



Central Coast Council
Ordinary Council Meeting
Held in the Council Chamber
2 Hely Street, Wyong

22 February 2022

MINUTES

Present

Rik Hart

In Attendance

David Farmer	Chief Executive Officer
Brian Bell	Director Community and Recreation Services (Acting)
Boris Bolgoff	Director Infrastructure Services
Natalia Cowley	Director Corporate Affairs and Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Loader	Director Water and Sewer
David Milliken	Director Environment and Planning (Acting)

Notes

The Administrator, Rik Hart, declared the meeting open at 6:34pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting was being recorded.

The Administrator acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting was being held, and paid respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

The Administrator updated the meeting on recent activities of Council.

There was no Open Forum held as no requests to speak were received.

1.1 Disclosure of Interest

Time commenced: 6:38pm

Moved: Rik Hart

19/22 Resolved

That Council note the report on Disclosures of Interest and the fact that no disclosures were made.

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Time commenced: 6:38pm

Moved: Rik Hart

20/22 Resolved

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 8 February 2022.

1.3 Notice of Intention to Deal with Matters in Confidential Session

Time commenced: 6:38pm

Moved: Rik Hart

21/22 Resolved

That Council note that no matters have been tabled to deal with in a closed session.

S.1 Administrator's Minute - Development of a Banner Policy

Time commenced: 6:39pm

Moved: Rik Hart

22/22 I formally move:

1 That Council's Chief Executive Officer develop a draft Central Coast Banner Policy for all town centres that encapsulates our diverse community and activities related to each of our town centres.

- 2** *That Council staff place the draft Banner Policy on exhibition and provide a report back to Council for consideration no later than the July 2022 Ordinary Meeting.*

S.2 Administrator's Minute - Advisory Groups and Committee Structure Discussion Paper

Time commenced: 6:44pm

Moved: Rik Hart

23/22 *I formally move:*

- 1** *That Council's Chief Executive Officer develop a discussion paper on Council's Advisory Groups and Committees, including but not limited to: the framework; structure; governance arrangements; length of term; membership; and legislative requirements, if any.*
- 2** *That Council staff report the discussion paper to Council no later than May 2022.*

2.1 2021-2022 Quarter 2 Review

Time commenced: 6:47pm

Moved: Rik Hart

24/22 *Resolved*

That Council adopt Central Coast Council's Q2 Business Report for 2021-2022 including the proposed budget amendments.

2.2 Investment Report for January 2022

Time commenced: 6:51pm

Moved: Rik Hart

25/22 *Resolved*

- 1** *That Council note the Investment Report for January 2022.*
- 2** *That Council note that internally restricted funds are unrestricted funds that have been internally allocated to a certain purpose.*
- 3** *That Council allocate the required unrestricted funds available in the General Fund to meet its January 2022 unrestricted funds deficit of \$43.34M in Water and*

Drainage funds as set out in this report.

2.3 Monthly Finance Report - January 2022

Time commenced: 6:54pm

Moved: Rik Hart

26/22 Resolved

That Council note the report Monthly Financial Reports – January 2022.

2.4 Adoption of the Public Forum Policy

Time commenced: 7:00pm

Moved: Rik Hart

27/22 Resolved

That Council adopt the Public Forum Policy (provided at Attachment 1).

2.5 Code of Meeting Practice

Time commenced: 7:02pm

Moved: Rik Hart

28/22 Resolved

- 1 *That Council in accordance with section 363 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993 adopt the amended Code of Meeting Practice that is Attachment 1 to this report having given consideration to all submissions and feedback received concerning the amended Code of Meeting Practice as required by section 362 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993.***
- 2 *That Council write to those who made submissions, thanking them and advising them of the outcome.***
- 3 *That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to adopt the minor typographical change identified by the Administrator.***
- 4 *That the adopted Code of Meeting Practice include an amendment to require responses to questions with notice to be provided at the next meeting.***

2.6 Revised Council Meeting Dates, March to December 2022

Time commenced: 7:06pm

Moved: Rik Hart

29/22 Resolved

- 1 That Council adopt the proposed revised Ordinary Council Meeting dates, March to December 2022, as detailed in this report.**
- 2 That Council note the schedule would require amendment if the Local Government Election for the Central Coast is announced in 2022. This information is to be provided by way of a further report to Council.**

2.7 Water and Sewer Business Review

Time commenced: 7:07pm

Moved: Rik Hart

30/22 Resolved

- 1 That Council note the recommendation from the Audit Office of NSW's Report on Local Government 2020, specifically that:
The OLG should clarify the legal framework relating to restrictions of water, sewerage and drainage funds (restricted reserves) by either seeking an amendment to the relevant legislation or by issuing a policy instrument to remove ambiguity from the current framework.**
- 2 That Council note the report "Structural Review of the Water and Sewer Business" which outlines three options for the future Central Coast water and sewer business model.**
- 3 That Council note IPART's Draft Report on the Review of Domestic Waste Management Charges.**
- 4 That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to investigate options in both reports as well as any other options that they may identify as part of this analysis.**

2.8 Variations to Development Standards - October to December 2021 Period

Time commenced: 7:20pm

Moved: Rik Hart

31/22 Resolved

That Council note the report on Variations to Development Standards – October to December 2021.

2.9 Outcomes of Public Exhibition - Central Coast Destination Management Plan 2022-2025

Time commenced: 7:21pm

Moved: Rik Hart

32/22 Resolved

- 1 That Council note the report on community consultation undertaken for the Central Coast Destination Management Plan 2022-2025 (Attachment 1).**
- 2 That Council adopt the final Central Coast Destination Management Plan 2022-2025.**

2.10 Submission to the public exhibition of the draft Central Coast Regional Plan 2041

Time commenced: 7:27pm

Moved: Rik Hart

33/22 Resolved

- 1 That Council note the Department of Planning and Environment's Draft Central Coast Regional Plan 2041 was placed on public exhibition on Wednesday 8 December 2021 and runs until Friday 4 March 2022.**
- 2 That Council note a review of the Draft Central Coast Regional Plan 2041 was coordinated by Council's Strategic Planning Unit with the following matters identified:**
 - a) Support for the improved co-ordination of land release and infrastructure provision;**
 - b) That more focus should be given to resolving issues for the existing 1,103Ha of undeveloped employment zoned land rather than the inclusion of additional employment land at Somersby, Charmhaven and Wallarah;**
 - c) That planning for greenfield release areas and infill around existing town centres should remain east of the M1 Motorway;**
 - d) That urban development west of the M1 Motorway could pose significant risk on the Central Coast's water supply;**

- e) *That until such time as the Central Coast Highway upgrade is designed and funded, the Karagi Growth Area should focus on The Entrance rather than Long Jetty and Bateau Bay;*
- f) *That as transport is a significant land use planning issue for the Central Coast transport planning objectives should be included in the Plan;*
- g) *That the CCRP 2041 confirm the Warnervale Town Centre local train station to allow existing planning to continue, or alternatively confirm its removal entirely and allow land use planning in the vicinity of the station to be revised accordingly;*
- h) *That the separation of the Tuggerah-Wyong Corridor and elevation of Tuggerah to a Strategic Centre should be made in consideration of Council's existing Tuggerah-Wyong Economic Corridor Strategy, Tuggerah-Wyong should be a strategic centre;*
- i) *That the extension of the Central Lakes Planning District across the Central Coast LGA and Lake Macquarie LGA is clearly defined with regard to responsibility;*
- j) *That the mapping should be amended to describe 'open space' land more accurately;*
- k) *That regional biodiversity connectivity should not be compromised as part of future growth plans for the Central Coast, and the plan should have strong references to ensure biodiversity issues are addressed early in the rezoning process;*
- l) *That biodiversity corridors across agricultural land should be reviewed to consider any potential impacts on agricultural production;*
- m) *That population, dwelling and job projections should be considered and included in the plan;*
- n) *That residential density targets should be guided by the future Central Coast Local Housing Strategy.*

- 3** *That Council make, subject to and consistent with Resolution 2, a formal submission to the Department of Planning and Environment on the draft Central Coast Regional Plan 2041.*

2.11 Submission to the public exhibition of DPIE's New Approach to Rezonings

Time commenced: 7:39pm

Moved: Rik Hart

34/22 Resolved

- 1** *That Council note Department of Planning and Environment's discussion paper on 'A New Approach to Rezonings' was placed on public exhibition on Wednesday 15 December 2021 and concludes on Monday 28 February 2022.*
- 2** *That Council note a review of the discussion paper 'A New Approach to Rezonings' was undertaken by Council's Strategic Planning Unit with the following matters identified:*

- a Supports the aims of improving the rezoning process efficiency and clarity;*
- b Calls for close engagement with the planning and local government industry as the next step in developing a new rezoning process;*
- c Mandates a pre-lodgement process that is directly linked to the formal rezoning process;*
- d Requires State Agencies to respond to consultation within the set timeframe;*
- e Requires consideration of alignment with planning strategy (the strategic merit test) before the exhibition phase and the ability to dismiss rezonings that do not align with strategy;*
- f Provides sufficient lead in time for exhibition and a 'stop the clock' mechanism;*
- g Includes the Local Planning Panel in the rezoning decision-making process; and*
- h Does not support the imposition of a planning guarantee or appeal mechanisms for all rezonings, but rather considers ensuring adequate planning resources and improvements to the current rezoning review process.*

- 3 That Council make, subject to and consistent with Resolution 2, a formal submission to the Department of Planning and Environment on the draft Central Coast Regional Plan 2041.**

2.12 Community Support Grant Program - December 2021 and January 2022

Time commenced: 7:47pm

Moved: Rik Hart

35/22 Resolved

- 1 That Council allocate \$23,028.50 (inclusive of GST where applicable) from the 2021/2022 grants budget to the Community Support Grant program, as outlined in the following report and Attachment 1.**
- 2 That Council decline applications for the reasons indicated in Attachment 1, and the applicants be advised and where relevant, directed to alternate funding sources.**

2.13 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Recruitment

Time commenced: 7:48pm

Moved: Rik Hart

36/22 Resolved

That Council establish an Interview Panel to select a new Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Independent External Member as set out in this report.

The Administrator acknowledged Mr John Gordon who will be retiring from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee after the next ARIC meeting and thanked him for his service and contributions during his 5 years on the Committee.

The Meeting closed at 7:50pm.