



Central Coast Council

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Council Chamber  
2 Hely Street, Wyong

25 May 2021

# MINUTES

### Present

Rik Hart

### In Attendance

David Farmer	Chief Executive Officer
Natalia Cowley	Director Corporate Affairs and Chief Financial Officer
Boris Bolgoff	Director Infrastructure Services
Julie Vaughan	Director Community and Recreation Services
Scott Cox	Director Environment and Planning
Jamie Loader	Director Water and Sewer

### 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 is being recorded.

The Administrator, Rik Hart 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 thanked the previous Administrator Mr Dick Persson AM and recognised him for his contribution to Central Coast Council during a challenging period.

The Administrator addressed the meeting regarding Council's financial situation and actions taken to date. The Administrator also updated the meeting on recent activities of Council.

The Administrator, Rik Hart adjourned the meeting at 6.51pm and advised the meeting would resume following the conduct of the Open Forum.

The Open Forum commenced at 6.51pm with the speakers addressing the Council on each of the subjects below;

- Jane Smith – Former Councillor access to information

The Open Forum closed with the Ordinary Meeting resuming at 6:57pm.

**1.1 Disclosure of Interest**

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Time commenced: 6.57pm

**Moved: Rik Hart**

**156/21 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**

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Time commenced: 6.57pm

**Moved: Rik Hart**

**157/21 Resolved**

***That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 May 2021.***

**1.3 Notice of Intention to Deal with Matters in Confidential Session**

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Time commenced: 6.58pm

**Moved: Rik Hart**

**158/21 Resolved**

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

**2.1 2020-2021 Q3 Business Report**

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Time commenced: 6.58pm

**Moved: Rik Hart**

**159/21 Resolved**

***1 That Council adopt Central Coast Council's Q3 Business Report for 2020-2021 including the proposed budget amendments.***

***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 March 2021 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 \$103.3M. With the cooperation of the Council's bankers, Council is undertaking the following remedial actions: structural reduction in operating expenditure, obtaining special rate variation approval from the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, reducing capital expenditure, secured bank loans, generating additional income and selling underperforming assets.***

## **2.2 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates**

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Time commenced: 7.04pm

Moved: Rik Hart

**160/21 Resolved**

- 1 That Council seek guidance on a Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates action as set out in this report in consultation with the existing legal service provider – Legal Force and their appointed Solicitor.***
- 2 That the land detailed in the schedules attached to this report may be submitted for sale by public auction at a date to be fixed by Council. Noting that the schedule includes 50 vacant lots***
- 3 That Council note that there is no proposal for any action on pensioner land, however, pensioner land meeting the criteria for sale for rates equal the value of \$2,249,609.***
- 4 That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to certify in writing the requirements under Section 713(3) of the Act for each property.***
- 5 Pursuant to section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that Attachments 1 to 3 of this report remain confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(b) of the Local Government Act as it contains information that relates to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.***

## **2.3 Investment Report for April 2021**

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Time commenced: 7.06pm

Moved: Rik Hart

**161/21 Resolved**

***That Council receive the Investment Report for April 2021.***

**2.4 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal decision - Setting of fees for Mayor and Councillors**

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Time commenced: 7.10pm

Moved: Rik Hart

**162/21 Resolved**

- 1 That Council note the determination made by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal made 23 April 2021 in respect of Councillor and Mayoral fees.**
- 2 That Council fix the annual fee to be paid to each Councillor at \$32,040 pursuant to s.248(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.**
- 3 That Council fix the annual fee to be paid to the Mayor at \$99,800 pursuant to s.249(3) of the Local Government Act 1993.**
- 4 That Council determine, pursuant to s.249(5) of the Local Government Act 1993, that an annual fee of \$9,980 be paid to the Deputy Mayor, with that fee to be deducted from the annual fee paid to the Mayor in accordance with resolution 3 above.**
- 5 That Council note these fees are only applicable should the Mayor and Councillors return to civic office at the cessation of the current suspension.**

**2.5 Determination of water supply, sewerage and stormwater drainage fees and charges 2021-2022**

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Time commenced: 7.11pm

Moved: Rik Hart

**163/21 Resolved**

- 1 That Council approve the Water, Sewerage and Stormwater Drainage Fees and Charges set out in Attachment 1.**
- 2 That Council determine, for the purposes of s.315(1)(a) the Water Management Act 2000, that the amount of revenue it proposes to raise by way of service charges including the usage of the service is \$164,056,413. This is calculated based on the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART's) Final Determination dated 24 May 2019 and IPART Clarification Notice No. 1 of 2021 which was published in the NSW Government Gazette on 30 April 2021.**
- 3 That Council determine, for the purpose of s.315(1)(b) of the Water Management Act 2000, that land is to be classified for the purpose of levying services charges according to the following factors:**

- a the purpose for which the land is actually being used,*
  - b the intensity with which the land is being used for that purpose,*
  - c the purposes for which the land is capable of being used,*
  - d the nature and extent of the water or sewerage services connected to the land.*
- 4 That Council determine, for the purposes of s.315(1)(c) of the Water Management Act 2000 that services charges be levied on the following bases, as applicable to each charge:**
- a the availability of the service*
    - i the classification of land*
    - ii the size of the water meter registering supply*
    - iii the cost of providing the service (i.e. sewage discharge factor)*
  - b the usage of the service*
    - i the volume of water supplied (as measured or estimated by Council)*
    - ii the degree of use (i.e. sewage discharge factor)*
- 5 That Council determine, for the purposes of s.315(1)(d) of the Water Management Act 2000, that the service charges be levied in accordance with attachment 1 to the report.**
- 6 That Council request that the Chief Executive Officer seek the Minister's approval under s315(3) of the Water Management Act 2000 for the service charges in accordance with the above determinations.**

## **2.6 IT Telecommunications**

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Time commenced: 7.15pm

**Moved: Rik Hart**

**164/21 Resolved**

- 1 That Council approve the 24-month contract with Telstra to provide primary telecommunication services across Council from 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2023.**
- 2 That Council resolve, pursuant to section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that the Attachments to this report remain confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act as they contain commercial information of a confidential nature that if disclosed information would confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to**

*conduct) business. Consideration of the matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would affect Councils ability to obtain value for money services for the Central Coast community.*

## **2.7 Consideration of Submissions and Adoption of the Draft Central Coast Playspace Strategy**

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Time commenced: 7.17pm

**Moved: Rik Hart**

**165/21 Resolved**

- 1 That Council note that the draft Central Coast Playspace Strategy was publicly exhibited from 15 July 2020 to 14 August 2020.**
- 2 That Council consider the submissions received (Attachment 3) during the exhibition period.**
- 3 That Council note and endorse the amendments recommended in this report and Attachment 2.**
- 4 That Council adopt the Central Coast Playspace Strategy (Attachment 1) and make it available on Council's website.**

## **2.8 2020 LGNSW Annual Conference - Response to Motion Submitted by Central Coast Council**

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Time commenced: 7.19pm

**Moved: Rik Hart**

**166/21 Resolved**

***That Council notes the letter from The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP in response to a Motion from Central Coast Council carried at the 2020 LGNSW Conference.***

## **2.9 Meeting Records of Advisory Group and Committee meetings held in March and April 2021**

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Time commenced: 7.20pm

**Moved: Rik Hart**

**167/21 Resolved**

***That Council receive the report on Meeting Records of Advisory Group and Committee meetings held in March and April 2021.***

**2.10 Meeting Record of the Status of Women Advisory Group meeting held 30 March 2021**

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Time commenced: 7.20pm

**Moved: Rik Hart**

**168/21 Resolved**

- 1 That Council note the Meeting Record of the Status of Women Advisory Group meeting held 30 March 2021.**
- 2 That Council explores options for hosting or conducting candidate awareness sessions to promote the candidacy of women at the next Central Coast Council Local Government election.**

The Administrator acknowledged Ms Sonia Witt, Meeting Support Coordinator as this was to be her last Council Meeting at Central Coast Council and thanked her for her work.

**The Meeting** closed at 7.22pm.