

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2021,
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, Burke, Sander and Lyons.

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager
Director Planning and Environment
Director Corporate and Community Services
Director Works and Infrastructure
Economic Development & Tourism Manager
Chief Finance and Administration Manager
Management Accountant
Corporate Governance Officer

APOLOGY: Nil

MINUTES:

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn
 Seconded: Councillor Gray

1807

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 August 2021, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI8/2021

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.

WI68/2021 – Weston Bears Park Masterplan - Councillor Olsen declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant conflict for the reason that he has three grandsons playing for Weston. Councillor Olsen advised that he would remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced him in carrying out his public duty because there are no guarantees the boys will stay at Weston and this is a long term project.

BN26/20221 – Relocation of Entrance to Cessnock Correction Centre – Councillor Suvaal declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant conflict for the reason that his sister is an employee of Justice Health working at the Cessnock Correctional Centre. Councillor Suvaal advised that he would remain in the chamber 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.

BN25/2021 – Banners – Councillor Burke declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant conflict for the reason that Cessnock Chamber of Commerce were part of the original program. Councillor Burke advised that he would remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced him in carrying out his public duty.

BN23/2021 – Tourism Related Activities – Councillor Fagg declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that he owns holiday accommodation. Councillor Fagg advised that he would leave the meeting and take no part in discussion and voting.

PETITIONS

NIL

ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS

NIL

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

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1808

RESOLVED

that having read and considered the reports in the agenda related to items

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Council adopt the recommendations as printed for those items.

FOR	AGAINST
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Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
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Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Fagg joined the meeting, the time being 6.34pm

MAYORAL MINUTES

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM9/2021

SUBJECT: VACCINATION RATES

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Pynsent **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1809
RESOLVED

1. That the General Manager writes to the NSW Premier, Deputy Premier and Health Minister outlining Council's concerns at the relative low rates of vaccinations in the Cessnock LGA.
2. That Council writes to the Prime Minister and Minister for Health, Greg Hunt MP requesting the urgent release of Pfizer vaccine to the Cessnock LGA, to prepare the Cessnock community for the imminent tourism boom as outlined in the road map.
3. That Council requests that the NSW Department of Health urgently establishes a mass vaccination facility in the Cessnock LGA.
4. That priority be given to essential workers in the Cessnock LGA in preparation of Regional NSW opening and tourism.
5. That Council acknowledges the collaboration between Federal Member for Hunter, Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Federal Member for Patterson Meryl Swanson MP and State Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr MP, in establishing the mass vaccination centre and vaccine availability.
6. That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor continue discussions with the Federal Member for Hunter, Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Federal Member for Patterson Meryl Swanson MP and State Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr, to obtain a solution to the vaccination issue in the Cessnock LGA.

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
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Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (12)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM10/2021

SUBJECT: MOLLY WORTHINGTON NETBALL COURTS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Pynsent **Seconded:** Councillor Doherty
1810
RESOLVED

That Council notes that between the August and September 2021 Council meetings the Mayor under delegated authority exercised the following decision of Council:

1. That the General Manager enacts resolution WI30/2021 as a matter of urgency.
2. That the General Manager presents a report to the October meeting of Council outlining the progress of the resolution WI30/2021 since it was adopted by Council on 19 May 2021.
3. That the General Manager presents a report to the October meeting outlining the progress of resolution WI52/2021 which was adopted by Council on 21 July 2021.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
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Councillor Stapleford	
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MOTIONS OF URGENCY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU8/2021

SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors now indicate if there are any matters of urgency which they believe should be conducted at this meeting of Council.

Councillor Suvaal

That the General Manager take all necessary steps to allow Cessnock pool to reopen in a COVID safe way from Monday 27 September 2021 in accordance with advice in the NSW Public Health Orders. That the General Manager also take the necessary steps to ensure Branxton pool can reopen in a COVID safe way at its original scheduled opening date.

Councillor Olsen
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The Urgency Motion as **PUT** and **CARRIED** and will be dealt with at the conclusion of the listed matters on the Business Paper.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU14/2021

SUBJECT: SERVICE NSW PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1811

RESOLVED

1. That Council endorses the creation of a partnership agreement with Service NSW to assist with supporting small business within the Cessnock local government area; and
2. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Service NSW.

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU15/2021

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 31 AUGUST 2021

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1812
RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 31 August 2021 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
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Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE45/2021

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC PLANNING ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dunn **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1813
RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the information contained within this report being an overview of residential development activity, land supply and progress of key planning Strategies for the 2020-2021 financial year.
2. That Council notes the above average uptake of land sales in the three lifestyle categories of land supply, specifically since the projected figures adopted in the The Cessnock Local Strategic Planning Statement 2036, the Cessnock Urban Growth Management Plan and Housing Strategy, and the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic.

FOR	AGAINST
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Councillor Stapleford	
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Councillor Gray	
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Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE46/2021

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC DOMAIN IMPROVEMENTS.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Stapleford
1814

RESOLVED

1. That Council confirms its intent to acquire LOT: H DP: 384894, LOT: G DP: 347929 LOT: F DP: 354733 47-49 Vincent Street, LOT: E DP: 384895 0 Wollombi Road, LOT: D DP: 339311 217A Wollombi Road and LOT: 1 DP: 1114018, 219 Wollombi Road, for the purposes of public recreation and local road.
2. That Council commences pre-acquisition investigations to acquire LOT: H DP: 384894, LOT: G DP: 347929 LOT: F DP: 354733 47-49 Vincent Street, LOT: E DP: 384895 0 Wollombi Road, LOT: D DP: 339311 217A Wollombi Road and LOT: 1 DP: 1114018, 219 Wollombi Road,
3. That Council receives a further report that details the costs associated with purchase and any other issues that are revealed during the pre-acquisition process.

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

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC64/2021

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - VOTING DELEGATES

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
1815
RESOLVED

1. That Council determines voting delegates for the 2021 Local Government NSW Annual Conference as Mayor Pynsent, Councillor Gray , Councillor Suvaal and Councillor Burke.
2. That Council notes the previously endorsed motion seeking an increase in the NSW Stormwater Levy for submission to the 2022 Local Government NSW Special Conference.
3. That Council considers any other motions for submission to the 2022 Local Government NSW Special Conference.

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

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC65/2021

SUBJECT: TENDER T2021-12 CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION FOOTPATH AND KERBS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Stapleford **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1816
RESOLVED

1. That Council accepts the Tender panel of suppliers in no order of preference:
 - All Kerbs & Concrete Pty Ltd
 - Alpha Pacific Pty Ltd t/a Alpha Kerbs
 - Bolla Kerb Contracting Pty Limited
 - Hunter Rail & Civil
 - Elite Concreting Group/ McDougall Concreting
 - O'Mara Concreting
 - Planet Civil Pty Ltd
 - GLC Civil/ Starcon Group Pty Ltd
 - State Civil Pty Ltdfor T2021-12 – Concrete Construction Footpaths and Kerbs.

2. That Council notes the contract term for T2021-12 – Concrete Construction Footpaths and Kerbs is 23 September 2021 to 23 September 2024 (3 years) with an option for 2 x 1 year extensions based on satisfactory contractor performance.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Olsen
Councillor Dunn	
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Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (11)	Total (1)

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC66/2021

SUBJECT: JUNE 2021 REVIEW OF THE 2017-21 DELIVERY PROGRAM

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
1817
RESOLVED

That Council notes the progress in implementing the 2017-21 Delivery Program as at 30 June 2021.

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

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC67/2021

**SUBJECT: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2021 -
REFERRAL FOR AUDIT AND COUNCIL CERTIFICATION**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
1818
RESOLVED

1. That Council receive the draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 and refer them to Council's external auditor, the Audit Office of NSW, to provide an opinion and report to Council.
2. That Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management for the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.
3. That Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management for the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.
4. That Council fix the date of 17 November 2021 as the date for the public meeting to present the audited Financial Statements and the Audit Reports for the year ended 30 June 2021, and that Council's external auditor be requested to present to answer questions.

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

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC68/2021

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT 2021-22

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
1819

RESOLVED

1. That Council receives and notes the correspondence from the Local Government Grants Commission.
2. That the additional financial assistance grant funds to be received for roads and bridges (\$165,836) be allocated to RRL-2021-009 Mitchell Avenue, Kurri Kurri in the 2021-22 Operational Plan.
3. That the additional general purpose component of the financial assistance grant be retained to improve Councils unrestricted cash position and as a buffer against future unexpected expenditure requirement such as planning legal expenses or similar.
4. That Council approved the budget variations to reflect the above resolutions.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
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Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC69/2021

**SUBJECT: BI-ANNUAL COMPLAINT HANDLING REPORT
1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2021**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1820
RESOLVED

That Council notes the Bi-annual Complaint Handling Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2021, and that of the 19 complaints received four were substantiated.

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

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC70/2021

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS IN WRITTEN RETURNS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1821

RESOLVED

That Council notes the tabling of the Annual Disclosures of Interests in written returns received from designated persons and Councillors within 3 months of 30 June 2021 by the General Manager in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct.

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

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC71/2021

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT REPORT - AUGUST 2021

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1822
RESOLVED

That Council receives the Investment Report for August 2021 and notes that:

- Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy, which accords with the Ministerial Investment Order.
- Council's month end cash and investments balance was \$62,355,538 with August interest earned of \$28,719 and year to date interest earned of \$45,694.

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

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC72/2021

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS TRACKING REPORT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1823
RESOLVED

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

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

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI68/2021

SUBJECT: WESTON BEARS PARK MASTERPLAN

Councillor Olsen declared a Non Pecuniary Less than Significant conflict for the reason that he has three grandsons playing for Weston. Councillor Olsen remained in the chamber and participated in discussion and voting.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Sander **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1824
RESOLVED

That Council notes the information contained within the report in regards to ramifications on the Weston Bears Park Masterplan with Weston Junior Football Club no longer relocating to Weston Bears Park.

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

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI69/2021

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF OFF LEASH DOG EXERCISE AREA PLAN

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1825

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopts the draft Off Leash Dog Exercise Area Plan.
2. That the General Manager notifies those who made submissions during the public exhibition of Council's decision.
3. That Council makes provisions for the implementation of the Off Leash Dog Exercise Plan in consideration of future Operational Plans and available resources, including grant funding and development contributions.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
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Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI70/2021

SUBJECT: USE OF JACOBS PARK PELAW MAIN BY PELAW MAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1826
RESOLVED

That Council notes the information contained within the report regarding use of Jacobs Park Pelaw Main by Pelaw Main Public School.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Burke	
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Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI71/2021

SUBJECT: BRANXTON TO GRETA SHARED PATHWAY

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Sander **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1827

RESOLVED

1. That Council endorses the updated alignment on the south side of the shared pathway which seeks to improve safety, improve efficiency and avoid unnecessary disturbance to ecological environments and essential public utilities.
2. That a report be provided to Council after further investigations are undertaken on the south side alignment.

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

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI72/2021

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE CESSNOCK LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 16 AUGUST 2021

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1828
RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Cessnock Local Traffic Committee Meeting of 16 August 2021 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.

1. **TC35/2021 - That Council authorises the temporary regulation of traffic for the Winery Running Festival on Lovedale Road, Wilderness Road, and Talga Road, Lovedale in accordance with Various Roads Lovedale _ Winery Running Festival TCP's.**
2. **TC36/2021 - That Council notes that the Broke & McDonalds Road, Pokolbin temporary regulation of traffic for the Grapevine Gathering / Red Hot Summer event has been withdrawn.**
3. **TC37/2021 - That Council authorises the installation of regulatory parking signage and line marking on the unnamed road off Frame Drive, Abermain, in accordance with the enclosed Frame Drive Abermain _ Signage & Line Marking Diagram.**
4. **TC38/2021 - That Council authorises installation of regulatory parking and intersection controls on various roads within Huntlee, in accordance with various updated Roads Huntlee - Signage & Line Marking Diagrams.**
5. **TC39/2021 - That Council authorises the installation of signage and line marking for a Channelised Right Turn (Short) treatment at the intersection of Wollombi Road and Abbottsford Street, Bellbird, in accordance with the enclosed Wollombi Road Bellbird _ Signage & Line Marking Diagrams.**

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (11)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN22/2021

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING FOR REGIONAL AREAS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
1829

RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the impact the current lockdowns can have on mental health, especially young people trying to manage the isolation.
2. That Council requests the General Manager write to the Federal Minister for Health Greg Hunt and the NSW Minister for Mental Health Bronnie Taylor seeking more funding for regional mental health services in the Cessnock LGA, given that our community is currently in lockdown.
3. That Council requests the General Manager send a copy of the letter to Member for Hunter Joel Fitzgibbon, Member for Paterson Meryl Swanson and Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr to seek their support in advocating for increased mental health funding for our local area.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN23/2021

SUBJECT: TOURISM RELATED ACTIVITIES

Councillor Fagg declared a Pecuniary Interest for the reason that he owns holiday accommodation. Councillor Fagg left the meeting and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Fagg left the meeting, the time being 7.40pm

MOTION Moved: Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Doherty
1830

RESOLVED

1. That the General Manager bring an annual report to Council, listing the projects and the amounts, funded by the \$97,600 allocated for Tourism Related Activities within the Operation Plan.
2. That any unspent money from the Tourism Related Activities be carried forward and added to the next years allocated allowance.
3. That a workshop be organised to develop guidelines for determining the tourism projects suitable for this funding.
4. That the General Manager provide a report on why the workshop wasn't carried out 5 years ago.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Fagg returned to the meeting, the time being 7.43pm

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN24/2021

SUBJECT: ALLANDALE ROAD BARRIER FENCING

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
1831

RESOLVED

1. That the General Manager write to TfNSW asking for an update on their investigations on design concepts and funding for pedestrian safety barrier fencing on Allandale Road, Cessnock referred to in written correspondence to Council from TfNSW (our ref D0000/633352 received December 2012).
2. That a copy of the letter be sent to Clayton Barr MP, State Member for Cessnock.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN25/2021

SUBJECT: BANNERS

Councillor Burke declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant conflict for the reason that the Chamber was involved in banners originally. Councillor Burke remained in the chamber and participated in discussion and voting.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Fitzgibbon **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1832
RESOLVED

That the General Manager bring a report back to Council outlining:-

- **Council's annual schedule for the raising and removal of banners on the banner poles across the Local Government Area.**
- **The current budget for the replacement and purchase of new banners.**
- **Identify funding options for the replacement and purchase of new banners.**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN26/2021

SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF ENTRANCE TO CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

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

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
1833
MOTION

That the General Manager organise a Councillor Briefing prior to the October Council meeting to update Councillors on the progress of the relocation of the entrance to the Cessnock Correctional Centre including any current or planned community consultation.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

**QUESTIONS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN NO.
QWNG2/2021**

SUBJECT: DISABILITY ACCESS TO CESSNOCK POOL GROUNDS

FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO14/2021

SUBJECT: GAS FIRED POWER STATION - REPORT BN31/2020

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1834
RESOLVED

That Council notes the correspondence forwarded by the Office of the Hon Matthew Kean MP, Minister for Energy and Environment, from the Hon. Ben Franklin MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Energy and the Arts regarding the gas-fired power station project near Kurri Kurri.

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

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO15/2021

SUBJECT: MOTION OF URGENCY - COVID19

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
1835
RESOLVED

That Council notes the correspondence from the Public Health Response Branch, NSW Health on behalf of the Minister for Health and the correspondence from Mark Taylor MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Justice, on behalf of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

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

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

NIL

MOTION OF URGENCY

MATTER OF URGENCY *Moved:* Councillor Suvaal
 Seconded: Councillor Fitzgibbon

1836

RESOLVED

1. That the General Manager take all necessary steps to allow Cessnock pool to reopen in a COVID safe way from Monday 27 September 2021 in accordance with advice in the NSW Public Health Orders.
2. That the General Manager also take the necessary steps to ensure Branxton pool can reopen in a COVID safe way at its original scheduled opening date.
3. What consideration is going to be given by NSW Health in relation to the timing of the reopening of public indoor pools.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 7.59pm

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 20 October 2021

.....CHAIRPERSON

.....**GENERAL MANAGER**