

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Minutes of the Public Voice Committee Meeting held via Audio visual platform Zoom on Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 6.16pm.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors J Church, D Clausen, C Duncan, J Dunn, B Luke, J Mackenzie, A Robinson, A Rufo, E White and P Winney-Baartz.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Bath (Chief Executive Officer), D Clarke (Director Governance and Chief Financial Officer), F Leatham (Director People and Culture), J Rigby (Acting Director Infrastructure and Property), A Jones (Director City Wide Services), K Hyland (Interim Director Strategy and Engagement), H Sexton (Acting Manager Legal), M Bisson (Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment), L Duffy (Manager Parks and Recreation), A Knowles (Councillor Services/Minutes), K Sullivan (Councillor Services/Meeting Support), L Stanhope (Councillor Services/Meeting Support) and D Barlass (Information Technology Support).

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.

ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO VISUAL MEANS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

1. Notes the current Public Health Orders applicable to all of NSW;
2. Notes tonight's Public Voice Committee meeting is livestreamed on Council's website providing for access to members of the public;
3. Notes the unprecedented public health risks facing the community and in the interests of public health and safety, permits all Councillors to attend the Public Voice Committee meeting of 19 October 2021 by audio visual means.

Carried

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil.

PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS

ITEM-1 PV 19/10/21 - ERECTION OF BASKETBALL COURTS ON NATIONAL PARK

Mr Carl Boyd and Ms Sue Outram addressed Council on behalf of Friends of National Park and highlighted the community groups concerns surrounding the lack of open green spaces and the re-purposing of existing open spaces within National Park.

Ms Lynn Duffy, Manager Parks and Recreation addressed Council providing an overview of the current works in the north west section of National Park permissible under the current National Park Plan of Management (PoM) 2012, and its commenced review.

ITEM-2 PV 19/10/21 - 42 GEORGETOWN ROAD, GEORGETOWN - DA2021/00197 - SERVICE STATION AND ANCILLARY FOOD AND DRINK PREMISES INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURE

Ms Louise Roach and Ms Roberta Colombo addressed Council and outlined concerns and objections to the development application. Mr Wade Morris and Mr Lee Bateman from GWH Build Pty Ltd addressed Council in support of the development application.

The meeting concluded at 8.07pm.

