

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 15 August 2017 at 5.32pm.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors D Clausen, T Doyle, J Dunn, B Luke, M Osborne, S Posniak, A Robinson and A Rufo.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Bath (Interim Chief Executive Officer), A Glauser (Interim Director Corporate Services), K Liddell (Interim Director Infrastructure), M Blackburn-Smith (Manager Development and Building), E Kolatchew (Interim Manager Legal and Governance), J Gaynor (Manager Strategic Planning), B Johnson (Communications), A Knowles and K Sullivan (Council Services/Minutes/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 serviced and died so that Council might meet in peace.

APOLOGIES

MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Rufo

The apologies submitted on behalf of Councillor Compton and Councillor Waterhouse be received and leave of absence granted.

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The Lord Mayor called for declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

Lord Mayor Councillor Nelmes

Less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 1 - Land Bounded by Mosbri Crescent and Kitchen Parade The Hill - Adoption of Amendment to Newcastle LEP 2012 as a former Councillor lives near the proposed development.

Councillor Doyle

Councillor Doyle declared a non-pecuniary less than significant interest Item 1 - Land Bounded by Mosbri Crescent and Kitchen Parade The Hill - Adoption of Amendment to Newcastle LEP 2012 as she lives in the vicinity.

PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS

ITEM-1 PV 15/08/17 - AMENDMENT TO NEWCASTLE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012 - LAND BOUNDED BY MOSBRI CR AND KITCHENER PDE THE HILL

Mr Frank Renton, Dr Louisa Connors and Mr John Munson addressed Council in regards to opposing the recommendation to amend the Newcastle LEP 2012 for the site.

Ms Kylie Blucher (Managing Director NBN Newcastle), Mr Jonathon Knapp and Ms Belinda Thomas representing the applicants and in support of the amendment addressed Council.

The Manager Development and Building took a question from Councillor Rufo on notice in regard to traffic flow issues that could be identified in relation to the roads around the site, in particular Swan Street.

The Lord Mayor asked both parties if they would consider the opportunity for mediation to attempt to resolve issues raised by objectors.

The Interim Chief Executive Officer advised that Council would recommend parties engage with the Community Justice Centre for mediation opportunities and noted the process normally took around a month.

ITEM-2 PV 15/08/17 - DA2017/00558 - 37 DARLING STREET CARRINGTON - ERECTION OF TWENTY FOUR TWO STOREY INDUSTRIAL UNITS, ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AND SITE CONSOLIDATION

Councillor Dunn at 6.36pm declared a conflict of interest as he has a client who was involved in the development and removed himself from the chamber.

Ms Sonja Bennett and Ms Kathryn Lamont addressed Council in relation to the Development Application.

Mr Matthew de Witt and Mr Alan Taylor representing the DA Applicants addressed Council in support of the Development Application.

Councillor Dunn returned to the Chamber.

ITEM-3 PV 15/08/17 - DA2017/00299 - 150 SCOTT STREET NEWCASTLE - ADAPTIVE REUSE OF SIGNAL BOX FOR COMMERCIAL USE AND ASSOCIATED BUILDING AND LANDSCAPING WORKS, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A PLAZA ASSOCIATED WITH THE SIGNAL BOX TO BE USED FOR MARKETS

Mr Rob Walters addressed Council in relation to rejecting the Development Application.

Mr Barney Collins representing the DA Applicant addressed Council in support of the Development Application.

The Manager Development and Building clarified the fence on the southern side of the footpath was not heritage listed, however the AA Company fence located further to the west did have cultural significance. The proposal did not seek any subdivision works and any works associated with the light rail was not a part of or in connection with the DA application.

Following a question from Councillor Doyle, the Interim Chief Executive Officer advised that Council would take the question on notice. The question concerned whether the further removal of a fence along the boundary of Scott Street would form another DA, what would happen in respect to the boundary fence to the north of Scott Street, the boundary of the road, the fence along the light rail area and would the matters come before Council.

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm.