

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016, COMMENCING AT  
6.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor R Pynsent (in the Chair) and Councillors Doherty, Wrightson, Olsen, Ryan, Stapleford, Hawkins, Smith and Campbell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager  
Director Planning and Environment  
Director Corporate and Community Services  
Director Works and Infrastructure  
Manager Governance and Business Services  
Corporate Administration Officer

**APOLOGIES:**

**MOTION** **Moved:** Councillor Wrightson  
**Seconded:** Councillor Stapleford

1675

**RESOLVED** that the apologies tendered on behalf of Councillors Parsons, Gibson and Troy for unavoidable absence, be accepted and leave of absence granted.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Wrightson	
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (9)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Doherty  
**Seconded:** Councillor Campbell

1676

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 4 May 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

**FOR**

Councillor Doherty  
Councillor Ryan  
Councillor Hawkins  
Councillor Smith  
Councillor Campbell  
Councillor Pynsent

**Total (6)**

**AGAINST**

Councillor Wrightson  
Councillor Olsen  
Councillor Stapleford

**Total (3)**

**CARRIED**

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI8/2016**

**SUBJECT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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NIL

**PETITIONS**

Nil

**ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS**

Nil

**MOTIONS OF URGENCY**

**MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU8/2016**

**SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY**

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Nil

**DEFERRED BUSINESS**

**DEFERRED BUSINESS NO. WI24/2016**

**SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF PART OF PUBLIC ROAD ADJACENT TO 1200 OLD MAITLAND ROAD SAWYERS GULLY**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Smith      **Seconded:** Councillor Campbell  
1677  
**RESOLVED**

That Council not approve the application for road closure or give consent for the Applicant to lodge an application for road closure with Crown Lands for that portion of Old Maitland Road Sawyers Gully adjacent to the north east boundary of Lot 11 DP 755231 and west of the constructed Old Maitland Road.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Wrightson	
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (9)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE33/2016

**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 21 APRIL 2016**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Smith      **Seconded:** Councillor Wrightson  
1678  
**RESOLVED**

1. That the Minutes of the Environmental Strategy and Management Committee held 21 April 2016 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council with the exception of recommendations relating to quarterly community collaboration planning sessions (ENVCGB2/2016) and the Draft Cycling Strategy the (ENVCGB3/2016).
2. That Council consider the Environmental Strategy and Management Committee recommendation relating to ENVCGB2/2016 and determine whether Council should investigate the hosting of quarterly community collaboration planning sessions for cross fertilisation of activities and to improve grant access and opportunities.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Wrightson	
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (9)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE34/2016**

**SUBJECT: MARCH 2016 QUARTER REVIEW OF 2013-17 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND FIT FOR THE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT PROPOSAL**

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**MOTION**            **Moved:** Councillor Smith            **Seconded:** Councillor Campbell  
1679  
**RESOLVED**

1. That Council note the progress in implementing the 2013-17 Delivery Program as at 31 March 2016.
2. That Council endorse the following change to the 2015-16 Capital Works Program:
  - a. Remove: CFR-2015-001 Bridges Hill Park Cessnock Playground Replacement
3. That Council note the inclusion of individual projects in the Capital Works Miscellaneous Minor Drainage program.
4. That Council note the progress in the implementation of Council's Improvement Proposal and the updated forecasts against the Fit for the Future benchmarks.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Wrightson	
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (9)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC25/2016**

**SUBJECT: QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENTS - MARCH 2016**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Smith      **Seconded:** Councillor Campbell  
1680

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council endorse the March 2016 Quarterly Budget Review Statements were presented to and endorsed by the Audit Committee on 3 May 2016.
2. That Council approve the variations to the income, expenditure and capital budgets as detailed in the March 2016 Quarterly Budget Review Statements.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Wrightson	
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (9)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC26/2016**

**SUBJECT: INVESTMENT REPORT - APRIL 2016**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Wrightson      **Seconded:** Councillor Smith  
1681  
**RESOLVED**

**That Council receive the report and note the information on investments held.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Wrightson	
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (9)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC27/2016**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS TRACKING REPORT**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Smith      **Seconded:** Councillor Wrightson  
1682  
**RESOLVED**

**That Council receive the report and note the information.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Wrightson	
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (9)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC28/2016**

**SUBJECT: MEETING NOTES OF THE INQUORATE CESSNOCK CITY YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 3 MAY 2016**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Campbell      **Seconded:** Councillor Smith  
1683  
**RESOLVED**

**That Council notes the summaries of the topics discussed at the inquorate Cessnock City Youth Council Committee meeting held on 3 May 2016.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Wrightson	
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (9)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC29/2016**

**SUBJECT: USE OF FACILITY FOR 2016 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION PRE-POLL**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Campbell      **Seconded:** Councillor Smith  
1684  
**RESOLVED**

That Council does not offer the Community Meeting Room for the purposes of Pre-Poll

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Wrightson	Councillor Doherty
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (8)</b>	<b>Total (1)</b>

**CARRIED**

## **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI27/2016**

**SUBJECT: LOMAS LANE BRIDGE REINSTATEMENT (T1516/03)**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Stapleford      **Seconded:** Councillor Smith  
1685

**RESOLVED**

**That Council accept the tender from Kenpass Pty Ltd in the amount of \$349,600 (including GST) to replace Lomas Lane Bridge at Nulkaba.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Wrightson	
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Ryan	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (9)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI28/2016**

**SUBJECT:     TIMBER BRIDGE RENEWAL PROGRAM - PRIORITY CHANGES**

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**MOTION           Moved:**   Councillor Stapleford   **Seconded:**   Councillor Wrightson  
1686

**RESOLVED**

1.   That further investigation and prioritisation be undertaken for Abbotsford Bridge and a further report be provided to Council.
  
2.   That the following additional bridges and major culverts be included in the Draft 2016/2017 Bridge Construction Program:
  - Milsons Arm Bridge, Milson Arm Road, Laguna
  - Anvil Creek Bridge, Nelson Street, Greta
  - Gillies Bridge
  - Dixon Street Bridge
  - McFarlane Street Bridge
  - Stockyard Creek Bridge
  - Neath Road Culvert
  - Watagan Creek #1 Bridge
  - Duffie Drive Culvert
  - Galloway Street Culvert
  - Burgesses Bridge
  
3.   That \$800,000 of Council's 2016/2017 Roads to Recovery funding be allocated to the 2016/17 Bridge Construction Program to fund the additional projects listed.
  
4.   That the balance of the 2016/2017 Roads to Recovery funding be allocated to the 2016/17 Local Road Renewal Program.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Ryan
Councillor Wrightson	
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (8)</b>	<b>Total (1)</b>

**CARRIED**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ36/2016**

**SUBJECT: HEDDON GRETA TRAFFIC ISSUES**

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The answer was noted.

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ37/2016**

**SUBJECT: POND AT PEACE PARK**

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The answer was noted.

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ38/2016**

**SUBJECT: ROUGH SURFACE IN BOUNDARY STREET, KURRI KURRI**

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The answer was noted.



## **QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

*Councillor Morgan Campbell*

### **MOTION - FLYING FOXES AT EAST CESSNOCK**

Councillor Campbell referred to a previous resolution for Council to contact the Department of Lands for financial assistance in regard to a Camp Management Plan for the Flying Foxes and asked that Councillors receive a copy of the letter.

*Councillor Rod Doherty*

### **INVITATION TO FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS**

Councillor Doherty referred to an invitation to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations at Tamburlaine Winery and asked whether other invitations are being received and not extended to Councillors.

## **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Doherty

Bloomfield Group meeting

Councillor Doherty advised of his attendance at the Bloomfield Group meeting and advised that he has copies of the Annual Environmental Management Report 2015 and Independent Environmental Audit November 2015 which he will pass onto Council Officers.

Mayor

Association of Mine Related Councils

The Mayor advised of his attendance at the above meeting and advised that a draft VPA will be circulated to members and a generic report will be distributed to each member Council for each council to vote on the MOU in the VPA.

*The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 6.40pm*

**CONFIRMED AND SIGNED** at the meeting held on 1 June 2016

.....**CHAIRPERSON**

.....**GENERAL MANAGER**