

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Minutes of the Public Voice Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall on Tuesday 18 October 2016 at 5.36pm.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors D Compton (*arrived 5.45pm*), T Doyle (*arrived 5.38pm*), B Luke, S Posniak, A Robinson, A Rufo and Tierney.

IN ATTENDANCE

F Cordingley (Interim Chief Executive Officer), A Glauser (Acting Director Corporate Services), P Chrystal (Director Planning and Regulatory), M Blackburn-Smith (Manager Development and Building), F Giordano (Manager Legal and Governance), 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 served and died so that Council might meet in peace.

APOLOGIES

MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Posniak

The apologies submitted on behalf of Councillors Clausen, Crakanthorp, Dunn, Osborne and Waterhouse be received and leave of absence granted.

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Luke

Councillor Luke declared a non pecuniary significant conflict of interest in Item 1 - DA 2014/0296 - 18 Bond Street Newcastle - Erection of Three Storey Dwelling indicating that the objector was an employee of a financial institution with which he had a number of dealings. He stated that he received regular briefings from Mr Kinloch and would leave the Chamber for the presentation.

Councillor Compton

Councillor Compton declared a non-pecuniary less than significant interest in the Development Applications process generally. He indicated that his company was a selective tenderer for architectural firms that operated in the Newcastle Local Government area that could be selected to undertake building projects from time to time.

PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS

ITEM-1 PV REPORT - DA 2014/0296 - 18 BOND STREET, NEWCASTLE - ERECTION OF THREE STOREY DWELLING

An application has been received seeking consent to erect a three storey dwelling. The proposal was originally notified to neighboring properties for fourteen days in accordance with Council's policy and fifteen public submissions were received.

The application was also notified as "nominated integrated development" for thirty days under the requirements of the EPAA and two submissions were received in response. One Public Voice request was received during the notification period.

Alistair Kinloch addressed Council and outlined various concerns regarding the proposal.

Mr Kinloch concluded that mediation was applied for however the proponents had declined.

Garry Fielding, of City Planner Newcastle addressed the Committee on behalf of the proponents explaining the merits of the development application.

Councillors raised questions on a number of different matters including the dominance of the top floor and what concessions had been made by the proponents to reduce impact on view sharing, rear and side setbacks, building envelope encroachments, privacy screening on the western boundary, open space and heritage input by Council Officers.

In respect of heritage input, the Manager Development and Building advised that the Heritage Council's comments and recommendations would take precedence.

The Lord Mayor referred to DA 2008/115 and the previous subdivision of the land. The Lord Mayor enquired who had been the proponent and the number of lots subdivided.

The Manager Development and Building stated that he would take the question on notice.

ITEM-2 PV REPORT - DA 2015/0540 - 18 NERIGAI CLOSE, ELERMORE VALE - ERECTION OF TWENTY FIVE ATTACHED TWO STOREY DWELLINGS, ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AND TWENTY SIX LOT STRATA SUBDIVISION

An application has been received seeking consent for the construction of twenty-five (25) two storey townhouses, strata subdivision, tree removal and associated site works.

The proposed development is 'integrated' development and requires approval from Department of Primary Industries (Office of Water), Mine Subsidence Board and NSW Rural Fire Service.

Josie Bailey addressed Council and outlined various concerns regarding the proposal.

Katrina Wark specifically spoke on the ecological survey and other environmental matters.

**ITEM-3 PV REPORT - DA 2016/00159 - 46 KILGOUR AVENUE,
MEREWETHER - TWO STOREY DWELLING, ASSOCIATED
SWIMMING POOL AND SITE WORKS**

An application has been received seeking consent to erect a two storey dwelling, associated swimming pool and site works.

The original proposal was notified to neighbouring properties for fourteen days in accordance with the provisions of Newcastle DCP 2012 and eight public submissions were received objecting to the proposal. It is noted three submissions were received from the same address. One Public Voice request was received during the notification period.

Samantha Alford addressed Council and outlined various concerns regarding the proposal.

Kevin Hoffman, of Kevin Hoffman and Design and Barney Collins, EJE Architecture, addressed the Committee on behalf of the proponents explaining the merits of the development application.

Councillors raised questions on a number of different matters including obstruction of view from the objector's property, floor to ceiling heights, non-compliance with the covenant over the property, Bather's Way and the constraints of the property.

A site inspection was requested by Councillors.

The meeting concluded at 7.33pm.