

MINUTES:

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Doherty
Seconded: Councillor Stapleford

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RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 September 2017, 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 Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Dagg
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI17/2017

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.

PE53/2017 – Draft Submission on the Options Paper into Short Term Holiday Letting in NSW – Councillor Fagg declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that the report relates to his primary source of income and results of this report may have a financial impact on his business. Councillor Fagg advised that he would leave the chamber and take no part in discussion and voting.

CC68/2017 – Request for Donation under Section 356 – Branxton Preschool – Councillor Dagg declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a member of the applicant organisation. Councillor Dagg advised that she would leave the chamber and take no part in discussion and voting.

WI74/2017 – North Rothbury Tidy Towns – Twilight Markets - Councillor Dagg declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a member of the applicant organisation. Councillor Dagg advised that she would leave the chamber and take no part in discussion and voting.

WI74/2017 – North Rothbury Tidy Towns – Twilight Markets – Councillor Sander declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a member of the North Rothbury Tidy Towns Committee. Councillor Sander advised that she would leave the chamber and take no part in discussion and voting.

PE52/2017 – Section 96 (AA) Application to Modify NSW Land and Environment Court Order No. 10515 of 1995 (Council reference: 5/1994/80115/1) – Black Hill Road, Black Hill – Councillor Fitzgibbon declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a family friend of the applicant. Councillor Fitzgibbon advised that she would leave the chamber and take no part in discussion and voting.

WI74/2017 – North Rothbury Tidy Towns – Twilight Markets – Councillor Fagg declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that he is a member of the Tidy towns Group. Councillor Fagg advised that he would leave the chamber and take no part in discussion and voting.

PE53/2017 – Draft Submission on the Options Paper into Short Term Holiday Letting in NSW – The Mayor declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that he is a co-owner of a Farmstay. The Mayor advised that he would leave the chamber and take no part in discussion and voting.

PETITIONS

Nil

ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTES

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM14/2017

SUBJECT: THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE REGISTER

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Pynsent

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RESOLVED

1. That Council submit the following infrastructure projects and supporting information for inclusion in the Local Government Community Infrastructure register as proposed by the Australian Local Government Association:
 - Cessnock Airport Upgrade;
 - Richmond Vale Rail Trail Project;
 - Timber Bridge replacement/refurbishment program;
 - Branxton to Greta Cycleway Construction.

2. That Council write to the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, MP, Prime Minister of Australia; the Hon. Bill Shorten, MP, Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon, MP, Member for the Hunter and Meryl Swanson MP, Member for Paterson, seeking support for the above projects.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM15/2017

SUBJECT: POLICING REVIEW - IMPACTS ON CESSNOCK LGA

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Pynsent

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RESOLVED

That Council urgently seek a meeting with the NSW Premier The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, Minister for Police The Hon. Troy Grant MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter and Central Coast, Scot MacDonald MLC, Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr MP and New South Wales Police Commissioner Michael Fuller to advocate for the retention of Cessnock and Kurri Kurri in the Central Hunter LAC and that the areas of Greta, Branxton and their surrounds currently located within the Hunter Valley LAC be moved into the Central Hunter LAC.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU17/2017

SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY

Nil

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU15/2017

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE BY THE INTERNAL AUDITOR AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS GUIDANCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
271
RESOLVED

1. That Council approves the attendance of the Internal Auditor at international meetings of the Institute of Internal Auditors Guidance Development Committee in Orlando, Florida in November 2017 and Dubai in May 2018.

2. That the travel expenses be recorded in Council's Annual Report.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE52/2017

SUBJECT: SECTION 96 (AA) APPLICATION TO MODIFY NSW LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT ORDER NO. 10515 OF 1995 (COUNCIL REFERENCE: 5/1994/80115/1)

BLACK HILL ROAD, BLACK HILL

Councillor Fitzgibbon declared a – Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a family friend of the applicant. Councillor Fitzgibbon left the chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Fitzgibbon left the meeting, the time being 6.44pm.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
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RESOLVED

1. That Council determine the Section 96(AA) Application to modify NSW Land and Environment Court Order No. 10515 of 1995, to amend the quarry floor specifications to enable extraction of coal and establish the Waratah Sandstone strata as the extent of quarry operations at Lots 683 and 686, DP 619758; Lot 2 DP 123949; Lot 1 DP 957782; Lot 1 DP 536570, Black Hill Road Black Hill, pursuant to Section 96(AA) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, by the granting of consent subject to the modified conditions contained in this report.
2. That Council notify in writing the persons who made a submission with regard to the proposed development, of Council's decision.

MODIFIED CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

Condition No 1 is modified and shall read as follows:

The development is to be carried out generally in accordance with the proposals set out in the Environmental management Plan (EMP) revised in accordance with condition 4 and Environmental Impact Statement, as modified by the following conditions of consent and the material to be extracted **may include coal in association with** a mixture of ridge gravel, clay shale and sandstone being the material described in the Environmental Impact Statement subject to a maximum height of 185m AHD. The limit of extraction as shown on figure 3.2 is to be surveyed and the extraction boundary pegged at 50 metre intervals by a registered surveyor for the remaining life of the operation.

The maximum volume of product to be transported from the site shall not exceed 55 laden truck movements per day.

Condition No. 49 is modified and shall read as follows:

49. Environmental Management Plan

The requirements/conditions/recommendations contained within the Environmental Management Plan 2015 prepared by 'Kleinfelder,' dated 18 May 2015, **and as subsequently amended**, shall be complied with at all times. **The Environmental Management Plan for the quarry operations is to be amended to include the extraction and stockpiling of coal, and such amended Environmental Management Plan must be submitted to and approved by Council prior to the extraction of any coal from the site.** The extent of the quarry operations are strictly confined to the area described under the approved plans and documentation. In addition to the land area described, quarry operations are restricted to a maximum wall height of 185 metres AHD in accordance with Condition 1 and shall not extend the depth of the ~~existing~~ quarry floor **beyond the Waratah Sandstone as indicated by the plans accompanying the application** other than with the further approval of the consent authority.

All EMP rehabilitation requirements (inclusive of those requirements of Conditions 4, 31A and 31B) are to be met in conjunction with compliance with Condition 50.

Condition No. 50 is modified and shall read as follows:

50. Rehabilitation Plan

The requirements/conditions/recommendations contained within the Rehabilitation Plan prepared by 'Kleinfelder,' dated 18 May 2015, shall be complied with at all times. **The Rehabilitation Plan is to be amended to include the extraction of coal, and such amended Rehabilitation Plan must be submitted to and approved by Council prior to the extraction of any coal from the site.**

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (11)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Fitzgibbon returned to the meeting, the time being 6.46pm.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE53/2017

SUBJECT: DRAFT SUBMISSION ON THE OPTIONS PAPER INTO SHORT TERM HOLIDAY LETTING IN NSW

Councillor Fagg declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that the report relates to his primary source of income and results of this report may have a financial impact on his business. Councillor Fagg left the chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

Mayor Pynsent declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that he is a co-owner of a Farmstay. Mayor Pynsent left the chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Fagg left the chamber, the time being 6.46pm.

Mayor Pynsent vacated the chair and left the meeting, the time being 6.46pm.

Councillor Stapleford (Deputy Mayor) assumed the chair, the time being 6.46pm.

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

That Council endorse the draft submission to the Options Paper on Short-Term Holiday Letting in NSW.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Total (10)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Fagg returned to the meeting, the time being 6.47pm.

Mayor Pynsent returned to the meeting and assumed the chair, the time being 6.47pm.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE54/2017

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL FOR CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NOS. 8/2017/459/1 AND 8/2017/460/1

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
274
RESOLVED

That Council nominate Councillor Lyons as an alternate Councillor representative to the Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel to consider and/or determine Development Application Nos. 8/2017/459/1 and 8/2017/460/1, and advise the Joint Regional Planning Panel, Panel Secretariat of this appointment.

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

CARRIED

ORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC66/2017

SUBJECT: SECTION 449 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS RETURNS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
275
RESOLVED

That the report be received and the information noted.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC67/2017

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the election of Deputy Mayor be held and determined by open ballot for the term of office from October 2017 up and until October 2018.**
- 2. That the Deputy Mayor fee of \$800 be maintained.**

The General Manager advised the meeting that two nominations had been received those being Councillors Olsen and Burke

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

The result of the vote is as follows:

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

For Councillor Burke – Councillors Stapleford, Fitzgibbon, Gray, Dagg, Burke, Sander, Lyons, Mayor Pynsent.

The General Manager advised that Councillor Burke was the successful candidate and elected to the position of Deputy Mayor from October 2017 until October 2018.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC68/2017

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DONATION UNDER SECTION 356 - BRANXTON PRESCHOOL

Councillor Dagg declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a member of the applicant organisation. Councillor Dagg left the chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Dagg left the meeting, the time being 6.51pm.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Burke **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
276
RESOLVED

1. That Council include the property at 13 John Street, Branxton, leased by Branxton Preschool in the listing of community groups receiving a subsidy under Policy “Rates Subsidy to Community Organisations”.
2. That Council provide a 50 percent rebate on general rates for 2017-18 and future rating years in accordance with the Policy.
3. That a subsidy of \$3,202.18 be provided in 2017-18 under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (11)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Dagg returned to the meeting, the time being 6.51pm.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC69/2017

SUBJECT: EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE OF WATER WITHIN 10 AND 12 COOPER STREET, HEDDON GRETA

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Stapleford
277
RESOLVED

1. That Council acquires an easement for the drainage of water being 7m wide and variable on the south eastern boundary of Lot 15 Section 20 DP 3816 and the northern boundary of Lot 16 Section 20 DP 3816 being 10 and 12 Cooper Street, Heddon Greta.
2. That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate the terms of the easement and prepare the necessary documents for registration at Land and Property Information (LPI) NSW.
3. That Council authorise the Common Seal of Cessnock City Council to be affixed to the documents relating to the granting of the easement over Lots 15 and 16 Section 20 DP 3816.
4. That Council authorise the Mayor and/or General Manager to execute the documents relating to the granting of the easement over Lots 15 and 16 Section 20 DP 3816.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC70/2017

SUBJECT: TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF LINEMARKING

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
278

RESOLVED

1. That Council accepts the Regional Procurement tender for the Provision of Linemarking (T301718HUN).
2. That Workforce Road Services Pty Ltd, Combined Traffic Management Pty Ltd and J & M Roadmarking Specialists Pty Ltd be accepted to a standing offer contract panel under the Regional Procurement Tender for the Provision of Linemarking (T301718HUN) for the period 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2019 with an option to extend the contract for a further 12 months based on satisfactory performance by the successful tenderers.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC71/2017

SUBJECT: TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Olsen
279

RESOLVED

1. That Council accepts the Regional Procurement tender for the Provision of Traffic Control (T311718HUN).
2. That Guardian Traffic Services Pty Ltd, Evolution Traffic Control Pty Ltd and Workforce Road Services Pty Ltd be accepted to a standing offer contract panel under the Regional Procurement Tender for the Provision of Traffic Control (T311718HUN) for the period 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2019 with an option to extend the contract for a further 12 months based on satisfactory performance by the successful tenderers.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC72/2017

SUBJECT: CONSULTANCY AND CONTRACTOR COSTS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
280

RESOLVED

That Council receive the report and note the information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI74/2017

SUBJECT: NORTH ROTHBURY TIDY TOWNS - TWILIGHT MARKETS

Councillor Dagg declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a member of the applicant organisation. Councillor Dagg left the chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Sander declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a member of the North Rothbury Tidy Towns Committee. Councillor Sander left the chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Fagg declared a Non Pecuniary Interest – Significant Conflict for the reason that he is a member of the Tidy Towns Group. Councillor Fagg left the chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillors Dagg, Sander and Fagg left the meeting, the time being 6.52pm.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Burke **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
281

RESOLVED

That Council supports the North Rothbury Tidy Towns Twilight markets on Saturday 28 October and Saturday 25 November 2017 by waiving the associated fees and charges as detailed in the report with the exclusion of the market stall fees.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (9)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors Dagg, Sander and Fagg returned to the meeting, the time being 6.54pm.

- NO PARKING (7am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4:30pm school days) signs at the western end of Dalwood Road;
- NO PARKING - BUSES EXCEPTED signs on the western side of Wyndham Street between Maitland Street and Dalwood Road;
- NO STOPPING signs on the northern side of Dalwood Road covering the residential driveways;
- C3 NO STOPPING line marking on the northern side of Dalwood Road covering the residential driveways;
- NO STOPPING signs on Wyndham Street across the entry to Dalwood Road (west);
- BUS ZONE signs on the western side of Wyndham Street between Maitland Road and Dalwood Road; and
- NO STOPPING sign to reinforce the statutory 20m NO STOPPING area on the western side of Wyndham Street at the signalised intersection with Maitland Street.

5. **TC27/2017** – That Council note that installation of a marked pedestrian crossing in Keene Street cannot be undertaken, as the mandatory requirements of the RMS numerical warrant are not able to be satisfied, and

That a pedestrian refuge be installed in Keene Street in accordance with the previous recommendation (TC9/2017).

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN49/2017

SUBJECT: ABANDONED VEHICLES

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
283

RESOLVED

1. That the General Manager investigates if Council can impound an abandoned vehicle immediately under Section 16 (5) of the Impounding Act 1993 if the impounding officer is satisfied that it may be vandalised or set on fire and is likely to be a danger to the public.
2. That the General Manager write to the NSW Police informing them of the abnormal high number of abandoned vehicles in the Cessnock Local Government Area.
3. That the following motion be submitted to the Local Government NSW Board for consideration for inclusion as an agenda item for the 2017 Local Government NSW Annual Conference:
 - That the NSW Government review Section 16(5) of the Impounding Act 1993 to enable the immediate removal of abandoned motor vehicles where the motor vehicles are likely to be set alight thereby causing potential bushfires.
4. That a report be considered by Council at its meeting of 18 October 2017.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ111/2017

SUBJECT: PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR ROSEHILL ESTATE MILLFIELD

The answer was noted.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ112/2017

SUBJECT: POLICING OF LOADING ZONES

The answer was noted.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ113/2017

SUBJECT: EVENTS AND SPORTING EVENTS AT BADDELEY PARK

The answer was noted.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ114/2017

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF EVENTS AT BADDELEY PARK

The answer was noted.

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

BMX TRACK CESSNOCK LGA

Councillor Olsen asked how soon it will be before Cessnock gets a BMX Track that is built to a decent standard.

Councillor Anthony Burke

ADVERTISING TENDERS/QUOTATIONS

Councillor Burke asked how local businesses know about upcoming tenders/quotations at Council.

Councillor Mark Lyons

PRESERVATION OF OLD VINEYARDS AND VINES

Councillor Lyons asked what heritage protections are actually involved to ensure that the old vineyards and vines are preserved for the future.

Councillor Paul Dunn

CLOCK IN CHAMBER

Councillor Dunn asked when the clock will be put back into the Chamber.

The General Manager advised that it would be done tomorrow.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO25/2017

SUBJECT: **POLICING RESOURCES - CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PREMIER OF NSW, LOCAL AREA COMMANDER CENTRAL HUNTER AND THE MEMBER FOR CESSNOCK**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
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RESOLVED

That Council note the correspondence received.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Sander

Branxton Pool Staff

Appreciation to all staff at Branxton pool for getting ready for new season.

Councillor Gray

Local Health Advisory Committee Meeting 3 October 2017

Councillor Gray advised of his attendance at the Local Health Advisory Committee meeting on 3 October 2017 at Kurri Hospital and reported that the Operating Theatre at Kurri Hospital will be shut down from 8 December to 12 March 2018 and will be temporarily relocated to Cessnock for the duration.

Likewise the second operating theatre is set to open at Cessnock Hospital to compensate for Kurri Kurri's temporary closure.

The Cessnock Mental Unit has been upgraded and will be utilised by identified patients displaying mental health issues and prisoners from the Correctional Centre.

Winter bed numbers are now being closed down due to lack of demand, this year's flu strain was particularly bad and took its toll on the community and staff alike.

As part of a rapid response and continuous improvement program, our District hospitals have introduced a new REACH program for patient wellbeing and family/carer communications. Often carers and supporting family members pick up on things that might not be quite right within the care of a patient or quickly pick up on a worrying change in condition.

REACH stands for ...

Recognise - a change or a concern

Engage – Nurses or Doctors regarding their concern

If not responded to adequately

Act – Ask to speak to the nurse in charge, ask for a clinical review – should occur within 30 minutes

If still not adequately responded to

Call – Using bedside phone emergency team (49365549)

Help – is on its way.

These calls are taken extremely seriously and outside of duty hours carers will talk directly to the Hospital Manager or the General Manager of the Lower Hunter Sector.

A quick snap shot of both Kurri Kurri and Cessnock District key performance indicators, shows that we are in a very good hands indeed. All our public health staff should be commended for their efforts.

Councillor Olsen

Censure Motion

At the Council meeting of 21 June 2017 Council moved a Censure Motion against myself after a prolonged investigation into my conduct and comments made by myself that offended some Councillors.

I was also required to attend mandatory training in the Code of Conduct and Meeting Practice plus education of acceptable standards of behaviour which may be considered misconduct or otherwise unacceptable.

On Friday 29 September 2017 I attended the training with Norm Turkington from NTA and we spent the afternoon discussing the Code of Conduct for Councillors, which I have a copy of his presentation available if any other Councillor would be interested in reviewing. At the end of the meeting it was agreed that I have a good understanding of the Code and what is required of me in my role and duties as a councillor.

On Tuesday 2 October 2017 I attended a meeting with the General Manager as per resolution 2 where I was to be counselled in relation to my behaviour and the consequences of further transgressions. We discussed many issues and agreed on many points where we could see how I get frustrated and how I can frustrate staff with some of my questions which I have taken on board. We agreed that moving forward and putting this behind us was best for all concerned.

I believe now that I have fulfilled my part of the motion and finalised as per all resolutions after a cost of over \$10,000 to Council.

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 7.13pm

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 18 October 2017

.....**CHAIRPERSON**

.....**GENERAL MANAGER**