrastructure Contribution updates be provided annually in a detailed Councillor Memo coinciding with Council's annual budget review.

| | FOR | AGAINST | |
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| | Councillor Jackson | | |
| | Councillor Moores | | |
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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC19/2024

SUBJECT: DONATIONS UNDER SECTION 356 - RATES SUBSIDY POLICY

Councillor Hawkins declared a Non Pecuniary Interest, Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he is a member of a Club that occasionally uses facilities associated with this report. Councillor Hawkins remained in Chamber and participated in discussion and voting.

The Mayor declared a Non Pecuniary Interest, Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he is a member of a Club that occasionally uses facilities associated with this report. The Mayor remained in Chamber and participated in discussion and voting.

MOTION Moved: Councillor Hawkins Seconded: Councillor Dunn

735

RESOLVED

1. That Council applies a 50% Rates Subsidy for the following Assessments in accordance with the Rates Subsidy Policy effective for the 2024-25 rating year.

| Assessment | Organisation | Location |
|------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 59204 | Cessnock Homing Pigeon Club | Cessnock |
| 123596 | Trustees Masonic Hall | Paxton |
| 157156 | Cessnock Mini Bike Club | Cessnock |
| 173930 | Laguna Sports Ground Holdings Pty Ltd | Laguna |
| 176263 | Greta Pre-School Kindergarten | Greta |
| 191502 | Kurri Kurri Motor Cycle Club Inc | Buchanan |
| 198655 | Aberdare Pre-School | Aberdare |

- 2. That the General Manager write to each applicant advising of Council's decision according to the Rates Subsidy Policy.
- 3. That the Council approve a 50% rates subsidy for applicants who previously qualified for the subsidy but have not yet lodged an application for the 2024-25 year, and delegates to the General Manager to apply the rates subsidy if the applicants supply the required information prior to 31 May 2024, up to a total of \$35,000.
- 4. That at the next review of the Policy consideration be given to extending the length of approval for eligible organisations.

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Jackson | |
| Councillor Moores | |
| Councillor Dunn | |
| Councillor Burke | |
| Councillor Grine | |
| Councillor Sander | |
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| Councillor Suvaal | Total (0) |
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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC20/2024

SUBJECT: COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY

MOTION Moved: Councillor Hill Seconded: Councillor Burke

736

RESOLVED

1. That Council places the revised Complaints Handling Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 calendar days.

- 2. That Council adopts the revised Complaints Handling Policy the day after the public exhibition period concludes, if no unresolved submissions are received.
- 3. That Council rescinds the Complaints Handling Policy 2019 from the date the revised Complaints Handling Policy is adopted.

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Jackson | |
| Councillor Moores | |
| Councillor Dunn | |
| Councillor Burke | |
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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC21/2024

SUBJECT: PLACEMENT OF INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING

DOCUMENTS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION 2024-25

MOTION Moved: Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

737

RESOLVED

That Council places the draft 2024-25 Operational Plan incorporating the budget, Revenue Policy, and Statement of Fees and Charges on public exhibition for 28 days in accordance with Section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

| FOR | AGAINST | |
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| Councillor Jackson | Councillor Watton | |
| Councillor Moores | Councillor Jurd | |
| Councillor Dunn | | |
| Councillor Burke | | |
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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC22/2024

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT REPORT - MARCH 2024

MOTION Moved: Councillor Hill Seconded: Councillor Burke

738

RESOLVED

That Council receives the Investment Report for March 2024 and notes that:

- Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy, which is in accordance with the Ministerial Investment Order.
- Council's month end cash and investments balance was \$76,716,092.

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| | Councillor Jackson | |
| | Councillor Moores | |
| | Councillor Dunn | |
| | Councillor Burke | |
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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC23/2024

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2024

MOTION Moved: Councillor Dunn Seconded: Councillor Sander

739

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee meeting held on 15 March 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Ordinary Council.

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Jackson | |
| Councillor Moores | |
| Councillor Dunn | |
| Councillor Burke | |
| Councillor Grine | |
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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC24/2024

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS TRACKING REPORT

MOTION Moved: Councillor Dunn Seconded: Councillor Sander

740

RESOLVED

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

| FOR | AGAINST | |
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| Councillor Jackson | | |
| Councillor Moores | | |
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| Councillor Burke | | |
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WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI6/2024

SUBJECT: CESSNOCK LGA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

MOTION Moved: Councillor Hawkins Seconded: Councillor Hill

741

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council notes the outcome of the public exhibition and submissions.
- 2. That Council adopts the Cessnock LGA Traffic and Transport Strategy.
- 3. That the General Manager respond to all submission acknowledging their input and to advise of Council's decision.
- 4. That any grammatical errors or typos be corrected before its publication.

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Jackson | Councillor Watton |
| Councillor Moores | Councillor Jurd |
| Councillor Dunn | |
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WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI7/2024

SUBJECT: LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR KURRI KURRI AQUATIC AND FITNESS

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MOTION Moved: Councillor Sander **Seconded:** Councillor Moores

742

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council notes the extension of the current Belgravia Health & Leisure Group Pty Ltd licence agreement to manage Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre for a further five year term, from 1 June 2024 to 30 June 2029,
- 2. That Council adds an additional KPI to the performance measures that reports on Customer Complaints and how they are resolved, and
- 3. That the General Manager report to Council annually on management performance including Key Performance Indicators set by Council regarding the Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness centre.

Councillor Jurd left the meeting, the time being 7.30pm

Councillor Jurd returned to the meeting, the time being 7.31pm

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Jackson | |
| Councillor Moores | |
| Councillor Dunn | |
| Councillor Burke | |
| Councillor Grine | |
| Councillor Sander | |
| Councillor Hill | |
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| Councillor Suvaal | |
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WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI8/2024

SUBJECT: CREEK CROSSINGS IN THE LGA ADDRESSING BN2/2021

MOTION Moved: Councillor Hawkins Seconded: Councillor Hill

743

RESOLVED

That Council notes the progress to install flood depth indicators and flood warning signs at high flood risk locations within the Cessnock LGA.

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WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI9/2024

SUBJECT: NEW LANDFILL EXTENSION PROJECT - CHANGES TO

BIODIVERSITY OFFSET AREA

Councillor Jurd declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that her family work there and left the Chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

MOTION Moved: Councillor Hawkins **Seconded:** Councillor Paynter

744

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council amend the existing positive and restrictive covenant under Section 88B of the *Conveyancing Act 1919*, for the purpose of biodiversity offset for the proposed new landfill extension, on 36.39 ha of land comprising Lot 41 DP996992 and part of Lot 1 DP1096161.
- 2. That Council authorises the General Manager to execute the documents relating to the covenants under Section 88B of the *Conveyancing Act 1919*.

Councillor Jurd left the meeting, the time being 7.35pm

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Jackson | |
| Councillor Moores | |
| Councillor Dunn | |
| Councillor Burke | |
| Councillor Grine | |
| Councillor Sander | |
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| Councillor Paynter | |
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| Councillor Suvaal | |
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Jurd returned to the meeting, the time being 7.36pm

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI10/2024

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 18

MARCH 2024

MOTION Moved: Councillor Dunn Seconded: Councillor Sander

745

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Cessnock Local Traffic Committee Meeting of 18 March 2024 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.

 TC9/2024 - That Council authorises the temporary regulation of traffic on Lovedale Road, Wilderness Road and Talga Road, Lovedale for the Lovedale Long Lunch, in accordance with Various Roads Lovedale _ Lovedale Long Lunch Traffic Control Plans.

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| Councillor Jackson | | |
| Councillor Moores | | |
| Councillor Dunn | | |
| Councillor Burke | | |
| Councillor Grine | | |
| Councillor Sander | | |
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| Councillor Suvaal | | |
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WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI11/2024

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARDS AND GRANTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 MARCH 2024

The Mayor declared a Non Pecuniary Interest, Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that his son attends a non-eligible school that applied for funding in item DOLCLM2/2024. The Mayor remained in Chamber and participated in discussion and voting.

MOTION Moved: Councillor Dunn Seconded: Councillor Sander

746

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Minutes of the Community Engagement, Awards and Grants Committee Meeting of the 20 March 2024 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.
- 2. That Council provides funds through the Sustainable Communities Tidy Towns Environment Grant Program to:
 - Paxton Tidy Towns in the amount of \$4,000,
 - Hunter Region Landcare Network Inc. in the amount of \$3,000,
 - Kiray Putjung Aboriginal Corporation in the amount of \$1,817.93, and
 - Kurri Kurri Rotary Club in the amount of \$2,034.84.
- 3. That the General Manager writes to all applicants of the Tidy Towns Environment Grant Program advising them of the outcome of their application and thanking them for their contribution to the community and environment in the Cessnock Local Government Area.
- 4. That Council approve funding in accordance with the Schools Environment Grants Program for the following projects:
 - Cessnock Kids Preschool and Early Learning in the amount of \$200,
 - Weston Public School in the amount of \$500,
 - Branxton Preschool in the amount of \$200,
 - Kurri Kurri High School in the amount of \$992,
 - Alesco secondary College in the amount of \$997.89,
 - Goodstart Early Learning Kurri Kurri in the amount of \$200,
 - Kitchener Public School in the amount of \$496,
 - Paxton Public School in the amount of \$500,
 - Millfield Public School in the amount of \$500,
 - Ellalong Public School in the amount of \$500,
 - Aberdare Preschool in the amount of \$200.
 - Honey Tree Preschool in the amount of \$200,
 - Nulkaba Public School in the amount of \$382.15,
 - Cessnock East Public School in the amount of \$500, and
 - Bees Nees Early Learning & Childcare Centre in the amount of \$200
- 5. That Council acknowledge the \$1,068.04 shortfall in available grant funding will be funded by council's operational budget in this instance.

- 6. That Council accept to increase the Schools Environment Grant Scheme funding from \$5,500 to \$7,000 to account for the 2023 decision to increase the funding amounts for High Schools from \$500 to \$1,000 (report No. CC20/2023) and to ensure adequate funds are available for all schools.
- 7. That Council provides funds through the Community Facilities Community, Sporting and Environment Grant Scheme Round 2 to:
 - Branxton Community Hall s355 Committee in the amount of \$3,987.
 - Branxton Preschool in the amount of \$9,202, and

- Coalfields Local History Association in the amount of \$5,050.
- 8. That the General Manager writes to all applicants advising them of the outcome of their application and thanking them for their ongoing support and commitment to the enhancement of Council's community facilities.

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Jackson | |
| Councillor Moores | |
| Councillor Dunn | |
| Councillor Burke | |
| Councillor Grine | |
| Councillor Sander | |
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WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI12/2024

SUBJECT: MAIN BUND WALL - SOUTH CESSNOCK BUND WALL EVALUATION

REPORT - Q2024-164

MOTION Moved: Councillor Dunn Seconded: Councillor Sander

747

RESOLVED

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. That Council reject all tenders received by NSW Public Works as they have been deemed non-conforming as the correction of errors constitutes a substantial change under the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, clause 176 and is valued at over \$4,521,014.41(including GST), and

2. That by resolution Council authorises the General Manager to enter into negotiations with any suitable person (whether or not the person was a tenderer) with a view to entering into a contract as per clause 178 3(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

| FOR | AGAINST |
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| Councillor Jackson | |
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| Councillor Dunn | |
| Councillor Burke | |
| Councillor Grine | |
| Councillor Sander | |
| Councillor Hill | |
| Councillor Hawkins | |
| Councillor Paynter | |
| Councillor Watton | |
| Councillor Jurd | |
| Councillor Suvaal | |
| Total (12) | Total (0) |
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BUSINESS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN4/2024

SUBJECT: BIN INFORMATION FOR ELDERLY

MOTION Moved: Councillor Jurd **Seconded:** Councillor Watton

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RESOLVED

- 1. That Council notes the multiple communication channels already in operation for engagement with our community and promotion of the services, programs, events, projects and opportunities on offer for residents of the Local Government Area.
- 2. That Council notes the implementation during quarter 4 of 2023-24 of a 'Did you know we offer this service?' campaign which aims to raise awareness among residents about the wide variety of services available to them, including the lesser-known services provided by Council.

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BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN5/2024

SUBJECT: WOLLOMBI ROAD PUBLIC MEETINGS

| мотю | ON | Moved: | Councillor Jurd | Seconded: | Councillor Watton |
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| That C | Counci | il: | | | |
| 1. | Extend the Public Exhibition period by 2 weeks ending on the 17 th May 2024, and | | | | |
| 2. Organise 2 public meetings in that time as per the Notice of Motion from the Council meeting on 21 st February 2024. | | | | | |
| | (| FOR Councillor Watt Councillor Jurd | on | AGAINST Councillor Jackson Councillor Moores Councillor Dunn Councillor Burke Councillor Grine Councillor Sander Councillor Hill Councillor Hawkins Councillor Paynter Councillor Suvaal | |
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| The Motion was PUT and LOST. | | | | | |

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 7.58pm

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 15 MAY 2024

| CHAIRF | PERSON |
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| GENERAL MA | NAGER |