



Central Coast Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Council Chamber

2 Hely Street, Wyong

23 April 2024

MINUTES

Present

Rik Hart

In Attendance

Boris Bolgoff	Director Infrastructure Services
Luke Sulkowski	Director Environment and Planning (Acting)
Jamie Loader	Director Water and Sewer
Marissa Racomelara	Director Corporate Services
Melanie Smith	Director Community and Recreation Services

Apologies

David Farmer	Chief Executive Officer
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Notes

The Administrator, Rik Hart, declared the meeting open at 6:31pm 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 we live, work and play. We pay our respects to Darkinjung country, and Elders past and present. We recognise the continued connection to these lands and waterways and extend this acknowledgement to the homelands and stories of those who also call this place home. We recognise our future leaders and the shared responsibility to care for and protect our place and people.

The Administrator acknowledged apologies, and delegations, noting that due to illness the Chief Executive Officer is unable to attend the meeting as noted in the above apologies. The Chief Executive Officer appointed Director Corporate Services, as their delegate for tonight's meeting only. The Administrator also updated the meeting on recent activities of Council.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

6:37 pm

86/24 RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 March 2024.

Summary

Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 March 2024.

1.2 Disclosures of Interest

6:37 pm

87/24 RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council notes the report on Disclosures of Interest and advice of disclosures.

1.3 Notice of Intention to Deal with Matters in Confidential Session

6:37 pm

88/24 RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

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

REPORTS

2.1 Monthly Finance Report March 2024

6:37 pm

89/24 RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council receives the Monthly Financial Report – March 2024.

2.2 Investment Report for March 2024

6:37 pm

RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council:

90/24 Notes the Investment Report for March 2024.

91/24 Allocates the required unrestricted funds available in the General Fund to meet its March 2024 unrestricted funds deficit of \$33.68M in the Drainage Fund.

2.3 Exhibition of the Draft Operational Plan 2024-25

6:45 pm

RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council:

92/24 Endorses the following documents for the purposes of public exhibition from Monday 29 April to Monday 27 May 2024 and invite public submissions in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993:

- a) **Draft Operational Plan 2024-25 – Attachment 1**
- b) **Draft Fees and Charges 2024-25 – Attachment 2**
- c) **Fees and Charges Comparison Table – Attachment 3**
- d) **Draft Four Year Works Program 2024-25 to 2027-28 – Attachment 4**

93/24 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make appropriate amendments to the draft documents to correct identified numerical, grammatical or typographical error prior to formal public exhibition.

94/24 Adds the adopted Long-term Financial Plan and Financial Strategy to the supporting documents section of the public exhibition of the Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2024-2025 on Council's community engagement website www.yourvoiceourcoast.com.

2.4 Outcomes of Community Consultation for the Draft Airport Concept Masterplan

7:09 pm

RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council:

95/24 Notes the feedback and key themes identified during the exhibition of the

Draft Central Coast Airport Master Plan.

96/24 *Notes that the feedback and key themes identified from the exhibition period will be incorporated into the final draft Central Coast Airport Masterplan.*

97/24 *Authorises the project team to amend and finalise the draft Central Coast Airport Masterplan and report back to Council with a final draft plan for consideration of adoption.*

2.5 Update on Coastal Management Program for the Open Coast

7:17 pm

RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That council:

98/24 *Notes the report.*

99/24 *Endorses continued development of the Open Coast Coastal Management Program and planned consideration of the exhibition draft by Council in October 2024.*

2.6 Surf Life Saving Central Coast and Surf Club Financial Partnership Support 2024-25 to 2027-28

7:21 pm

RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council:

100/24 *Adopts the recommendations as outlined in this report to provide financial partnership support to Surf Life Saving Central Coast (SLSCC) and the Central Coast's 15 Surf Clubs for four consecutive years from 2024-25 to 2027-28.*

101/24 *Approves the annual distribution of \$213,500 through the following:*

- a)** *\$38,000 to SLSCC to coordinate beach safety activities and educational messaging across the Central Coast.*
- b)** *\$78,000 to SLSCC to administer the purchase of the following equipment on behalf of the Central Coast's 15 Surf Clubs. This includes:*
 - i.** *Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) motors over a multi-year replacement scheduled cycle;*
 - ii.** *IRB hulls over a multi-year replacement scheduled cycle;*
 - iii.** *service radios annually for all Surf Clubs;*

- iv. service oxygen equipment annually for all Surf Clubs; and*
 - v. purchase of one rescue board for each Surf Club.*
- c) \$6,500 direct to each of Central Coast's 15 Surf Clubs to support beach safety operations.*

2.7 Renewal of Leases for Central Coast Surf Life Saving Clubs

7:25 pm

RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council:

- 102/24** *Adopts the recommendations as outlined in this report and in Confidential Attachment 1 for the renewal of leases for Central Coast Surf Clubs with annual fixed tier fees.*
- 103/24** *Notes that surf clubs who wish to enter a new lease prior to any current expiration, transition by remaining on their current fee with CPI applied annually, until they reach their current lease expiry date.*
- 104/24** *Resolves, pursuant to section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that Attachment 1 remains confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(d)(iii) of the Local Government Act as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature.*

2.8 Revocation of Policies

7:30 pm

105/24 **RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:**

That Council revokes the following policies:

- a) Single Use Plastic Policy***
- b) Gifts and Benefits Policy***
- c) Social Media for Councillors Policy***

which are no longer relevant, redundant, have been superseded, or the content is covered in legislation or another statutory instrument.

2.9 Outcomes of Public Exhibition Night-Time-Economy Discussion Paper

7:31 pm

RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council:

106/24 Notes that public exhibition has occurred for the draft Central Coast Night-Time Economy Discussion Paper.

107/24 Adopts the attached Central Coast Night-Time Economy Discussion Paper amended as follows:

- a) Included Central Coast Local Health District (CCLHD) and Business NSW as example stakeholders for the action – “Establish Night-Time Economy Working Group”.**
- b) Added “Use Night-Time Activities Mapping Project in conjunction with the Central Coast Local Health District and the NSW Police to help inform the extended business hours trial action for Special Entertainment Precincts”.**
- c) Amended “Undertake a Tourism Branding and Marketing Strategy for Central Coast, with a focus on Gosford as a priority” to “Implement new 3-Year Destination Central Coast Marketing Strategy, with a focus on Gosford and sub regional proposition priorities”.**
- d) Added “Direct local businesses to Destination NSW’s NSW First Program in order to establish bookable night-time products and experiences”.**
- e) Added “Work with industry and the Office of the 24-hour Commissioner to enrol businesses in the Uptown Accelerator Program and subsequent Uptown Grant Programs”.**

108/24 Supports the identified potential projects within the discussion paper for staff to continue to pursue and implement as existing resources and grant funding opportunities allow.

2.10 Exhibition of the Central Coast Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2023

7:37 pm

RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council:

109/24 Endorses the draft Central Coast Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2023 (Attachment 1) for public exhibition from Monday 29 April to Monday 27 May 2024.

110/24 Notes that a further report will be provided following the public exhibition period.

2.11 Settlers Road Natural Disasters Works

7:40 pm

RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council:

111/24 Resolves, for the purposes of Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, that a satisfactory result will not be achieved by inviting tenders for Contract CPA5497 Natural Disaster Remediation Works Ch60 to Ch100 Settlers Rd, Wisemans Ferry for the following reasons:

- a) Delaney Civil Pty Ltd were engaged following a competitive tender process by Hawksbury City Council for works associated with the replacement of Thomas James Bridge.**
- b) Delaney Civil Pty Ltd are currently completing works between Ch250 to Ch450 in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding between Central Coast Council and Hawksbury City Council.**
- c) The anticipated contract expenditure has been confirmed by a registered Quantity Surveyor to demonstrate value for money.**
- d) To engage another contractor at this stage would result in additional costs, project delays, complexities in site access, commercial risk associated with multiple contractors working in the same vicinity and further disruption and delay to the community.**

112/24 Approves the execution of a contract with Delaney Civil Pty Ltd for CPA5497 Natural Disaster Remediation Works Ch60 to Ch100 Settlers Rd, Wisemans Ferry with an estimated value as detailed in confidential attachments 2 and 3.

113/24 Resolves, pursuant to section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that Attachments 2 and 3 remain confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(c) and 10A(2)(d)(iii) of the Local Government Act as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and because consideration of the matter in open Council would on balance be contrary to the public interest as it would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services for the Central Coast community.

2.12 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Annual Report 2023

7:41 pm

114/24 RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council notes the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Annual Report 2023.

2.13 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Membership

7:42 pm

115/24 RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council reappoint Arthur Butler as an Independent Member of the Central Coast Council Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee for a period of 12 months to April 2025.

2.14 Community Support Grant Program - February 2024

7:44 pm

RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council:

116/24 Allocates \$38,170.95 (inclusive of GST where applicable) from the 2023/24 grants budget to the Community Support Grant program for the month of February, as outlined below and in Attachment 1.

- a) The Skill Engineer Limited- Youth Week SoundSoul Generator - \$5,000.00**
- b) The Rotary Club of Kariong Somersby - Rotary Walking for Wellness Family Fun Day - \$3,055.00**
- c) North Entrance Surf Life Saving Club - Installation of retractable awning - \$5,000.00**
- d) Bateau Bay Public School P & C Association - Children's sensory garden - \$3,520.00**
- e) Rotary Club of Terrigal Incorporated - Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) - \$660.00**
- f) Tai Chi Association of Australia - TCAA National Open Tai Chi Championship - \$1,650.00**
- g) Community Environment Network Inc - Chittaway Point Community Action Team - Community Flood Response Plan Area Map - \$4,500.00**
- h) The Bays Community Group Incorporated - Rates Subsidy - \$1,045.95**
- i) Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden - Horticulture supplies & specialised equipment - WWPCG - \$3,740.00**
- j) Central Coast Lapidary Club Incorporated - Repainting exterior of Club rooms - \$5,000.00**
- k) Gosford And District Tennis Association Incorporated - Pickleball Court Painting - \$5,000.00**

117/24 Declines applications as outlined below, for the reasons indicated in Attachment 1, and the applicants be advised and where relevant, directed to alternate funding sources.

- a) The Cancer Council NSW - Mingara Relay for Life Event - application is**

- ineligible.*
- b) ***Toukley Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated - Volunteer Uniforms – application is ineligible.***

2.15 Status Update on Active Council Resolutions

7:45 pm

118/24 RESOLVED on the motion of RIK HART:

That Council

Receives and notes the Status Update on Active Council Resolutions report.

The Meeting closed at 7:46 pm.