

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2018, 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
Finance & Administration Manager
Financial Accountant
Infrastructure Manager
Economic Development Manager
Media & Communication Officer
Corporate Governance Officer

MINUTES:

MOTION	Moved: Councillor Dagg Seconded: Councillor Burke
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RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 13 December 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 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. DI1/2018

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.

GMU1/2018 Town Coordinator and Associated Economic Development Grants Reporting – Councillor Burke declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that he is the Town Coordinator for Cessnock Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Burke advised that he would leave the Chamber and take no part in discussion and voting.

W11/2018 Cessnock Stomp Festival - In-Kind Support - Councillor Burke declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that he is the Town Coordinator for Cessnock Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Burke advised that he would leave the Chamber and take no part in discussion and voting.

PETITIONS

NIL

ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS

NIL

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN
CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

NOTICE OF INTENTION NO. NI1/2018

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CONFIDENTIAL
SESSION**

**CC7/2018 - RICHMOND MAIN COLLIERY - ELECTRICITY
CONNECTION AND LICENCE/LEASE AGREEMENTS**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
383
RESOLVED

1. That Council consider in Confidential Session the following matters in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993:

Report No. CC7/2018 – Richmond Main Colliery – Electricity Connection and Licence/Lease Agreements as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting or proposes to (conduct) business.

2. That Council request the Mayor in accordance with Section 253 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 to report on these matters to the meeting in Open Session following completion of the Confidential Session.

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. MOU1/2018

SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY

NIL

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU1/2018

SUBJECT: TOWN COORDINATOR AND ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS REPORTING

Councillor Burke declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that he is the Town Coordinator for Cessnock Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Burke left the Chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Burke left the meeting, the time being 6.32pm

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Dunn

That Council receive and note the report.

AMENDMENT **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Fitzgibbon

1. **That Council receive and note the report.**
2. **That Council notes its disappointment that there are no outcomes listed as part of the KPIs.**
3. **That outcomes be listed in future KPI reports.**
4. **That Council set up a Committee of 4 Councillors to oversee the KPIs, outcomes and development of this process. That the General Manager calls for expressions of interest from Councillors with the committee to be decided at the next Council meeting on 21 February 2018.**

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

The Amendment was **PUT** and **CARRIED** and as such became the **MOTION**.

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

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Fitzgibbon
384

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council notes its disappointment that there are no outcomes listed as part of the KPIs.
3. That outcomes be listed in future KPI reports.
4. That Council set up a Committee of 4 Councillors to oversee the KPIs, outcomes and development of this process. That the General Manager calls for expressions of interest from Councillors with the committee to be decided at the next Council meeting on 21 February 2018.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Burke returned to the meeting, the time being 6.38pm

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU2/2018

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR COUNCIL TO BID FOR THE HOSTING OF THE 2020 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (NSW BRANCH) STATE CONFERENCE.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg
385
RESOLVED

1. That Council submits an application to host the 2020 ALGWA State Conference.
2. That should there be a shortfall in funding, that Council will contribute funds from the Tourism Projects Fund up to \$5,000 should the application be successful.

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU3/2018

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW (LGNSW) TOURISM CONFERENCE 2018 - ATTENDANCE REQUEST

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg
386
RESOLVED

1. That Council endorse the attendance of Councillors Pynsent and Gray to the LGNSW Tourism Conference 2018 to be held in Parkes from 12-14 March 2018.
2. That Councillors interested in attending the conference complete the 'Request to attend Conference/Seminar' form and forward to the General Managers Executive Assistant by COB Friday 9 February 2018 for consideration by Council at the meeting of 21 February 2018.

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. PE1/2018

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF STRATEGIC PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 13 DECEMBER 2017

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
387
RESOLVED

1. That the Minutes of the Strategic Property and Community Facilities Committee Meeting held on the 13 December 2017 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council, with the following amendment:-

Councillor Lyons, not Councillor Dunn was late to the meeting.

2. That the General Manager returns a confidential report examining the value in purchase and consolidation of properties in the pool precinct.

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

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC1/2018

SUBJECT: JOINT ORGANISATION

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
388

RESOLVED

1. That Council inform the Minister for Local Government of the Council's endorsement of the Minister recommending to the Governor the establishment of a Joint Organisation in accordance with this resolution.
2. That Council approve the inclusion of the Council's area in the Joint Organisation's area.
3. That the Joint Organisation be established to cover the Council's area and any one or more of the following Council areas:

Dungog Shire Council, Lake Macquarie City Council, Maitland City Council, Mid-Coast Council, Muswellbrook Shire Council, Newcastle City Council, Port Stephens Council, Singleton Council and Upper Hunter Shire Council.
4. That the General Manager before 28 February 2018 provide the Minister for Local Government with a copy of this resolution including the date on which Council made this resolution.
5. That the General Manager on the expiry of a period of 28 days from the making of this resolution inform the Minister for Local Government that this resolution has not been rescinded.

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. CC2/2018

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT REPORT - DECEMBER 2017

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Stapleford
389

RESOLVED

That Council receive the report and note the information.

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. CC3/2018

SUBJECT: PROJECT AUTHORISATION AND REVOTES POLICY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Doherty
390

RESOLVED

That Council place the Project Authorisation and Revotes Policy on Public Exhibition for a period of 28 days and if there are no significant public submissions received that the policy be automatically adopted at the end of the 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)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC4/2018

SUBJECT: COUNCILLORS EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg
391

RESOLVED

1. That Council place the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with changes to Sections 8.6 and 10.1 as follows:-

8.6 Reimbursement of expenses for reasonable legal expenses must have General Manager approval prior to costs being incurred, subject to the limitations contained within Section 8 above.

10.1 Council will provide to the Mayor a maintained vehicle to a similar standard of other Senior Staff, with a fuel card. The vehicle will be supplied for use for civic and private use.

2. That a further report to be presented to Council following the public exhibition period for consideration of any significant submissions received.
3. That if there are no significant submissions or changes to the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy following the exhibition period the policy automatically be adopted and the current Recognition of Service for Retiring or Defeated Councillors Policy be revoked.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Olsen
Councillor Fagg	Councillor Dunn
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (11)	Total (2)

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC5/2018

SUBJECT: PROPOSED COUNCILLOR INDUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES CONSULTATION DRAFT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Stapleford
392
RESOLVED

That Council review the proposed Councillor Induction and Professional Guidelines and provide any points that require feedback to the General Manager by 23 February 2018 to enable a submission to be drafted for lodgement to the Office of Local Government by 16 March 2018.

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. CC6/2018

SUBJECT: RICHMOND MAIN COLLIERY - REMEDIATION PLAN

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
393

RESOLVED

That the report be Deferred to allow time for a site inspection to be carried out and a briefing to be held.

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

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI1/2018

SUBJECT: CESSNOCK STOMP FESTIVAL - IN-KIND SUPPORT

Councillor Burke declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that he is the Town Coordinator for Cessnock Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Burke left the Chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Burke left the meeting, the time being 7.00pm

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
394

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council supports the Stomp Festival by providing in-kind support as detailed in the report for waste management services and the provision and installation of road closure equipment in accordance with the Festival Traffic Control Plan.**
- 2. That Council waive the Road Events and Activities Temporary Road Closure Application fees.**
- 3. That Council suspends the operation of the Alcohol Free Zone in Vincent and Cooper Streets, Cessnock between the hours of 6.00am and 6.00pm on Sunday, 8 April 2018.**

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

CARRIED

Councillor Burke returned to the meeting, the time being 7.04pm

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI2/2018

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 18 DECEMBER 2017

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Lyons
395
RESOLVED

1. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held 18 December 2017 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council being;
 1. **TC37/2017** - That regulatory edge and center line marking be marked on Charlton Street, Cessnock in accordance with the enclosed Line Marking Diagram approved by the Local Traffic Committee.
 2. **TC38/2017** - That regulatory angle parking signage and edge and centre line marking be installed on Quarrybylong Street, Cessnock in accordance with the Signage Diagram approved by the Local Traffic Committee.
 3. **TC39/2017** - That regulatory line marking be installed at Aberdare Street, Kurri Kurri in accordance with the Line Marking Diagram approved by the Local Traffic Committee.
 4. **TC40/2017** - That regulatory signs and line marking be installed on Frame Drive, Abermain in accordance with the Signs and Line Marking Diagram approved by the Local Traffic Committee.

2. That the intersection of West Avenue/Wollombi Road and Percy Street in regard to road safety be sent to the Traffic Committee.

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

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI3/2018

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 15 DECEMBER 2017

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
396
RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee Meeting held 15 December 2017 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council, which includes the following:

1. Listed Matter FLOCLM6/2017:

- **That Council submit a formal letter to the Mine Subsidence Board requesting financial assistance/compensation to property owners who have suffered flooding of their properties as a result of mine subsidence in South Cessnock;**
- **That Council prepare a submission to the Mine Subsidence Board requesting a mine subsidence compensation package to further reduce flood impacts as a result of mine subsidence in South Cessnock;**
- **That Council seek support from the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities and Minister for the Arts; Scot MacDonald, Parliamentary Secretary for Planning, the Central Coast and the Hunter, and Clayton Barr, Member for Cessnock, for consideration by the Mine Subsidence Board.**

2. Listed Matter FLOCLM7/2017;

- **That Council review funding options prior to acceptance of the successful 2017 Floodplain Management Grants;**
- **That Council seek financial support from Singleton Council for the construction and maintenance of the Wollombi Flood Warning System;**
- **That Council work with local community groups, such as Landcare, on an environmental restoration grant application to improve the environmental health of Swamp Creek in the Abermain and Weston area;**
- **That Council examine the introduction of arrangements to allow community members to maintain areas of Swamp Creek.**

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

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI4/2018

SUBJECT: GENERIC PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg
397

RESOLVED

1. **That Council adopt the Generic Plan of Management for community land categorised as General Community Use.**
2. **That Council adopt the Generic Plan of Management for community land categorised as General Community Use – Drainage.**

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

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI5/2018

SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT CIRCUIT, KEARSLEY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
398

RESOLVED

1. That Council note the estimated cost of \$816,000 to prepare and seal 1,100m of Government Circuit.
2. That Council note the provisions and purpose of Council's adopted Existing Unsealed Council Roads Policy, which does not support the sealing of Government Circuit.
3. That Council note the commitment made by Roads and Maritime Services in relation to the installation of an Advanced Side Street Road Name sign to reduce unintentional vehicle movements into Government Circuit.

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

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI6/2018

SUBJECT: TENDER EVALUATION REPORT FOR T1718/02 MILSONS ARM ROAD WOLLOMBI BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

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

399

RESOLVED

1. That Council decline to accept any tenders;
2. That Council decline to invite fresh tenders due to the fact that the tendered amount exceeds Council's allocated funding for the project;
3. That the General Manager enter into negotiations with a suitable bridge contractor with a view to entering into a contract for replacement of Milsons Arm Bridge within the project budget.
4. If the budget is insufficient to provide the replacement of Milsons Arm Bridge a report come back to Council.

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

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI7/2018

**SUBJECT: TENDER EVALUATION REPORT FOR CONTRACT 137/1408
COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT OF ORGANICS FROM CESSNOCK,
MAITLAND AND SINGLETON COUNCILS' WASTE MANAGEMENT
CENTRES**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg
400
RESOLVED

That Council, subject to the adoption of complementary resolutions by Maitland City Council at its meeting on 30 January 2018 and by Singleton Council at its meeting on 19 February 2018, accepts the tender from Australian Native Landscapes Pty Ltd for Contract 137/1408 for the Collection and Transport of Organics from Cessnock Waste Management Centre commencing on 1 March 2018 for period of two years. The estimated cost to Council for the contract term is \$156,000 (ex GST).

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

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI8/2018

SUBJECT: TENDER EVALUATION REPORT FOR T1718-04 CONSTRUCTION OF INFORMATION BAYS (STRUCTURES) KEARSLEY, LOVEDALE & POKOLBIN

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg
401
RESOLVED

That Council accept the tender from Days Building Construction Pty Ltd in the lump sum amount of \$273,850.14 (including GST) for construction of four information bays.

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

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI9/2018

**SUBJECT: TENDER EVALUATION REPORT FOR T1718-03 WINE COUNTRY
PRECINCT SIGNS**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg
402
RESOLVED

That Council accept the tender from Church Communities Australia LTD in the lump sum amount of \$208,529.20 (including GST) for provision of Wine Country Precinct Signs.

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

BUSINESS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN54/2018

SUBJECT: RE-INSTATE MOUNT VIEW ROAD

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Olsen **Seconded:** Councillor Dunn

1. That Council re-instate to the current budget the amount of \$258,000 to complete planned roadworks to Mount View Road, Cessnock as originally programmed.
2. That Council return the deferred section of footpath on Mount View Road to the 2017/2021 delivery program.

AMENDMENT **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Dunn

1. That Council reaffirms its position to not undertake significant road works on Mount View Road until the NSW State Government has constructed an alternate access to the Cessnock Correctional Centre.
2. That Council calls on the NSW State Government to quickly confirm and construct the access to the Cessnock Correctional Centre at Kerlew Street Nulkaba.

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)

The Amendment was **PUT** and **CARRIED** and as such became the **MOTION**.

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

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Dunn
403
RESOLVED

1. **That Council reaffirms its position to not undertake significant road works on Mount View Road until the NSW State Government has constructed an alternate access to the Cessnock Correctional Centre.**

2. **That Council calls on the NSW State Government to quickly confirm and construct the access to the Cessnock Correctional Centre at Kerlew Street Nulkaba.**

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

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN1/2018

SUBJECT: COUNCILLORS CHRISTMAS FUNCTION - LITTLE STROKE WARRIORS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Olsen **Seconded:** Councillor Dunn

That Council donate to Little Stroke Warriors the equivalent of the cost for my wife and myself to attend the end of year function for Councillors as requested last year.

FOR

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg

Total (3)

AGAINST

Councillor Doherty
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Dagg
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent

Total (10)

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

QUESTIONS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

QUESTIONS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN NO. QWNG1/2018

SUBJECT: CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE - MOUNT VIEW ROAD

FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ1/2018

SUBJECT: WINE COUNTRY DRIVE ROADWORKS

The answer was noted.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ2/2018

SUBJECT: DRAINAGE ISSUES AT NULKABA

The answer was noted.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ3/2018

SUBJECT: ENTICING BUSINESSES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

The answer was noted.

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councillor Sander

UPDATE ON VARTY PARK

Councillor Sander asked for an update in regard to Varty Park changing from Community to Operational Land.

Councillor Sander

GOVERNMENT ROAD, WESTON

Councillor Sander asked for a status report in regard to Government Road, Weston and whether Council or the RMS are in charge.

Councillor Darrin Gray

KURRI KURRI AMBULANCE HALL

Councillor Gray asked for an update on the current status of the Kurri Kurri Ambulance Hall.

Councillor Darrin Gray

FIRE BOMBING OF CARAVAN – BROOKS STREET, KURRI

Councillor Gray asked what the circumstances were leading up to the fire-bombing of a caravan in Brooks Street, Kurri Kurri over the Christmas period and Council's subsequent response.

Councillor Di Fitzgibbon

ASH STREET DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Fitzgibbon asked for an update on the Ash Street development.

Councillor Di Fitzgibbon

RICHMOND VALE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Councillor Fitzgibbon asked for an update on where Richmond Vale Conservation Management Plan is up to and when is it likely to be released for Councillors and Stakeholders to view.

Councillor Ian Olsen

FRAME DRIVE WORKS

Councillor Olsen asked how long it will be before Frame Drive is finished and of that, how much will be completed, will it get past the bridge.

Councillor Ian Olsen

PUMP TRACK AND POOL

Councillor Olsen asked when Council will be getting some information or reports back regarding a pump track and also the pool.

Councillor Rod Doherty

SECTION 94 CONTRIBUTIONS

Councillor Doherty asked for an explanation on whether there is a statutory period, if any, on spending Section 94 contributions before a developer can ask for their money back.

Councillor Jay Suvaal

FENCE – KEARSLEY TENNIS COURTS

Councillor Suvaal asked for an update on when the fence around the Kearsley tennis courts will be repaired and available for use.

Councillor Melanie Dagg

NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY BRANXTON

Councillor Dagg asked for an update in relation to the handover of New England Highway at Branxton.

Councillor Paul Dunn

REPLACEMENT OF CREPE MYRTLES

Councillor Dunn asked if there were any plans to replace the Crepe Myrtles on Wollombi Road coming into Cessnock as they are dying.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO1/2018

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR GREYHOUND RACING TO RETURN TO CESSNOCK

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Stapleford
404

RESOLVED

That Council note the correspondence received.

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

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO2/2018

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC EMERGENCY SERVICES PRECINCT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
405
RESOLVED

That Council note the correspondence received.

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

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO3/2018

**SUBJECT: POLICING REVIEW - IMPACTS ON CESSNOCK LGA -
CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MINISTER FOR POLICE**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Doherty
406
RESOLVED

1. That Council note the correspondence received.
2. That Council notes its disappointment that the Minister has refused a meeting with the Mayor and Director.

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

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO4/2018

SUBJECT: NSW GOVERNMENT FIXING COUNTRY ROADS PROGRAM - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING OF PAYNES CROSSING BRIDGE AND THE MOUNT VINCENT TO MILLFIELD UPGRADE

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
407
RESOLVED

That Council note the correspondence received.

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

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO5/2018

SUBJECT: THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE REGISTER

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
408

RESOLVED:

That Council note the correspondence received.

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

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO6/2018

SUBJECT: NSW GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR TOURIST ROUTE 33 - WOLLOMBI ROAD - WOLLOMBI TO BELLBIRD

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
409
RESOLVED:

That Council note the correspondence received.

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

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Gray

Kurri Hospital Works

Councillor Gray advised that he and Councillor Sander had the opportunity to view the recent works that were carried out at Kurri Hospital on Tuesday. What a great job the hospital staff have done over the Christmas period. Very dedicated and highly competent people, led by Vanessa Fellows, Manager, the facility is being upgraded and painted to reflect the outside the pride and work that was carried out on the inside. Repairs and painting of the front perimeter fence, upgrading the Operating Theatres and the Emergency Department and installation of the new kitchen areas which were over 50 years old. The Operating Theatres will be operational by the end of April.

Stage 2 of the new Rehabilitation Ward has just completed its first 12 months of operation and Councillor Gray can assure the Community that these facilities are state of the art and match the staff that operate them. Renovation of more facilities is going to be conducted and Management is looking for funding opportunities to carry out renovations to the Outpatients Rehabilitation Centre.

Maitland can be congratulated for securing their public funding and operating their new hospital. The up side for us is that our localised district hospitals, with their specialisations, are now more relevant and secure than ever. These facilities and our local staff are something the Community can be truly proud of.

Councillor Lyons

Wollombi Chamber meeting

Councillor Lyons, Stapleford and Dunn attended the first Wollombi Chamber meeting for the year. They were invited to listen to feedback from the business leaders on the challenges that face such an isolated community. It was very good to actually see, in such a small community, about 30 business operators all thriving and growing their businesses. They received feedback on their frustrations regarding signage mainly.

Councillor Dagg

New Plaque in Chamber

Councillor Dagg thanked staff for the installation of the new Plaque on the Lectern in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Dunn

Internal Audit Meeting

Councillor Dunn reported on his attendance at the Internal Audit Committee meeting that was held on Tuesday 6 February 2018.

MOTION

410

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Lyons

RESOLVED

That the meeting move into closed session in order to consider confidential items.

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

7.52PM

Open Session

That the meeting move back into open session and the General Manager reported on the outcome of the Confidential Session.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC7/2018

SUBJECT: RICHMOND MAIN COLLIERY - ELECTRICITY CONNECTION AND LICENCE/LEASE AGREEMENTS

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg
411

RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the approximate cost of \$8,000 for the re-establishment of electrical connection at Richmond Main Colliery, associated supply and authority fees and installation of a private meter, with funding to be from existing operational budgets (site electricity allocation) and the insurance claim.
2. That Council notes that once connected all future electricity usage costs will be the responsibility of site user groups.
3. That Council allocates \$18,000 from the Land and Miscellaneous Reserve for a structural building assessment to identify a scope of works for four buildings, being the Administration Building (museum), workshops and store buildings used by Forgemasters (Aust) Pty Ltd and the Richmond Vale Preservation Cooperative Society located within Precinct B.
4. That following the structural building assessment a further report be provided to Council outlining the identified costs for make safe and necessary repair works and be in accordance with the Draft Conservation Management Plan.

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

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 7.53pm

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 21 February 2018

.....**CHAIRPERSON**

.....**GENERAL MANAGER**