



Central Coast Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council Held remotely - online on 20 July 2020

Present

Mayor Lisa Matthews and Councillors Greg Best, Jillian Hogan, Kyle MacGregor, Doug Vincent, Chris Burke, Chris Holstein, Bruce McLachlan, Jilly Pilon, Rebecca Gale, Louise Greenaway, Jeff Sundstrom, Richard Mehrtens and Jane Smith.

In Attendance

Gary Murphy (Chief Executive Officer), Julie Vaughan (Director Connected Communities), Scott Cox (Director Environment and Planning), Jamie Loader (Director Water and Sewer), Ricardo Martello (Executive Manager Innovation and Futures), Jay Spare (for Director Roads, Transport, Drainage and Waste) and Carlton Oldfield (Acting Chief Finance Officer).

The Mayor, Lisa Matthews, declared the meeting open at 6.35pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting is being recorded.

At the request of the Mayor, Mr Gary Murphy, Chief Executive Officer advised that the meeting will be held remotely in accordance with section 747A of The Local Government Act 1993 clause 1(a)(i). Councillors were also reminded to adhere to the relevant policies and procedures including the Code of Meeting Practice and Code of Conduct. The Mayor, Lisa Matthews, advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting is being recorded and read an acknowledgement of country statement.

The reports are recorded in their correct agenda sequence.

Apologies

Moved: **Councillor Gale**
Seconded: **Councillor Pilon**

736/20 That Council note that Councillor Marquart was an apology.

For:
Unanimous

The Mayor, Lisa Matthews read an acknowledgement of country statement.

1.1 Disclosure of Interest

2.1 Update: Wamberal and The North Entrance

Councillor Pilon declared a less than significant non pecuniary interest in the matter as she owns property on Ocean View Drive, Wamberal. She chose to stay in the meeting and participate in discussion and voting on this matter as the issues being discussed is specific to the emergency crisis and erosion issues at Wamberal and North Entrance and her property is not exposed to these current issues and as a ratepayer and resident of Wamberal on Ocean View Drive, like hundreds of others, and a Ward Councillor representing effected residents in both Wamberal and North Entrance she is capable of managing this situation and speaking on behalf of the community.

Councillor McLachlan declared a less than significant non pecuniary interest in the matter as he is known to the residents that are affected by the recent events, however he is not currently managing any property in the location and he is also a beachfront property owner but is not affected by the current events. He chose to stay in the meeting and participate in discussion and voting on this matter as it does not prejudice or influence his decision on the matter.

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Gale

Resolved

737/20 That Council receive the report on Disclosure of Interest and note advice of disclosures.

For:

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Moved: Councillor Holstein

Seconded: Councillor Smith

Resolved

- 738/20** That Council acknowledge the distress of residents currently impacted by the severe weather experienced over the past week resulting in severe erosion along the coastline, in particular, Wamberal and North Entrance beaches.
- 739/20** That Council note a community meeting was held yesterday with Wamberal residents who are currently directly impacted by the local emergency.
- 740/20** That Council, together with the relevant agencies, will be holding an information session with affected residents of the North Entrance on Tuesday.
- 741/20** That Council acknowledge the event has been declared a local emergency and as such NSW Police, as the Local Emergency Operations Controller (LEOCON), is leading in the coordination efforts of State Emergency Services, Council and other government agencies responding to the local emergency. The work on the ground is a collaborative approach from all government agencies involved in the local emergency response efforts, particularly:
- NSW State Emergency Service;
 - Department of Public Works,
 - Department of Family and Community Services;
 - NSW Fire and Rescue;
 - Council staff;
 - and other key emergency services
- 742/20** That Council continue to liaise with emergency service agencies to provide assistance to Wamberal and North Entrance residents affected.
- 743/20** That Council will not take regulatory action in respect of any coastal protection works carried out at Wamberal and The Entrance North, as part of this current emergency response phase in the next four weeks, by a person which has been designed and approved by a qualified coastal engineer and certified as not likely to have a significant adverse impact on other land, and which are not more than is reasonably required for protection of the person's property.
- The Council is not thereby approving such work as it is not the consent authority and not representing that such works will be effective to protect the subject property or not adversely affect other properties.*
- 744/20** That Council note that any such works will be carried out at the expense of affected residents.
- 745/20** That Council request a full list of regulatory responsibilities of each of the government agencies involved in the response efforts.
- 746/20** That Council call on the NSW Government to declare a natural disaster for the Central Coast that would mean residents who have been impacted by the

recent event can seek assistance and support to recover. Funding would also be made available to Council to repair infrastructure impacted by the storms.

747/20 *That Council call for a meeting with the NSW Premier, Minister for Planning, Minister for the Environment, NSW Coastal Council, relevant State Members of Parliament, NSW Police, NSW State Emergency Services, Central Coast Council Chief Executive Officer, relevant Council staff, Mayor and interested Councillors to fast track and resolve agreed actions.*

748/20 *That Council request that the NSW Government provide an update on the Wamberal Beach Management Options: Cost Benefit and Distribution Analysis Report finalised August 2017, including fast tracking the recommendations of that report.*

749/20 *That Council requests Council staff provide a status on the Coastal Management Program required under the Coastal Zone Management Plan, including what actions Council staff are currently implementing under the Emergency Action Sub Plan.*

750/20 *That Council produce a factsheet for the public on the recovery efforts and make available on council website and social media outlets.*

For:

Unanimous

Procedural Motion – Extension of Time

Moved: **Councillor Holstein**

Seconded: **Councillor Best**

Resolved

751/20 *That Council extend the meeting for a period of 30 minutes to further consider item 2.1 – Update: Wamberal and The North Entrance the time being 7.15pm.*

For:

Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 7.15pm and resumed at 7.23pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.23 pm.