

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Minutes of the Public Voice Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 290 King Street, Newcastle on Tuesday 21 May 2019 at 5.30pm.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors J Church, D Clausen, C Duncan, J Dunn (*arrived 5.35pm*), K Elliott, J Mackenzie, A Robinson (*arrived 5.33pm*), A Rufo, E White and P Winney-Baartz.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Bath (Chief Executive Officer), D Clarke (Director Governance), B Smith (Director Strategy and Engagement), F Leatham (Director People and Culture), K Liddell (Director Infrastructure and Property), A Murphy (Director City Wide Services), M Bisson (Manager Planning, Regulatory and Assessment), E Kolatchew (Manager Legal), P Dickson (Chief Information Officer), P McCarthy (Urban Planning Team Co-ordinator), J Honnef, (Senior Urban Planner), J Rigby (Manager Assets and Projects), C Field (Executive Officer, Lord Mayor's Office), M Murray (Policy Officer, Lord Mayor's Office), K Sullivan (Council Services/Minutes) and J Redriff (Council Services/Webcasting).

MESSAGE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Lord Mayor read the message of acknowledgement to the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

PRAYER

The Lord Mayor read a prayer and a period of silence was observed in memory of those who served and died so that Council might meet in peace.

APOLOGIES

MOTION

Moved by Cr Rufo, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

The apologies submitted on behalf of Councillors Byrne and Luke be received and leave of absence granted.

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil.

PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS

**ITEM-1 PV 21/05/19 - DA2018/00968 - 37 ALFRED STREET,
NEWCASTLE EAST - DWELLING ALTERATIONS AND
ADDITIONS**

Mr Peter Eadie and Mrs Debbie Eadie addressed Council and outlined concerns and objections to the development application.

Mr Robert Bisley, Associate CityPlan on behalf of the DA applicant, addressed Council in support of the development application.

**ITEM-2 PV 21/05/19 - NEWCASTLE BIA REVIEW - STAGE 2 -
PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

An invitation was extended to each of the Business Improvement Associations (BIAs) to present at Public Voice in accordance with Council's resolution of 16 April 2019.

The Lord Mayor stated that the invitation was not taken up by any of the BIAs and therefore there would be no public voice session on this matter. The Chief Executive Officer had advised that the Wallsend BIA did request a meeting and that this occurred on 6 May 2019 and was a positive meeting. Further, that Wallsend BIA expressed a view that they had no objection or questions regarding the new funding model.

Councillor Clausen expressed disappointment that none of the BIAs had taken the opportunity to address Council and tabled a copy of previous correspondence to Council from the President of the Hamilton Business Chamber seeking regular opportunities to directly brief Council.

The meeting concluded at 6.05pm.