# MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2020, COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor R Pynsent (in the Chair) and

Councillors Olsen, Doherty, Dunn, Fagg, 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 Acting Principal Strategic Planner

Senior Infrastructure Contributions Planner

Finance and Administration Manager

Management Accountant Corporate Governance Officer Relief Executive Assistant

APOLOGY: NIL

MINUTES: MOTION Moved: Councillor Sander

**Seconded:** Councillor Burke

1267

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15 April 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 Dagg Councillor Burke Councillor Sander Councillor Lyons Councillor Pynsent **Total (13)** Total (0) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

#### DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI6/2020

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.

**GMU9/2020 – Cessnock Correctional Centre Access** – Councillor Suvaal declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Interest for the reason that his sister is an employee of Justice Health of the Cessnock Correctional Centre. Councillor Suvaal advised that he would remain in the meeting 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 her employment.

PE20/2020 - Class 1 Appeal In The NSW Land and Environment Court Against Council's Refusal of Development Application No. 8/2018/261/1 proposing construction of a boarding house - 6 Bridge Street, Cessnock - Councillor Suvaal declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that he owns a property near the proposed DA site. Councillor Suvaal advised that he would leave the meeting and take no part in discussion and voting.

**PE16/2020 – Draft Cessnock City Wide Infrastructure contributions Plan – Report on submissions and allocation of repealed Contribution Funds** – Councillor Fitzgibbon declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that she is a part owner of land in Nulkaba. Councillor Fitzgibbon advised that she would leave the meeting and take no part in discussion and voting.

**PE18/2020 – Planning Proposal – 8 Kerlew Street and 39 Pinchen Street, Nulkaba** – Councillor Fitzgibbon declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that she is a part owner of land in Nulkaba. Councillor Fitzgibbon advised that she would leave the meeting and take no part in discussion and voting.

PE20/2020 – Class 1 Appeal in the NSW Land and Environment Court Against Council's Refusal of Development Application No. 8/2018/261/1 proposing construction of a boarding house – 6 Bridge Street, Cessnock – Councillor Fitzgibbon declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she has a close family friend that lives in the vicinity of the proposal. Councillor Fitzgibbon advised that she would leave the meeting and take no part in discussion and voting.

**BN25/2020 – Timed Parking in Charlton Street Car Park** - Councillor Fitzgibbon declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a business owner in Vincent Street, Councillor Fitzgibbon advised that she would leave the meeting and take no part in discussion and voting.

WI36/2020 - Baddeley Park, Carmichael Park & Weston Bears Park Masterplans – Councillor Olsen declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he has 3 grandsons playing for Weston Bears. Councillor Olsen advised that he would remain in the meeting and take part in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced him in carrying out his public duty because this is a benefit to all the community and they may not be there for the long haul.

PE20/2020 - Class 1 Appeal In The NSW Land and Environment Court Against Council's Refusal of Development Application No. 8/2018/261/1 proposing construction of a boarding house - 6 Bridge Street, Cessnock – the Mayor disclosed a Non Pecuniary Significant Conflict for the reason that a family friend is an objector to this development. The Mayor advised that we would leave the meeting and take no part in discussion and voting.

**BN25/2020 – Timed Parking in Charlton Street Car Park** - Councillor Burke declared a Non Pecuniary Interest Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that his business is contracted by the Cessnock Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Burke advised that he will remain in the meeting and take part in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced him in carrying out his public duty because it will not influence the way he votes in this meeting.

**Confidential reports (closed session)** 

MOTION Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Gray

1268 **RESOLVED** 

That the meeting move into Closed Session in order to hear legal advice.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	AGAINSI
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

THE MEETING MOVED BACK INTO OPEN FOR COUNCIL TO DEAL WITH REPORT NI4/2020 - NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION NO. NI4/2020

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION.

PE20/2020 – CLASS 1 APPEAL IN THE NSW LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT AGAINST COUNCIL'S REFUSAL OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 8/2018/261/1 PROPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF A BOARDING HOUSE – 6 BRIDGE STREET,

**CESSNOCK** 

WI44/2020 - SOUTH CESSNOCK INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

MOTION Moved: Councillor Gray Seconded: Councillor Lyons

1269 **RESOLVED** 

1. That Council considers in Confidential Session the following matters in accordance with Sections 10A (2) (e) & (g) of the Local Government Act 1993:

Report No. PE20/2020 – Class 1 Appeal in the NSW Land and environment court against Council's refusal of Development Application No. 8/2018/261/1 proposing construction of a Boarding House – 6 Bridge Street, Cessnock as it deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

Report No. WI44/2020 – South Cessnock Infrastructure Grants as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

2. That Council requests the Mayor in accordance with Clause 14.21 of Councils Code of Meeting Practice to report on these matters to the meeting in Open Session following completion of the Confidential Session.

Councillor Olsen		
Councillor Doherty		
Councillor Dunn		
Councillor Fagg		
Councillor Stapleford		
Councillor Suvaal		
Councillor Fitzgibbon		
Councillor Gray		
Councillor Dagg		
Councillor Burke		
Councillor Sander		
Councillor Lyons		
Councillor Pynsent		
Total (13)	Total (0)	

#### 6.56PM

# **Confidential reports (closed session)**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

**MOTION Moved:** Councillor Gray **Seconded:** Councillor Stapleford 1270

RESOLVED

That the meeting move back into Closed Session in order to consider confidential items.

Councillor Olsen Councillor Doherty Councillor Dunn Councillor Fagg Councillor Stapleford Councillor Suvaal Councillor Fitzgibbon Councillor Gray		
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Councillor Suvaal Councillor Fitzgibbon		
Councillor Dagg		
Councillor Burke		
Councillor Sander		
Councillor Lyons		
Councillor Pynsent		
Total (13)	Total (0)	

#### **Open Session**

That the meeting moved back into open session and the General Manager reported on the outcomes.

#### PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE20/2020

#### SUBJECT:

CLASS 1 APPEAL IN THE NSW LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT AGAINST COUNCIL'S REFUSAL OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 8/2018/261/1 PROPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF A BOARDING HOUSE

#### 6 BRIDGE STREET, CESSNOCK

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (g) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

Councillor Suvaal declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that he owns a property near the proposed DA site. Councillor Suvaal advised that he would leave the meeting and take no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Fitzgibbon declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she has a close family friend that lives in the vicinity of the proposal. Councillor Fitzgibbon advised that she would leave the meeting and take no part in discussion and voting.

The Mayor disclosed a Non Pecuniary Significant Conflict for the reason that a family friend is an objector to this development. The Mayor advised that he would leave the meeting.

Councillors Suvaal and Fitzgibbon left the meeting, the time being 6.39pm

The Mayor vacated the Chair and left the meeting, the time being 6.39pm

The Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair.

6.39pm

**MOTION Moved:** Councillor Gray **Seconded:** Councillor Lyons 1271

**RESOLVED** 

- 1. That Council notes the advice received in the confidential report for NSW Land and Environment Court Appeal No. 2019/48676.
- 2. That Council enters into consent orders with the applicant for approval of the amended application subject to agreed conditions, option 2.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Dunn	Councillor Olsen
Councillor Fagg	Councillor Doherty
Councillor Gray	Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Total (7)	Total (3)

# **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Deputy Mayor vacated the chair.

The Mayor and Councillors Suvaal and Fitzgibbon returned to the meeting, the time being 7.10pm

#### WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI44/2020

#### SUBJECT: SOUTH CESSNOCK INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (e) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

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

1272 **RESOLVED** 

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. That Council endorses adjustments of the South Cessnock Flood Mitigation Scheme to include an earth bund wall; raising of part of Quarrybylong St; realignment of a section of Hunter Water storm water channel, and voluntary raising of up to five houses;

- 2. That Council resolves to co-contribute up to \$876,000 over 2 years to the recent Floodplain Management Grant application for implementation of the South Cessnock Flood Mitigation Scheme.
- 3. That Council supports the negotiation of funding agreements with Subsidence Advisory NSW and Hunter Water to be progressed based on the adjusted South Cessnock Flood Mitigation Scheme.
- 4. That the General Manager engages with property owners and residents of South Cessnock to explain the adjusted Schemes and accept feedback.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

Nil

# ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS

The following person has been invited to address the meeting of Council:

Speakers	Company	For / Against	Report	Page No.	Duration
Amanda Wetzel	City Plan Strategy & Development	Against	PE19/2020 - Adoption of Cessnock Local	138	3 mins
			Strategic Planning Statement		

EXTENSION OF TIME Moved: Councillor Suvaal Seconded: Councillor Dagg

1273

## **RESOLVED**

That an extension of 1 minute be given to the speaker to complete her presentation.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Olsen
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (1)

**CARRIED** 

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

**MOTION** Councillor Sander Moved: Councillor Dagg Seconded: 1274 RESOLVED That having read and considered the report in the agenda related to items The Advertiser.......48 MM6/2020 PE15/2020 Revised Policy - Compliance and Enforcement Policy...... 54 CC43/2020 Disposal of Assets (excluding Infrastructure or Property) Policy ......283 CC44/2020 Delegation of Authority - Risk Mitigation Against Potential Impacts of Novel Coronavirus on Council Operations - Revocation of Temporary Delegation......293 **#** CC45/2020 **#** CC46/2020 Investment Report - April 2020 ......299 WI41/2020 Minutes of the Dollar for Dollar Committee Meeting of Cessnock City Council held 15 April 2020......403 WI43/2020 Minutes of Local Traffic Committee Meeting April 2020 ......409 WI45/2020 Nelson Street, Greta - Evaluation of Tender No T1920-07 - Anvil Creek Bridge Replacement......412 **#** CO5/2020 Council adopt the recommendations as printed for those items. **FOR AGAINST** Councillor Olsen Councillor Doherty Councillor Dunn Councillor Fagg Councillor Stapleford Councillor Suvaal Councillor Fitzgibbon Councillor Grav Councillor Dagg Councillor Burke Councillor Sander Councillor Lyons Councillor Pynsent **Total (13)** Total (0) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE19/2020

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF CESSNOCK LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING

**STATEMENT** 

MOTION Moved: Councillor Fitzgibbon Seconded: Councillor Dunn

1275

**RESOLVED** 

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

That Council defer the LSPS pending a Councillor workshop to discuss Planning Priorities; 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 17, 21, 22, 27, 28 and any further issues arising from the discussion.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

# **MAYORAL MINUTES**

#### MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM5/2020

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL INITIATED AWARDS COMMITTEE

**MEETING OF CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 6 APRIL 2020** 

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Pynsent

1276

**RESOLVED** 

That Council endorse the recommendations of the Committee to Consider Council Initiated Awards, held on 6 April 2020, to offer opportunities for induction into the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame in recognition of achievement and contribution to fields of endeavour.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor announced the following be inducted in to the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame in the Sport category – Mr Daniel Repacholi and Mr Simon Whitlock.

#### MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM6/2020

**SUBJECT:** THE ADVERTISER

**MOTION Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

1277 **RESOLVED** 

1. That Council writes to Australian Community media expressing concern at the closure of the Cessnock Advertiser and asking that they review the decision due to the impact on a community that is already suffering due to the prolonged droughts, bushfires and COVID-19. An impact that will be exacerbated by the loss of local news on any online service that might be maintained.

2. That the General Manager investigate options on how best to deliver Council and local information to the Cessnock community, in the absence of the Cessnock Advertiser.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

# **MOTIONS OF URGENCY**

# **MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU6/2020**

SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY	
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NIL

#### **DEFERRED BUSINESS**

#### DEFERRED BUSINESS NO. BN25/2019

SUBJECT: TIMED PARKING IN CHARLTON STREET CAR PARK

Councillor Burke declared a Non Pecuniary Interest Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that his business is contracted by the Cessnock Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Burke remained in the meeting and took part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Fitzgibbon declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a business owner in Vincent Street, Councillor Fitzgibbon left the meeting and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Fitzgibbon left the meeting, the time being 7.26pm

MOTION Moved: Councillor Olsen Seconded: Councillor Dunn

That the General Manager prepare a report for the Local Traffic Committee seeking a 3 hour limit on the Charlton Street car park next to the Reject Shop.

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

The Motion was **PUT** and **LOST**.

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

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU9/2020

SUBJECT: CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE ACCESS

Councillor Suvaal declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Interest for the reason that his sister is an employee of Justice Health of the Cessnock Correctional Centre. Councillor Suvaal remained in the meeting and participated in discussion and voting.

MOTION Moved: Councillor Gray Seconded: Councillor Suvaal 1278
RESOLVED

- 1. That Council notes the information in this report regarding the meeting held on the 4 May 2020, by the Minster for Counter Terrorism and Corrections, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, attended by the Mayor, General Manager and Director Infrastructure & Works, at which the Mayor outlined Council's resolutions to-date and reiterated Council's unanimous support for option 3a, as pertaining to the Cessnock Correctional Centre Access.
- 2. That Council notes that the State Member for Cessnock, Clayton Barr MP presented at the Council briefing on 13 May 2020.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

#### PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

#### PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE15/2020

SUBJECT: REVISED POLICY - COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY

MOTION Moved: Councillor Dagg Seconded: Councillor Sander

1279

**RESOLVED** 

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

- 1. That Council places the revised Compliance and Enforcement Policy on public exhibition for 28 days including notices of intention to revoke the existing Food Safety Policy and Noise Complaints Policy; and
- 2. That following public exhibition, Council adopt the revised Compliance and Enforcement Policy and revoke the Food Safety Policy and Noise Complaints Policy if there are no significant relevant submissions received during the public exhibition period.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

#### PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE16/2020

SUBJECT: DRAFT CESSNOCK CITY WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE

CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN - REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS AND ALLOCATION OF REPEALED CONTRIBUTION FUNDS

Councillor Fitzgibbon declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that she is a part owner of land in Nulkaba. Councillor Fitzgibbon left the meeting and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Fitzgibbon left the meeting, the time being 6.50pm

MOTION Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Dunn

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council receives and notes the public submissions received during the exhibition period of the draft Cessnock City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plan.
- 2. That Council adopts the Cessnock City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plan (CCWICP).
- 3. That Council repeals the following Contribution Plans on 1 July 2020:
  - Residential Section 94 Contributions Plan
  - Bellbird North Section 94 Contribution Plan 2010
  - Mount View Road, Millfield Precinct Section 94 Contribution Plan 2011
  - Government Road Precinct, Cessnock Section 94 Contribution Plan 2010
  - Averys Village, Heddon Greta Section 94 Contribution Plan 2013
  - Section 94 Contributions Plan Extension of Operations at Black Hill Quarry, Parish of Stockrington 1995
  - Nulkaba Section 94 Contributions Plan.
- 4. That Council provides public notice that the Cessnock City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plan has been adopted in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (NSW).
- 5. That Council notes the following table outlining the available repealed funds collected from the Residential Section 7.11 Plan:

District Community Fac. (Bushfire)	\$105,001.44
District Community Fac. (Halls)	1,219,663.14
District Community Fac. (Libraries)	135,906.06
District Open Space	602,475.23
Roads and drainage	1,641,203.24
Administration	352,575.28
Studies	122,949.80
TOTAL for Residential s7.11 Plan	\$4,179,774.19

6. That Council endorses the allocation of the repealed funds collected under the Residential Section 7.11 Plan as follows:

#### **District Community Facilities (Bushfire)**

\$105,001.44 of existing available funds and future funds be held in reserve and be allocated for future bushfire projects.

#### **District Community Facilities (Halls)**

\$1,219,663.14 of existing available funds collected be divided 80% towards multipurpose centres and 20% towards community halls and that these funds and future funds be allocated as follows:

- \$975,730.51 towards the creation of a cultural hub at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre
- \$243,932.63 be held in reserve and allocated to community halls

### **District Community Facilities (Libraries)**

\$135,906.06 of existing available funds and future funds be held in reserve to be allocated towards the planning and branch upgrades for Libraries.

#### **District Open Space**

\$602,475.23 of existing available funds and future funds be allocated to the construction of the Splash Pad at the existing Cessnock Pool, noting a balance of \$149,369.77 be funded form future funds collected over the next five years, with future funds also allocated according to the priorities outlined in the table below, when and if funding is available;

Priority 1	Cessnock Splash Pad construction	\$751,845.00
Priority 2	Design and construction of a new regional skate park	\$1,614,539.26
Priority 3	Sports amenities building replacement at Birralee Park	\$1,200,000.00

#### **Roads and Drainage**

\$1,641,203.24 of existing available funds be allocated to Priorities 1,2,3,4 and 5 of the table below and future repealed funds collected over the next five years be allocated to Priorities 6,7,8 and 9 of the table below when and if that funding is available:

Priority 1	Government Road reconstruction. These	\$88,000.00
	funds are to be repaid from Citywide	
	Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2020 in the	
	Government Road local catchment once	
	enough funds have been collected when	
	development begins.	
Priority 2	Bailey's Lane, contribution in accordance	\$126,169.00
	with Council resolution PE24/2018 Motion 455	
Priority 3	West and Wyndham Street, reconstruction	\$615,000.00
	reimbursement of Council's contribution	
Priority 4	Anvil Creek Bridge, contribution towards the	\$696,034.24
	reconstruction of the bridge. These funds are	·

	to be repaid from the Anvil Creek Planning Agreement once enough funds have been collected when development begins.	
Priority 5	Wollombi Road, Millfield, intersection works at Bennett Street	\$116,000.00
Priority 6	Thomas St, North Rothbury, drainage upgrade	\$500,000.00
Priority 7	Whitburn Estate Stages 3 & 4 drainage construction. Additional kerb and gutter at Whitburn Street, Greta and raised pathway/reshape driveway profiles in York Street, Greta	\$350,000.00
Priority 8	Bus stop upgrades to ensure DDA compliance	\$500,000.00
Priority 9	Portland Street, Millfield, drainage construction	\$500,000.00
		\$3,491,203.24

## **Administration and Studies**

\$352,575.28 and \$122,949.80 respectively collected be placed into reserve and be allocated to the ongoing administration of the Cessnock City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plan.

- 7. That repealed funds collected under the following plans be reserved for use as Council's co-contribution towards projects listed for their relevant Local Catchment area in the new Cessnock City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plan:
  - Bellbird North Section 94 Contribution Plan 2010
  - Mount View Road, Millfield Precinct Section 94 Contribution Plan 2011
  - Government Road Precinct, Cessnock Section 94 Contribution Plan 2010
  - Averys Village, Heddon Greta Section 94 Contribution Plan 2013
  - Section 94 Contributions Plan Extension of Operations at Black Hill Quarry, Parish of Stockrington 1995
  - Nulkaba Section 94 Contributions Plan;
- 8. That Council allocates \$476,923.75 in repealed funds from the Tourism Section 94 Contributions Plan (repealed) and \$23,076.25 from funds collected under Council's existing s7.12 Contributions Plan, making a total of \$500,000.00 to be allocated towards the Kurri Kurri Commercial Centre upgrades project.
- 9. That Council endorses the \$76,831.32 in funds collected for childcare under the Rose Hill Planning Agreement be reallocated to a skatepark at Crawfordville Community Hall.

**AMENDMENT** Moved: Councillor Dunn Seconded: Councillor Stapleford

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- 2. That Council adopts the Cessnock City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plan (CCWICP).

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- 4. That Council provides public notice that the Cessnock City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plan has been adopted in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (NSW).
- 5. That Council notes the following table outlining the available repealed funds collected from the Residential Section 7.11 Plan:

District Community Fac. (Bushfire)	\$105,001.44
District Community Fac. (Halls)	1,219,663.14
District Community Fac. (Libraries)	135,906.06
District Open Space	602,475.23
Roads and drainage	1,641,203.24
Administration	352,575.28
Studies	122,949.80
TOTAL for Residential s7.11 Plan	\$4,179,774.19

6. That Council endorses the allocation of the repealed funds collected under the Residential Section 7.11 Plan as follows:

#### **District Community Facilities (Bushfire)**

\$105,001.44 of existing available funds and future funds be held in reserve and be allocated for future bushfire projects.

#### **District Community Facilities (Halls)**

\$1,219,663.14 of existing available funds collected be divided 80% towards multipurpose centres and 20% towards community halls and that these funds and future funds be allocated as follows:

- \$975,730.51 towards the creation of a cultural hub at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre
- \$243,932.63 be held in reserve and allocated to community halls

#### **District Community Facilities (Libraries)**

\$135,906.06 of existing available funds and future funds be held in reserve to be allocated towards the planning and branch upgrades for Libraries.

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\$602,475.23 of existing available funds and future funds be allocated to the construction of the Splash Pad at the existing Cessnock Pool, noting a balance of \$149,369.77 be funded form future funds collected over the next five years, with future funds also allocated according to the priorities outlined in the table below, when and if funding is available;

Priority 1	Cessnock Splash Pad construction	\$751,845.00
Priority 2	Design and construction of a new regional skate park	\$1,614,539.26
Priority 3	Sports amenities building replacement at Birralee Park	\$1,200,000.00

## **Roads and Drainage**

\$1,641,203.24 of existing available funds be allocated to Priorities 1,2,3,4 and 5 of the table below and future repealed funds collected over the next five years be allocated to Priorities 6,7,8 and 9 of the table below when and if that funding is available:

Priority 1	Government Road reconstruction. These funds are to be repaid from Citywide Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2020 in the Government Road local catchment once enough funds have been collected when development begins.	\$88,000.00
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Priority 3	West and Wyndham Street, reconstruction reimbursement of Council's contribution	\$615,000.00
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Priority 8	Bus stop upgrades to ensure DDA compliance	\$500,000.00
Priority 9	Portland Street, Millfield, drainage construction	\$500,000.00
		\$3,491,203.24

#### **Administration and Studies**

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- 7. That repealed funds collected under the following plans be reserved for use as Council's co-contribution towards projects listed for their relevant Local Catchment area in the new Cessnock City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plan:
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- 8. That the \$476,923.75 in repealed funds from the tourism section 94 plan (repealed) and \$23,076.25 from funds collected under council's existing s7.12 contribution plan, not be allocated, and a report come back to council for alternate options to consider, including information on a break up of where the money was collected, and the nexus between the projects and the original intent of the repealed tourism plan.
- 9. That Council endorses the \$76,831.32 in funds collected for childcare under the Rose Hill Planning Agreement be reallocated to a skatepark at Crawfordville Community Hall.

FOR	AGAINST	
Councillor Olsen	Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dunn	Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Fagg	Councillor Burke	
Councillor Stapleford	Councillor Sander	
·	Councillor Lyons	
	Councillor Pynsent	
Total (5)	Total (7)	

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

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

**MOTION** Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Dunn 1280

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council receives and notes the public submissions received during the exhibition period of the draft Cessnock City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plan.
- 2. That Council adopts the Cessnock City Wide Infrastructure Contributions Plan (CCWICP).
- 3. That Council repeals the following Contribution Plans on 1 July 2020:
  - Residential Section 94 Contributions Plan
  - Bellbird North Section 94 Contribution Plan 2010
  - Mount View Road, Millfield Precinct Section 94 Contribution Plan 2011

- Government Road Precinct, Cessnock Section 94 Contribution Plan 2010
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- 8. That Council allocates \$476,923.75 in repealed funds from the Tourism Section 94 Contributions Plan (repealed) and \$23,076.25 from funds collected under Council's existing s7.12 Contributions Plan, making a total of \$500,000.00 to be allocated towards the Kurri Kurri Commercial Centre upgrades project.
- 9. That Council endorses the \$76,831.32 in funds collected for childcare under the Rose Hill Planning Agreement be reallocated to a skatepark at Crawfordville Community Hall.

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

#### **CARRIED**

Councillor Fitzgibbon returned to the meeting, the time being 7.54pm

#### PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE17/2020

**SUBJECT:** ADOPTION OF CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

MOTION Moved: Councillor Suvaal Seconded: Councillor Sander

1281

**RESOLVED** 

1. That Council adopts the Climate Change Policy.

2. That Council notifies those persons who made submissions of its decision and thank them for their input.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Fagg	Councillor Olsen
Councillor Stapleford	Councillor Doherty
Councillor Suvaal	Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (10)	Total (3)

CARRIED

#### PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE18/2020

SUBJECT: PLANNING PROPOSAL - 8 KERLEW STREET AND 39 PINCHEN

STREET NULKABA

Councillor Fitzgibbon declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that she is a part owner of land in Nulkaba. Councillor Fitzgibbon left the meeting and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Fitzgibbon left the meeting, the time being 7.57pm

MOTION Moved: Councillor Gray Seconded: Councillor Suvaal

1282 **RESOLVED** 

1. That Council forwards the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment seeking a 'Gateway determination'.

- 2. That Council undertakes consultation with public authorities and the community as determined by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Gateway determination.
- 3. That Council requests authorisation to exercise functions of the Minister under Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to make the plan.
- 4. That Council receives a report back on the Planning Proposal if written objections are received during the consultation with the community; otherwise forward the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment requesting the plan to be made.

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

#### **CARRIED**

Councillor Fitzgibbon returned to the meeting, the time being 8.01pm

# CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

#### CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC39/2020

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENTS - MARCH 2020

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

1283

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1. That Council notes that the March 2020 Quarterly Budget Review Statements were endorsed for presentation to Council by the Audit and Risk Committee on 12 May 2020.
- 2. That Council approves the variations to the income, expenditure and capital budgets as detailed in the March 2020 Quarterly Budget Review Statements.
- 3. That the Council notes that the Quarterly Budget Review Statements reflects a cash deficit of \$385,862 primarily due to reductions in income due to the COVID19 pandemic and that the Budget Operating Position will be revised to reflect a forecast operating deficit for the year of \$3,535,613.

AGAINST
Total (0)

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC40/2020

SUBJECT: MARCH 2020 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF 2017-21 DELIVERY

**PROGRAM** 

**MOTION Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

1284

RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the progress in implementing the 2017-21 Delivery Program as at 31 March 2020.

2. That Council endorses the following change to the Branxton Town Centre Program:

Add:

Project ID - CTB-2019-003 John Rose Avenue, Branxton - Upgrade

3. That Council endorses the following change to the Bridge Construction Program:

Add:

Project ID – CBS-2017-014 Colliery Street, Aberdare – Culvert Replacement

4. That Council endorses the following change to the Local Road Construction Program:

Add:

Project ID – CRL-2019-007 Gingers Land Weston – Stage 2

5. That Council endorses the following change to the Cultural & Community Buildings Program:

Add:

Project ID – RBC-2020-018 Mulbring RFS – Shed Improvements

6. That Council endorses the following change to the Drainage Construction Program and notes that this funding will be restricted as part of Council's contribution toward the \$1.083m co-contribution required for the recently applied for floodplain management grants which if successful will proceed in 2020-21 and 2021-22:

Carry forward to 2020-21 Program:

Project ID - CDR-2020-003 Heddon Street, Kurri Kurri

Project ID - CDR-2020-006 Thomas Street, North Rothbury

Project ID - CDR-2020-002 Whitburn Estate - Stage 3 & 4

7. That Council endorses the following change to the Recreation Facilities Construction Program:

Carry forward to 2020-21 Program:

Project ID – CFR-2020-006 Poppethead Park Kitchener – Upgrade Masterplan Implementation.

**FOR AGAINST** Councillor Olsen **Councillor Doherty** Councillor Dunn Councillor Fagg Councillor Stapleford Councillor Suvaal Councillor Fitzgibbon Councillor Gray Councillor Dagg Councillor Burke Councillor Sander Councillor Lyons Councillor Pynsent **Total (13)** Total (0) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

#### CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC41/2020

SUBJECT: POLICY REVIEW 2020 - REVOCATION OF POLICIES

**MOTION Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

1285

**RESOLVED** 

- 1. That Council revokes the following policies as outlined in this report.
  - 1. Contributions to Legal Costs (2003)
  - 2. Council's Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve (1998)
  - 3. Council Truck Overloading Penalty (2003)
  - 4. Councillors Acceptance of Invitations to Functions (1998)
  - 5. Donations Policy (2013)
  - 6. Investment and Management of Council Funds (1998)
  - 7. Leasing of Council Property for Grazing Purposes (2003)
  - 8. Major Capital Projects Governance Policy (2014)
  - 9. Protection for Residents Mowing Footpaths (2003)
  - 10. Provision of Loans to Community and Sporting Organisations (2013)
  - 11. Public Liability Cover for Leased Property (2013)
  - 12. Purchase of Goods and Services (Tenders) (2013)
  - 13. Rates Subsidy to Community Organisations Policy (2017)
  - 14. Voted Funds (1992)
  - 15. Handling of Disclosure Under the Protected Disclosure Act (2005)
  - 16. Whistleblower Policy (2009)
  - 17. Council Email and Fax Services (2006)
  - 18. Vineyard District Signage System Policy (2013)
  - 19. Councillors Conference Attendance (2001)
  - 20. Approval and Monitoring of Secondary Employment of Council Staff (2005)
  - 21. Assistance Provided to Employees Undertaking a Course of Study (2003)
  - 22. Granting of Defence Force Reserve Leave to Employees (2003)
  - 23. Granting of Leave Without Pay (2003)
  - 24. Grievance Handling (2003)
  - 25. Higher Grade Pay (2003)
  - 26. Interview Expenses (1981)
  - 27. Job Sharing Arrangements (2003)
  - 28. Private Use of Vehicles by Senior Staff (2003)
  - 29. Recognition of Employees Service (2003)
  - 30. Relocation Expenses to Appointed Employees (2003)
  - 31. Rental Subsidy for Newly appointed Employees (2003)
  - 32. Staff Attendance at an Employee's Funeral (2003)
  - 33. Staff Attendance at Court by Subpoena (2003)
  - 34. Staff Conference Expenses (1978)
  - 35. Staff Corporate Wardrobe (2003)
  - **36.** Sun Protection (2009)
  - 37. Union Picnic Day (2002)
  - 38. Use of Private Vehicles on Council Business (2001)
  - 39. Work Experience Program (2003)
  - 40. Workplace Harassment (2003)
  - 41. Youth Apprenticeship Program (2000)
  - 42. Rehabilitation Guidelines for Injured workers (1998)

- 43. Smoking in the workplace (1992)
- 44. Building Approval Conditions for Land Fronting Harle Street, Abermain (2014)
- 45. Code for the Construction and Alteration of Food Premises (2006)
- 46. Control of Noxious Weeds (2013)
- 47. Management for the Use of Pesticides (2003)
- 48. Sulo Bin Supply for Special Functions (2003)
- 49. Building Applications Sandy Creek Road (2004)
- 50. Road Maintenance by Council on Unsealed Rural Public Roads Resulting from Development (2005)
- 51. Wollombi Valley Flood Planning Levels (2005)
- 52. Aquatics Policy (2007)
- 53. Assistance to Sporting Bodies (2003)
- 54. Children Supervision Policy Cessnock Pool, Branxton Pool and Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre (2013)
- 55. Consumption of Services by Users of Community Facilities (1992)
- 56. Future Aquatic and Related Facilities (2003)
- 57. Ground Maintenance on Private Property Owned or Used by Community Organisations (2003)
- 58. Management of Council's Cemeteries (2003)
- 59. Mowing of School Grounds (1971)
- 60. Playground Policy (2013)

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- 61. Use of Swimming Pools by School Groups (2003)
- 62. Refocussing of Lights on Playing Fields (2003)
- 63. Sporting Organisations Using Council Sporting Facilities (2003)
- 64. Cessnock Airport Hangar Construction (2013)
- 65. Conservation, Maintenance and Reuse of Historical Construction Material (2013)
- 66. Contribution of Roadworks on Unformed roads (1983)
- 67. Hiring out of Plant Owned by Council (2003)
- 68. Tree Root blockage of Sewer Services (1994)
- 2. That the General Manager undertake consultation with the Employee Consultative Group on all the above policies relating to employment conditions before they are formally revoked. If there are no unresolved issues then Council approves the policy revocation, otherwise for any unresolved issues a further report be returned to Council for consideration.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

#### CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC42/2020

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF DRAFT 2020-21 OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR PUBLIC

**EXHIBITION** 

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

1286

**RESOLVED** 

- 1. That Council places the Draft 2020-21 Operational Plan on public exhibition for 28 days in accordance with Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- 2. That Council notes that the Draft 2020-21 Operational Plan has included the forecast impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and that impact has been estimated based on utilising the currently understood positions of the Federal and NSW State governments resulting in a \$717,833 cash deficit and a \$744,699 operating loss before capital grants and contributions.
- 3. That Council notes that it is difficult to forecast the future impact from the Coronavirus pandemic and as assumptions change in line with the prevalence of the virus, its impact and the government response Council's forecasts will also need to be reassessed and possibly revised.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Olsen
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (1)

CARRIED

# CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC43/2020

SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF ASSETS (EXCLUDING INFRASTRUTURE OR

PROPERTY) POLICY

MOTION Moved: Councillor Dagg Seconded: Councillor Sander

1287

**RESOLVED** 

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

That Council adopts the Disposal of Asset (excluding Infrastructure or Property) Policy.

FOR	AGAINST	
Councillor Olsen		
Councillor Doherty		
Councillor Dunn		
Councillor Fagg		
Councillor Stapleford		
Councillor Suvaal		
Councillor Fitzgibbon		
Councillor Gray		
Councillor Dagg		
Councillor Burke		
Councillor Sander		
Councillor Lyons		
Councillor Pynsent		
Total (13)	Total (0)	

#### CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC44/2020

SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY - RISK MITIGATION AGAINST

POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS - REVOCATION OF TEMPORARY DELEGATION

MOTION Moved: Councillor Dagg Seconded: Councillor Sander

1288 **RESOLVED** 

1. That Council revoke the 18 March 2020 temporary delegation of authority for the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor, and the General Manager jointly to exercise any function of Council should the need arise which would limit the orderly operations of Council in regards to the operations of the governing body of elected members.

2. That Council notes that there were no matters considered or decisions made under the temporary delegation.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

## CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC45/2020

**SUBJECT:** DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS IN WRITTEN RETURNS

**MOTION Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

1289

**RESOLVED** 

That Council notes the tabling of the disclosures of interests written returns (for the period 1 February 2020 to 31 April 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 Dagg		
Councillor Burke		
Councillor Sander		
Councillor Lyons		
Councillor Pynsent		
Total (13)	Total (0)	

### **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC46/2020**

**SUBJECT:** INVESTMENT REPORT - APRIL 2020

**MOTION Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

1290 **RESOLVED** 

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

That Council receives the Investment Report for April 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 \$41,392,107, year to date interest earned to 30 April was \$581,064 and the interest earned for April 2020 was \$49,016.

FOR	AGAINST	
Councillor Olsen		
Councillor Doherty		
Councillor Dunn		
Councillor Fagg		
Councillor Stapleford		
Councillor Suvaal		
Councillor Fitzgibbon		
Councillor Gray		
Councillor Dagg		
Councillor Burke		
Councillor Sander		
Councillor Lyons		
Councillor Pynsent		
Total (13)	Total (0)	

### CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC47/2020

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTIONS TRACKING REPORT

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

1291

**RESOLVED** 

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

June 2020

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

FOR **AGAINST** Councillor Olsen **Councillor Doherty** Councillor Dunn Councillor Fagg Councillor Stapleford Councillor Suvaal Councillor Fitzgibbon Councillor Gray Councillor Dagg Councillor Burke Councillor Sander Councillor Lyons Councillor Pynsent Total (0) **Total (13)** 

# **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

## **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI36/2020**

SUBJECT: BADDELEY PARK, CARMICHAEL PARK & WESTON BEARS PARK

**MASTERPLANS** 

Councillor Olsen declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he has 3 grandsons playing for Weston Bears. Councillor Olsen remained in the meeting and took part in discussion and voting.

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

1292

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That Council places the draft Weston Bears Park Masterplan on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days and invite public submissions.

- 2. That a site visit be arranged for Carmichael Park to explain the plan.
- 3. That a site visit be arranged for Baddeley Park to explain the plan.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

### **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI37/2020**

**SUBJECT:** ADOPTION OF TRAILS STRATEGY

**MOTION Moved:** Councillor Gray **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

1293

**RESOLVED** 

- 1. That Council adopts the Trails Strategy.
- 2. That Council notifies those who made submissions of Council's decision.
- 3. That Council makes provisions for the implementation of the Trails Strategy in consideration of future Operational Plans and available resources, including grant funding and development contributions.
- 4. That all references to "Wonnorua Nation" are changed to "Wonnorua People".

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

## **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI38/2020**

**SUBJECT:** RECOVERY STIMULUS PROJECTS

**MOTION Moved:** Councillor Gray **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

1294

RESOLVED

1. That Council endorses the list of proposed "Recovery Stimulus Projects" as detailed in Tables 1, 2 and 3 below:-

Table 1 – Proposed Projects for Immediate Commencement

No	Proposed Project	Project Origin
1.1.	Kookaburra Trail Clean Up and Restoration	Draft Trails Strategy
1.2.	Hunter River Nature Walk Clean Up and Restoration	Draft Trails Strategy
1.3.	Branxton to Greta Memorial Shared Pathway	Previous Council resolutions
		Cessnock REDS Bushfire Addendum Report
1.4.	Branxton Town Centre Upgrade & Public Domain Works Stage 2	Branxton Town Centre Public Domain and Implementation Plan
1.5.	Weston Public School Zone Precinct Upgrade	Traffic Facilities Program
1.6.	Kurri Kurri Town Centre Upgrade & Master Plan Works Stage 2	Kurri Kurri Commercial Centre Masterplan
1.7.	Thomas Street, North Rothbury Road Widening & Drainage	Drainage Construction Program
1.8.	Cessnock CDB Civic Precinct Upgrade Stage 2	Cessnock Public Domain Plan and Implementation Plan
1.9.	Cessnock CBD Bypass Stage 1 via Duffie Drive, Cessnock	Cessnock LGA Traffic and Transport Strategy 2018
1.10.	City Wide Bus Stop Connection Pathways	Previous Council resolution
1.11.	City Wide Bus Stop Upgrade	Disability Discrimination Act compliance

Table 2 – Proposed Projects for Short Term Commencement

No	Proposed Project	Project Origin
2.1.	Cessnock to Nulkaba Shared Pathway via Cessnock Public School, Bridges Hill Playground and Manning Park	Cessnock LGA Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan

2.2.	Weston to Neath Off Road Shared Pathway	Cycling Strategy 2016
2.3.	Nulkaba Shared Pathway via Wine Country Drive – component of 2.1	Previous resolution Cessnock REDS Bushfire Addendum Report
2.4.	Gingers Lane, Weston Off Road Shared Pathway	Cessnock LGA Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan Cessnock REDS Bushfire Addendum Report
2.5.	City Wide Village Pathway Connections Stage 1	Cessnock LGA Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan
2.6.	Government Road and Mitchell Avenue, Weston Road Rehabilitation	Road Rehabilitation Program
2.7.	Hart Road, Loxford Upgrade Connection to Hunter Expressway	Cessnock LGA Traffic and Transport Strategy 2018
2.8.	Kitchener Dam Loop Trail Boardwalk, Look out and Trails	Draft Trails Strategy
2.9.	Wollombi Heritage Walk Extension Trail	Draft Trails Strategy

Table 3 – Proposed Projects for Medium Term Commencement

No	Proposed Project	Project Origin
3.1.	Hunter Valley Wine Country Vineyards Cycleway	Cessnock REDS Bushfire Addendum Report
		<u>Draft Concept Vineyard</u> <u>Cycleway Plan</u>
3.2	Local Creeks and Waterways Environmental Rehabilitation	Stormwater, Waterway and Floodplain Strategy
		Cessnock REDS Bushfire Addendum Report
3.3	Wollombi Historic Village Conservation & Public Domain Upgrade Stage 1	Cessnock REDS Bushfire Addendum Report
3.4	Cessnock Northern Outer CBD Bypass Stage 1 via Oakey Creek Road, Pokolbin	Cessnock LGA Traffic and Transport Strategy 2018
3.5	Heddon Greta Commuter Car Park	Previous Council resolution
		Cessnock REDS Bushfire Addendum Report
3.6	Wollombi Road, Cessnock Widening and Upgrade	Cessnock LGA Traffic and Transport Strategy 2018

3.7	Old Maitland Road, Sawyers Gully Upgrade,	Cessnock LGA Traffic
	Sealing and Conservation of Stone Culverts	and Transport Strategy
		2018
		Cessnock REDS
		Bushfire Addendum
		Report

- 2. That Council notes the anticipated order of costs to undertake each of the projects listed.
- 3. That the Federal Members of Hunter and Paterson be informed of the stimulus projects.
- 4. That the State Member for Cessnock be informed of the stimulus projects.
- 5. That 1.9 Cessnock CBD Bypass Stage 1 via Duffie Drive, Cessnock be removed from the Immediate Term Table 1 and be placed in the Medium Term Table 3.

FOR	AGAINST	
Councillor Olsen		
Councillor Doherty		
Councillor Dunn		
Councillor Fagg		
Councillor Stapleford		
Councillor Suvaal		
Councillor Fitzgibbon		
Councillor Gray		
Councillor Dagg		
Councillor Burke		
Councillor Sander		
Councillor Lyons		
Councillor Pynsent		
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#### **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI39/2020**

SUBJECT: BRIDGES RENEWAL & HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY & PRODUCTIVITY

**PROGRAMS** 

MOTION Moved: Councillor Gray Seconded: Councillor Sander

1295 **RESOLVED** 

- 1. That Council endorses applications under the Bridges Renewal and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programs for the following projects:
  - o Yango Creek Bridge, Wollombi,
  - Kline Street Bridge, Weston,
  - Sandy Creek Road, Quorrobolong, and
  - o Camp Road, Greta.
- 2. That Council endorses the co-contributions for each of the grant applications as detailed in the report, being:
  - o Yango Creek Bridge, Wollombi \$1,176,500,
  - o Kline Street Bridge, Weston \$650,000,
  - Sandy Creek Road, Quorrobolong \$295,800, and
  - o Camp Road, Greta \$626,400.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
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Councillor Burke	
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Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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# **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI40/2020**

**SUBJECT:** MILLFIELD RFS PREMISES

MOTION Moved: Councillor Stapleford Seconded: Councillor Dunn

1296

**RESOLVED** 

That Council notes the progress of the establishment of a NSW Rural Fire Service facility at Millfield.

FOR	AGAINST	
Councillor Olsen		
Councillor Doherty		
Councillor Dunn		
Councillor Fagg		
Councillor Stapleford		
Councillor Suvaal		
Councillor Fitzgibbon		
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Councillor Burke		
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Councillor Lyons		
Councillor Pynsent		
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#### **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI41/2020**

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR COMMITTEE MEETING OF

**CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL HELD 15 APRIL 2020** 

MOTION Moved: Councillor Dagg Seconded: Councillor Sander

1297 **RESOLVED** 

1. That the Minutes of the Dollar for Dollar Committee of 15 April 2020 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.

- 2. That Council writes to all applicants advising them of the outcome of their applications and thank them for their ongoing support and commitment to the enhancement of the local environment.
- 3. That Council provides Sustainable Communities Tidy Towns Dollar for Dollar Grant funding to Greta Tidy Towns of \$3,460.91.
- 4. That the remaining Sustainable Communities Tidy Towns Dollar for Dollar budget (\$4,004.65) be rolled into the Community Environmental Care and Initiatives program as per the Tidy Towns Policy.
- 5. That Council provides Community Environmental Care and Initiatives funding to Weston Heritage & Tidy Town Committee of \$2,136.40.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
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Councillor Pynsent	
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#### **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI42/2020**

**SUBJECT:** MINUTES OF ROADS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9

**APRIL 2020** 

MOTION Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Dunn

1298

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That the Minutes of the Roads Review Committee meeting of 9 April 2020 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.

- 2. That Council endorses the following initial list of roads for transfer to Transport for New South Wales under the NSW State Government's proposed Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review;
  - MR181 From the Central Coast Council boundary to Wollombi then via Millfield and Bellbird to Allandale Road at Cessnock.
  - MR453 Elderslie Road From Singleton council boundary to old New England Highway to Branxton connector road.
  - MR590 From the Central Coast and Cessnock Council boundary via George Downes Drive to the Wisemans Ferry-Singleton Road at Bucketty
  - RR7786 From MR220 Wine Country Drive Lovedale Road and Allandale Road over the Hunter Expressway interchange to Maitland Local government boundary
  - RR7787 Buchanan Road From John Renshaw Drive Roundabout to Maitland Local government boundary.
  - RR7767 Broke Road From the Cessnock- Branxton Road south of Rothbury via Broke Road to the Singleton boundary near Pokolbin

	FOR	AGAINST
	Councillor Olsen	
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	Councillor Fagg	
	Councillor Stapleford	
	Councillor Suvaal	
	Councillor Fitzgibbon	
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	Councillor Sander	
	Councillor Lyons	
	Councillor Pynsent	
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## **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI43/2020**

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 2020

MOTION Moved: Councillor Dagg Seconded: Councillor Sander

1299

**RESOLVED** 

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

1. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting of April 2020 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.

2. TC11/2020 - That Council authorises installation of line marking on Buchanan Road, Buchanan, in accordance with the Buchanan Road Buchanan \_ Signage & Line Marking Diagram.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
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## **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI45/2020**

SUBJECT: NELSON STREET, GRETA - EVALUATION OF TENDER NO T1920-07

- ANVIL CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

**MOTION Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

1300

**RESOLVED** 

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

1. That Council accepts the tender from CASA Projects Pty Ltd in the amount of \$1,391,985.10 (including GST) for T1920-07 – Anvil Creek Bridge Replacement.

2. That Council allocates \$690,000 of repealed developer contributions to allow acceptance of the tender and associated works.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
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# **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO5/2020**

SUBJECT: RICHMOND VALE RAIL TRAIL

MOTION Moved: Councillor Dagg Seconded: Councillor Sander

1301

**RESOLVED** 

That Council notes the correspondence from the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Industry and Trade, The Hon. John Barilaro MP, regarding assistance to finalise the Development Application on the Richmond Vale Rail Trail project.

	FOR	AGAINST
	Councillor Olsen	
	Councillor Doherty	
	Councillor Dunn	
	Councillor Fagg	
	Councillor Stapleford	
	Councillor Suvaal	
	Councillor Fitzgibbon	
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## COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

## Councillor Gray

### **Hunter New England Local Area Health Committee Report**

- Everything is going well at Kurri Kurri and Cessnock Hospitals, especially during the Covid 19 Crisis.
- Covid 19 Protocols have been put in place and social distancing rules and monitoring
- Both Hospitals have redundancy if things go pear shape
- Some issues of theft from corridors of masks and hand sanitizer has been observed and putting supplies of Personal Protective Equipment at risk for staff. Remedial actions have been put in place to reduce opportunity for theft to occur
- No recruitment of Visiting Medical Offices has taken place however still pursuing this issue.

## **Hydro Community Consultative Committee Report**

- Demolition of the remaining buildings has been going along well with the schedule currently on track
- Covid 19 has not disrupted the demolition, however new work practices put in place to ensure Work Health and Safety on site
- No personnel that was needed on site have been remote working off site
- Spent Pot lining is continuing to be moved off site and processed and to schedule
- Some contamination has been identified and remediation has taken place as required by the regulations from the EPA
- Overall remediation of the site is go along well with remediated areas of the site being seeded to lower dust levels.
- Currently Hydro working through rezoning with both Cessnock and Maitland councils
- From my observations and interaction, I have full confidence that the demolition process is being conducted under industry best practice and any complaints are taken on board and acted on promptly

## Councillor Dagg

#### MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS EXECUTIVE MEETING - 7 MAY 2020

Briefing received from Jonathon Wheaton & Donatella D'Amico from DPIE on the Resources for Regions review. Wheaton indicated that there had been delays in finalisation of the review due to the state government dealing with drought, fires, water security issues and now COVID-19. The new Guidelines and R4R program have been completed and it is with the Deputy Minister, who is expected to announce soon when those details will be released and the next round will become active. Eligible councils will be advised directly, expected to be by mid-year. It is not expected the new program will be linked to royalties.

### **HUNTER WATER CCAG MEETING - 12 MAY 2020**

Report received from Hunter Water's new Manager Director, Darren Cleary.

Current water storage is currently at 66.8%. We have had good rainfall, although this has decreased over past month. We have moved from Level 2 Restrictions back to Level 1, and we will remain on Level 1 for the time being. The BOM long range outlook is that we are expecting to return to average rainfall, taking us to 80% storage levels which will see us well placed heading into summer. Climate outlooks have been shifting every few weeks as these are unstable to still a degree of uncertainty.

17 submissions were received on the Belmont desalination plant project. DPIE are currently considering these with planning approval expected in due course with design work continuing in the meantime. If the predicted rainfall comes, we won't need the desalination plant but will keep doing the work and have the project on the shelf ready to go in case things change.

Water restrictions have seen a 15% reduction of water usage on top of normal climatic usage.

IPART are looking at releasing their final report on the 16<sup>th</sup> June we are expecting a stabilization and potential slight reduction in prices.

COVID-19 has been the number 1 focus by ensuring safety of both our workers and community, so HW has changed the way in which they undertake their work in the community, by crews disinfecting their trucks, how crews are rostered, etc. HW delivers an essential service so there is a need to keep working however most in the office are now working remotely. Assistance for customers who are having trouble paying bills has grown as there has been a 10 fold increase in the number of customers experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 HW is being proactive and have put in place a range of measures to assist, including putting accounts on hold with no interest, stopping the practice of restricting water meters and generally working with customers as not one response will suit all.

Finally, investigations are being undertaken into the development of a new dam as part of LH Water Security Plan – this is in the very early stages. Water recycling has strong community support and so officers are exploring options for recycled drinking water, in addition to recycled non-potable water for use by councils for example on sporting fields and the like. HW has been working with Awabakal & Worimi communities to create children's resource and education book in an effort to shape water use by future generations.

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 8.49pm

**CONFIRMED AND SIGNED** at the meeting held on 17 June 2020

CHAIRPEI	RSON
GENERAL MANA	AGER