



Central Coast Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Council Chamber
49 Mann Street, Gosford

23 February 2021

MINUTES

Present

Dick Persson AM

In Attendance

Rik Hart	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Natalia Cowley	Acting Director Corporate Affairs
Boris Bolgoff	Director Infrastructure Services
Julie Vaughan	Director Connected and Recreation Communities
Scott Cox	Director Environment and Planning
Jamie Loader	Director Water and Sewer

Notes

The Administrator, Dick Persson AM, declared the meeting open at 6.30pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting is being recorded.

The Administrator, Dick Persson AM 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, recognised the passing of Mr Keith Whitefield on Sunday 21 February 2021 aged 83. Mr Whitefield served as Alderman (1977-1991) and Deputy Mayor (1984-1987 and 1990) of the former Gosford City Council.

The Administrator, Dick Persson AM adjourned the meeting at 6.31pm and advised the meeting would resume following the conduct of the Open Forum.

The Open Forum commenced at 6.31pm with the speakers addressing the Council on each of the subjects below;

- Ms Glenys Ray – Management of noxious weeds on privately owned half of Springfield Pond Wetland
- Mr Stuart Durie – Greater Lake Munmorah Structure Plan
- Ms Marianne Hamilton – Gosford Library
- Ms Susan Greene - Council Debt, Rates harmonisation and ARIC committee

The Open Forum closed with the Ordinary Meeting resuming at 7.08pm.

1.1 Disclosures of Interest

Time commenced: 7.08pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

35/21 Resolved

That Council receive the report on Disclosure of Interest and the fact that no disclosure was made be noted.

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Time commenced: 7.08pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

36/21 Resolved

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 8 February 2021.

1.3 Notice of Intention to Deal with Matters in Confidential Session

Time commenced: 7.09pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

37/21 Resolved

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

2.1 2020-21 Q2 Business Report

Time commenced: 7.09pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

38/21 Resolved

- 1 *That Council note Central Coast Council's Q2 Business Report on progress against Central Coast Council's 2020-21 Operational Plan.*
- 2 *That Council note that it is the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Central Coast Council for the quarter ended 31 December 2020 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2021 will*

be unsatisfactory at year end because the forecast year-end consolidated operating result before capital amounts for Council is a loss of \$107.4M. Council is undertaking the following remedial actions: structural reduction in operating expenditure, seeking special rate variation approval from the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, reducing capital expenditure, secured bank loans, generating additional income and selling underperforming assets.

- 3 That Council approve the proposed budget amendments included in Central Coast Council's Q2 Business Report for 2020-21.

2.2 Investment Report for January 2021

Time commenced: 7.12pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

39/21 Resolved

That Council receive the Investment Report for January 2021.

2.3 Pecuniary Interest Disclosure Returns - Newly Appointed Designated Persons

Time commenced: 7.13pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

40/21 Resolved

That Council receive the report on Pecuniary Interest Disclosure Returns – Newly Appointed Designated Persons and note that the Acting Chief Executive Officer has tabled the Pecuniary Interest Disclosure Returns as required by Clause 4.25 of Council's Code of Conduct.

2.4 Update on Actions in Response to Resolution - Integrity and Ethical Standards

Time commenced: 7.13pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

41/21 Resolved

That Council note the report Update on Actions in Response to Resolution – Integrity and Ethical Standards.

2.5 Governance Lighthouse report as at 31 December 2020

Time commenced: 7.14pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

42/21 Resolved

That Council note the Governance Lighthouse report as at 31 December 2020 as provided as an Attachment to this report.

2.6 Decline all tenders associated with the Broadwater Demolition Contract CPA/3361

Time commenced: 7.14pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

43/21 Resolved

That Council request the Chief Executive Officer (or his representative) to decline all tenders in relation to the Broadwater Demolition Contract CPA/3361 under Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993.

2.7 Business Recovery Plan - Status Report

Time commenced: 7.15pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

44/21 Resolved

- 1 *That Council receive the report Business Recovery Plan – Status Report.*
- 2 *That Council note that it is the final report to be provided to Council regarding progress against the Business Recovery Plan.*

3.1 Outcomes of Exhibition of Draft Tree and Vegetation Vandalism Management Policy

Time commenced: 7.16pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

45/21 Resolved

- 1 *That Council adopt the Central Coast Council Draft Tree and Vegetation Vandalism*

Management Policy in accordance with the changes identified in 'Attachment 3' which include amendments made in response to feedback received during public exhibition.

- 2 *That a further report be provided to Council providing information about the number of tree vandalism instances on the Central Coast and their impact to understand if any further changes to the Policy might be appropriate.*

3.2 Outcomes of Draft Keeping of Animals Policy

Time commenced: 7.19pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

46/21 Resolved

That Council adopt the Central Coast Council draft Keeping of Animals in Residential Areas Policy amended as follows:

- *Revised wording to include 'in residential areas' in title to read 'Keeping of Animals in Residential Areas Policy';*
- *Revised wording for keeping of bees in the Advisory Table to be consistent with Department of Primary Industries requirements.*

3.3 Results of Public Exhibition of Draft Community Participation Plan

Time commenced: 7.20pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

47/21 Resolved

That Council adopt the draft Central Coast Community Participation Plan (CPP) (Attachment 1).

4.1 Construction of Cell 4.4 at Buttonderry Waste Management Facility 21.22 Budget Approval

Time commenced: 7.21pm

Moved: Mr Persson AM

48/21 Resolved

That Council approves the Construction of Cell 4.4 at Buttonderry Waste Management Facility as a continuing project and allocates in the draft budget for the 2021-22 capital works program

the sum of \$5,615,000 for these works.

The Meeting closed at 7.22 pm.