



Central Coast Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council

Held in the Council Chamber

2 Hely Street, Wyong

on 9 October 2017

Commencing at 6.30pm

Present

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

In Attendance

Brian Bell (Chief Executive Officer), Mike Dowling (Group Leader Assets, Infrastructure and Business), Julie Vaughan (Group Leader Connected Communities), Scott Cox (Group Leader Environment and Planning), Brian Glendenning (Executive Manager Governance), Vivienne Louie (Chief Financial Officer), Shane Sullivan (Unit Manager Governance and Business Services).

The Mayor, Jane Smith, declared the meeting open at 6.30pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting is being recorded.

The Mayor, Jane Smith read an acknowledgement of country statement.

At the commencement of the ordinary meeting report nos 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2 and 3.7 were dealt with first then the remaining reports in order. However for the sake of clarity the reports are recorded in their correct agenda sequence.

Councillor Best arrived at 6.31pm.

1.1 Disclosure of Interest

2.2 Mayoral Minute - Railyards at Kangy Angy

Councillor Matthews declared a less than significant non pecuniary interest in the matter as her husband is an employee of Sydney Trains which is a division of Transport NSW and remained in the chamber.

Motion to Further Suspend Standing Orders for presentations

Councillor Best declared a conflict of interest after the presentations as he is the Managing Director of Central Coast Group Training and that two of the staff receiving awards are his employees. He noted that he did not declare this conflict earlier in the meeting as it was a procedural motion of which he did not have notice. Councillor Best left the Chamber at 7.22pm during the presentations and returned at 7.24pm and was not present during the presentation.

Moved: Councillor Smith

Seconded: Councillor Vincent

Resolved

571/17 That Council receive the report on Disclosure of Interest and note advice of disclosures.

For:

Unanimous

Procedural Motion – Address by Invited Speakers

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Holstein

Resolved

572/17 That Council invite the following speakers to address Council:

- Ms Joy Cooper, speaking against the motion of item 2.1 - Mayoral Minute - Mangrove Mountain Landfill.**
- Mr Stephen Goodwin, speaking in favour of the motion of item 2.1 - Mayoral Minute - Mangrove Mountain Landfill.**

For:

Unanimous

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved: Councillor Holstein
Seconded: Councillor Sundstrom

Resolved

573/17 That Council confirm the minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 30 August 2017.

574/17 That Council confirm the minutes of the previous Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 25 September 2017 with the following changes:

- a Correction to voting for item 1.4 of the 25 September 2017 meeting**
- b Councillor Greenaway being recorded as having voted against item 1.1.**

For:
Unanimous

2.1 Mayoral Minute - Mangrove Mountain Landfill

Ms Joy Cooper addressed Council at 6.35pm.

Mr Stephen Goodwin addressed Council at 6.39pm.

Moved: Mayor Smith

- 1 That Council note with great concern the recent media reports around waste activities and alleged illegal tipping at Spencer and Mangrove Mountain.**
- 2 That Council form an Advisory Committee to oversee actions to address issues relating to the Mangrove Mountain Golf Course / Landfill and Spencer dumping.**
- 3 That the Advisory Committee considers and oversees actions to:-**
 - a. investigate and report on the current situation**
 - b. determine appropriate actions**
 - c. oversee the implementation of actions**
- 4 That the Advisory Committee includes the following members and representation:**
 - Mayor**
 - Deputy Mayor**
 - CEO**
 - Council's Legal Counsel**
 - Council staff as appropriate**
 - Community stakeholders**
 - Appropriate Independent Experts**

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- 5 *That the Advisory Committee has its initial meeting within one month of the date of this resolution.*
- 6 *That the minutes of the Advisory Committee be reported to Open Council.*

Amendment Moved: Councillor MacGregor

Seconded: Councillor Vincent

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- 2 *That Council form an Advisory Committee to oversee actions to address issues relating to the Mangrove Mountain Golf Course / Landfill and Spencer dumping.*
- 3 *That the Advisory Committee considers and oversees actions to:-*
- a. investigate and report on the current situation*
 - b. determine appropriate actions*
 - c. oversee the implementation of actions*
- 4 *That the Advisory Committee includes the following members and representation:*
- Mayor*
 - A committee of at least 3 Councillors*
 - CEO*
 - Council's Legal Counsel*
 - Council staff as appropriate*
 - Community stakeholders*
 - Appropriate Independent Experts*
- 5 *That the Advisory Committee has its initial meeting within one month of the date of this resolution.*
- 6 *That the minutes of the Advisory Committee be reported to Open Council.*
- 7 *That the committee considers the membership of the committee taking in to consideration any previous involvement in alleged illegal tipping or waste activities in Spencer or Mangrove Mountain.*
- 8 *That the advisory committee report back to a subsequent Council meeting with an explanation of how this advisory committee complements or contradicts any other (current or future) inquiries in to these alleged activities by bodies such as ICAC or any other government or non-government bodies or agencies.*
- 9 *That Council request the meetings be open to the public.*

For:

Unanimous

The amendment was put and declared carried. The amendment becomes the motion

Resolved

- 575/17** *That Council note with great concern the recent media reports around waste activities and alleged illegal tipping at Spencer and Mangrove Mountain.*
- 576/17** *That Council form an Advisory Committee to oversee actions to address issues relating to the Mangrove Mountain Golf Course / Landfill and Spencer dumping.*
- 577/17** *That the Advisory Committee considers and oversees actions to:-*
- a. investigate and report on the current situation*
 - b. determine appropriate actions*
 - c. oversee the implementation of actions*
- 578/17** *That the Advisory Committee includes the following members and representation:*
- Mayor*
 - A committee of at least 3 councillors*
 - CEO*
 - Council's Legal Counsel*
 - Council staff as appropriate*
 - Community stakeholders*
 - Appropriate Independent Experts*
- 579/17** *That the Advisory Committee has its initial meeting within one month of the date of this resolution.*
- 580/17** *That the minutes of the Advisory Committee be reported to Open Council.*
- 581/17** *That the committee considers the membership of the committee taking in to consideration any previous involvement in alleged illegal tipping or waste activities in Spencer or Mangrove Mountain.*
- 582/17** *That the advisory committee report back to a subsequent Council meeting with an explanation of how this advisory committee complements or contradicts any other (current or future) inquiries in to these alleged activities by bodies such as ICAC or any other government or non-government bodies or agencies.*
- 583/17** *That Council request the meetings be open to the public.*

For:

Unanimous

2.2 Mayoral Minute - Railyards at Kangy Angy

Councillor Matthews declared a less than significant non pecuniary interest in the matter as her husband is an employee of Sydney Trains which is a division of Transport NSW and remained in the chamber.

Ms Joy Cooper addressed Council at 6.35pm.

Mr Stephen Goodwin addressed Council at 6.39pm.

Moved: Mayor Smith

Resolved

584/17 That Council request a detailed briefing from the relevant State Government agencies within a fortnight on this and if this is not achievable that a letter be sent to Transport NSW.

585/17 Council obtain a briefing on the transfer of the section of the old Pacific Highway between Ourimbah roundabout and Tuggerah roundabout.

**For:
Unanimous**

Suspension of Standing Orders

Councillor Vincent left the chamber at 7.18pm and returned at 7.19pm during consideration of this item.

**Moved: Councillor Burke
Seconded: Councillor Smith**

586/17 That Council suspend standing orders of Council and hold a minute's silence in recognition of the passing of former Gosford City Council Councillor Bob Ward.

**For:
Unanimous**

The meeting then held a minute's silence.

Further Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved: **Mayor Smith**
Seconded: **Councillor MacGregor**

Resolved

587/17 That Council further suspend standing orders to allow for two presentations.

For:
Unanimous

Councillor Best declared a conflict of interest after the presentations as he is the Managing Director of Central Coast Group Training and that two of the staff receiving awards are his employees. He noted that he did not declare this conflict earlier in the meeting as it was a procedural motion of which he did not have notice. Councillor Best left the Chamber at 7.22pm during the presentations and returned at 7.24pm and was not present during the presentation.

Presentations were made to Council's Environmental Education Officer, Nick Carson with two prestigious awards; Government Education Award for Outstanding Contribution to Environmental Education in New South Wales 2017 and NSW Environmental Educator of the Year.

A further presentation was made to Council's Supervisor Sports Facility and Roadside Landscapes, Trent Burnham for winning "Supervisor of the Year" and Calum Lee for "1st Year Apprentice of the Year" at the Central Coast Group Training awards.

Procedural Motion

Moved: **Mayor Smith**
Seconded: **Councillor MacGregor**

Resolved

588/17 That Council resume standing orders.

For:
Unanimous

Procedural Motion

Moved: **Councillor Best**

Seconded: **Councillor Vincent**

Resolved

589/17 That with the exception of the following reports, Council adopt the recommendations contained in the remaining reports:

Item Title

- 3.7 Commercial Office at 101 Erina Street, East Gosford
- 3.8 Kincumber Shopping Centre at 43-45 Avoca Drive Kincumber
- 4.1 Nomination of Council representatives to Joint Regional Planning Panel
- 4.2 Central Coast Council Business Activities
- 4.3 Setting of fee to be paid to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors
- 4.4 Grants and Sponsorship Review Panel
- 4.5 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Membership
- 4.6 Public exhibition of proposed amendments to the adopted Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy
- 5.2 Sponsorship Program Update
- 6.1 Open and Transparent Council
- 6.2 Electoral Leniency

For:

Unanimous

Procedural Motion

Moved: **Councillor Vincent**

Seconded: **Councillor Burke**

Resolved

590/17 That Council adopt the following items en-masse and in accordance with the report recommendations.

Item Title

- 3.1 Commercial Building No 3 Yandina Road, West Gosford
- 3.2 Commercial Office at 100-104 Mann Street, Gosford
- 3.3 Angel Delight – 230 Manns Road, West Gosford
- 3.4 Commercial Office at 192 Mann Street, Gosford
- 3.5 Fairhaven Services for 17 Kincumber Street, Kincumber
- 3.6 Commercial Premises at 6 Stockyard Place, West Gosford
- 3.9 Commercial Premises - 2A Watt Street, Gosford
- 3.10 Coast Book Exchange – 153 Mann Street, Gosford
- 3.11 Coffee Shop, 344 Mann Street, North Gosford
- 3.12 Office – 355 Mann Street, North Gosford
- 3.13 Oriental Leisure Centre at Unit 4 283 Mann Street, Gosford

Item Title

- 3.14 29 Wollong Street, North Gosford
5.1 Investment report for August 2017
5.3 Pecuniary Interest Disclosure Returns

For:

Unanimous

Motion of Urgency

Moved: Councillor Best

Seconded: Councillor Holstein

- 591/17 That Council consider a motion of urgency in respect of s. 291A of the Local Government Act 1993 as a motion must be resolved at the first meeting of Council to determine if a countback or by-election will occur if an elected member of this Council is not able to fulfil their term of Council, otherwise the option would be lost.**

The motion was put and declared lost.

For:

**Marquart, Holstein, Gale Collins, Pilon,
McLachlan, Greenaway, Burke and Best**

Against:

**Mehrtens, Sundstrom, McGregor, Vincent,
Hogan, Matthews and Smith**

- 3.1 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Commercial Building No 3 Yandina Road,
West Gosford**
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Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

- 592/17 That Council note the result of the site inspection carried out on the 16 August 2017.**

- 593/17 That Council resolve to exercise its power to issue an order 6 under s.121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 with respect to the matters as raised within the fire safety inspection report received from Fire and Rescue NSW.**

- 594/17 That Council give notice of its determination to the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW.**

For:

Unanimous

3.2 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Commercial Office at 100-104 Mann Street, Gosford

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

595/17 That Council note the result of the site inspection carried out on the 15 August 2017.

596/17 That Council resolve to exercise its power to issue an order 6 under s.121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 with respect to the matters as raised within the fire safety inspection report received from Fire and Rescue NSW.

597/17 That Council give notice of its determination to the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW.

For:

Unanimous

3.3 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Angel Delight - 230 Manns Road, West Gosford

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

598/17 That Council note the result of the site inspection carried out on the 16 August 2017.

599/17 That Council resolve to exercise its power to issue an order 6 under s.121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 with respect to the matters as raised within the fire safety inspection report received from Fire and Rescue NSW.

600/17 That Council give notice of its determination to the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW.

For:

Unanimous

3.4 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Commercial Office at 192 Mann Street, Gosford

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

601/17 That Council note the result of the site inspection carried out on the 15 August 2017.

602/17 That Council resolve to exercise its power to issue an order 6 under s.121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 with respect to the matters as raised within the fire safety inspection report received from Fire and Rescue NSW.

603/17 That Council give notice of its determination to the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW.

For:

Unanimous

3.5 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Fairhaven Services for 17 Kincumber Street, Kincumber

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

604/17 That Council note the result of the site inspection carried out on the 20 July 2017.

605/17 That Council resolve to not exercise its power to issue an order 6 or 8 under s.121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 with respect to the matters as raised within the fire safety inspection report received from Fire and Rescue NSW.

606/17 That Council give notice of its determination to the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW.

For:

Unanimous

3.6 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Commercial Premises at 6 Stockyard Place, West Gosford

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

607/17 That Council note the result of the site inspection carried out on the 16 August 2017.

608/17 That Council resolve to exercise its power to issue an order 6 under s.121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 with respect to the matters as raised within the fire safety inspection report received from Fire and Rescue NSW.

609/17 That Council give notice of its determination to the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW.

For:

Unanimous

3.7 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Commercial Office at 101 Erina Street East Gosford

Moved: Councillor Best

Seconded: Councillor Holstein

Resolved

610/17 That Council note the result of the site inspection carried out on the 15 August 2017.

611/17 That Council resolve to exercise its power to issue an order 6 under s.121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 with respect to the matters as raised within the fire safety inspection report received from Fire and Rescue NSW.

612/17 That Council give notice of its determination to the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW.

For:

Unanimous

3.8 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Kincumber Shopping Centre at 43-45 Avoca Drive, Kincumber

Moved: Councillor Holstein
Seconded: Councillor Mehrtens

Resolved

613/17 That Council note the result of the site inspection carried out on the 20 July 2017.

614/17 That Council resolve to not exercise its power to issue an order 6 or 8 under s.121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 with respect to the matters as raised within the fire safety inspection report received from Fire and Rescue NSW.

615/17 That Council give notice of its determination to the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW.

For:
Unanimous

3.9 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Commercial Premises - 2 A Watt Street, Gosford

Moved: Councillor Vincent
Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

616/17 That Council note the content of the Fire Safety Inspection Report from Fire and Rescue NSW (attached), in accordance with Section 121ZD(2)(a) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A), 1979.

617/17 That Council receive a further report to be provided to the next Council meeting in accordance with 121ZD(2)(b) of the EP&A Act.

For:
Unanimous

3.10 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Coast Book Exchange - 153 Mann Street, Gosford

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

618/17 That Council note the content of the Fire Safety Inspection Report from Fire and Rescue NSW (attached), in accordance with Section 121ZD(2)(a) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A), 1979.

619/17 That Council determine that no further action is required as recommended by Fire and Rescue NSW.

620/17 That Council give notice of its determination to the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW.

For:

Unanimous

3.11 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Coffee Shop 344 Mann Street, North Gosford

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

621/17 That Council note the content of the Fire Safety Inspection Report from Fire and Rescue NSW (attached), in accordance with Section 121ZD(2)(a) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A), 1979.

622/17 That Council receive a further report to be provided to the next Council meeting in accordance with 121ZD(2)(b) of the EP&A Act.

For:

Unanimous

3.12 Fire Safety Report for Office at 355 Mann St, North Gosford

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

623/17 That Council note the content of the Fire Safety Inspection Report from Fire and Rescue NSW (attached), in accordance with Section 121ZD(2)(a) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A), 1979.

624/17 That Council receive a further report to be provided to the next Council meeting in accordance with 121ZD(2)(b) of the EP&A Act.

For:

Unanimous

3.13 Fire Safety Inspection Report for Oriental Leisure Centre at Unit 4 283 Mann St, Gosford

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

625/17 That Council note the content of the Fire Safety Inspection Report from Fire and Rescue NSW (attached), in accordance with Section 121ZD(2)(a) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A), 1979.

626/17 That Council receive a further report to be provided to the next Council meeting in accordance with 121ZD(2)(b) of the EP&A Act.

For:

Unanimous

3.14 Fire Safety Inspection Report for 29 Wollong St, North Gosford

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

627/17 That Council note the content of the Fire Safety Inspection Report from Fire and Rescue NSW (attached), in accordance with Section 121ZD(2)(a) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A), 1979.

628/17 That Council receive a further report to be provided to the next Council meeting in accordance with 121ZD(2)(b) of the EP&A Act.

For:

Unanimous

4.1 Nomination of Council Representatives to Joint Regional Planning Panel

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Sundstrom

Resolved

629/17 That Council nominate, pursuant to cl. 2(1)(b) of Schedule 4 to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the following Councillors to be members of the Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel:

a. Councillor MacGregor

b. Councillor Burke

630/17 That Council nominate, pursuant to cl. 8(2) of Schedule 4 to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 the following two Councillors, each to be an alternate of the Councillors nominated in resolution 1 above to the Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel:

a. Councillor Sundstrom

b. The Mayor, Councillor Smith

631/17 That Council determine that the remuneration to be paid to each nominee when exercising functions as a member of the Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel is \$700.00 per meeting, inclusive of GST and expenses.

632/17 That Council note that the above nominations are to take effect immediately and to be for a term of three years.

633/17 *That Council request the Chief Executive Officer notify the secretariat of Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel in writing of the above nominations.*

634/17 *That Council request the Chief Executive Officer notify the current Council representatives of Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel in acknowledgement of their significant contribution and advising of the changes to the representation from Council.*

For:

Unanimous

4.2 Central Coast Council Business Activities

Moved: **Councillor Vincent**

Seconded: **Councillor Matthews**

Resolved

635/17 *That Council approve the classification of those activities in this report as Business Activities in accordance with National Competition Policy.*

636/17 *That Council declare its Business Activities in accordance with National Competition Policy and the Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.*

For:

Unanimous

4.3 Setting of fees to be paid to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors

Moved: **Councillor Burke**

Seconded: **Councillor Marquart**

Resolved

637/17 *That Council note the determination made by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal on 12 April 2017 in respect of Councillor and Mayoral fees.*

638/17 *That Council fix the annual fee to be paid to each councillor at \$28,950, pursuant to s. 248(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.*

639/17 *That Council fix the annual fee to be paid to the Mayor at \$84,330, pursuant to s. 249(3) of the Local Government Act 1993.*

640/17 *That Council determine, pursuant to s. 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1993, that an annual fee of \$8,433 be paid to the Deputy Mayor, that fee to be deducted from the annual fee paid to the Mayor in accordance with resolution 3 above.*

For:
**Councillors Greenaway, MacGregor,
Matthews, Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Best,
Burke, Gale Collins, Holstein, Marquart,
McLachlan and Pilon**

Abstain (recorded as Against):
**Mayor Smith, Councillors Vincent and
Hogan**

4.4 Grants and Sponsorship Review Panel

Moved: Councillor Vincent
Seconded: Councillor Gale Collins

Resolved

641/17 That Council appoint the Mayor and two (2) Councillors to the Grants and Sponsorship Review Panel.

- **Councillor Matthews**
- **Councillor Pilon**

642/17 That Council nominate alternate delegates:

- **Councillor Holstein**
- **Councillor Greenaway**

For:
Unanimous

4.5 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Membership

Moved: Councillor Burke
Seconded: Councillor Gale Collins

Resolved

643/17 That Council appoint the following two Councillors to be members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee:

- a Councillor Vincent**
- b Councillor Greenaway**

644/17 That Council also appoint the following two Councillors to be alternate members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, to attend meetings in the absence of one or both of the two Councillor members:

- a Councillor Matthews**
- b Councillor Sundstrom**

For:
Unanimous

4.6 Public exhibition of proposed amendments to the adopted Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

Councillor Best left the chamber at 8.13pm and returned at 8.15pm during consideration of this item.

Moved: Councillor Holstein

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

645/17 That Council defer this item for a Councillor briefing to be held as soon as possible (within a few weeks) to discuss the matter further.

For:

Unanimous

5.1 Investment report for August 2017

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

646/17 That Council receive the Investment report for August 2017.

For:

Unanimous

5.2 Sponsorship Program Update

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Mehrtens

Resolved

647/17 That the Council receive the report on the Sponsorship Program Update.

For:

Unanimous

5.3 Pecuniary Interest Disclosure Returns

Moved: Councillor Vincent

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

648/17 That Council note that the Chief Executive Officer tabled pecuniary interest disclosure returns, pursuant to s.450A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

For:

Unanimous

6.1 Open and Transparent Council

Councillor MacGregor left the chamber at 8.24pm and returned at 8.26pm during consideration of this item.

Moved: Councillor Best

Seconded: Councillor Holstein

Resolved

649/17 That having regard to the amalgamation of the former Wyong and Gosford Councils, Council resolve to request that the Chief Executive Officer provide a comprehensive report on the amalgamation project plan and objectives/deliverables clearly articulating and importantly demonstrating what has been achieved to date and what is still required to be completed.

650/17 That Council further resolve to request that the Chief Executive Officer provide a report on what expenditures have been made out of the \$20M State Government Amalgamation Fund, what funds are remaining and what percentage of the amalgamation process has been effectively delivered.

For:

Unanimous

6.2 Electoral Leniency

Councillor Greenaway left the chamber at 8.28pm and returned at 8.30pm during consideration of this item.

Moved: **Councillor Best**
Seconded: **Councillor Marquart**

Resolved

651/17 ***That Council notes that the first election of the Central Coast Council involved a new local government area divided in to 5 wards, which were likely to be unfamiliar to and potentially confusing to some resident electors.***

652/17 ***That Council request that the NSW Electoral Commissioner exercise appropriate discretion and leniency when exercising the following statutory discretions:***

- a*** ***When determining, for the purposes of s. 314(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, whether a resident appears to not have sufficient reason for failing to vote at the September 2017 election; and;***
- b*** ***When determining, pursuant to s. 314(6)(f) of that Act, whether a reason given by any such resident is acceptable to the Commissioner.***

For:
Unanimous

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Q2/17 **Lake Munmorah & Norah Heads Master Plans**
Councillor Greg Best

Mr General Manager, I regularly frequent a number of Progress & Precinct Committees. In doing so I have been repeatedly approached by Lake Munmorah & Norah Heads residents groups seeking advice around when their long-awaited and promised Master Plans will finally be released. It has been a number of years since these communities were engaged by Council to develop these important documents which will steer the development direction of these communities, and indeed define them.

Mr General Manager, could you please report to the next Council Meeting the progress of these important community Master Plans?

**Q3/17 Holiday Parks Revenue
Councillor Doug Vincent**

Could staff please provide a report on the holiday parks \$10.1m revenue and how it is spent and if the expenditure is compliant with the Crown Lands Act?

**Q4/17 Concept for Disability Precincts
Councillor Doug Vincent**

Could staff please advise if the concept of disability precincts have been considered for the Central Coast region and report if the concept could be implemented across the Central Coast?

Procedural Motion

Moved: **Councillor Burke**
Seconder: **Councillor Marquart**

Resolved

653/17 That Council approve Councillor Best's leave of absence for the 23 October 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

For:
Unanimous

Procedural Motion

Moved: **Councillor Matthews**
Seconder: **Councillor MacGregor**

Resolved

654/17 That Council approve Councillor Hogan's leave of absence for the 23 October 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

For:
Unanimous

THE MEETING closed at 8.35pm.