

MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

at 5.01 pm

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT

Lord Mayor – Councillor Bradbery (in the Chair), Councillors Kershaw, Connor (from 5.14 pm), Brown, Takacs, Martin, Dorahy (from 5.06 pm), Crasnich, Curran and Petty (from 5.03 pm)

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager – D Farmer, Director Corporate and Community Services – Creative, Engaged and Innovative City – G Doyle, Director Infrastructure and Works – Connectivity, Assets and Liveable City (Acting) – M Dowd, Director Planning and Environment – Future, City and Neighbourhoods (Acting) – J Nicol, Manager Governance and Information – K Cowgill, Manager Property and Recreation – P Coyte, Manager Community Cultural and Economic Development – K Hunt and Manager City Works and Services – M Roebuck

APOLOGIES

Min No.

161 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Kershaw seconded Councillor Takacs that the apologies tendered on behalf of Councillors Blicavs and Merrin be accepted, and Councillor Colacino's leave of absence granted by Council on 9 November 2015, be noted.

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During the Public Access Forum address by Dr Edwards, Councillors Petty and Dorahy attended the meeting, the times being 5.03 pm and 5.06 pm, respectively.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM – EMPLACEMENT AREA – RUSSELL VALE COLLIERY

On behalf of Illawarra Residents for Responsible Mining, Dr A Edwards raised concerns about a 2.2 million tonne slag heap on the escarpment, above Russell Vale. She said that residents had observed polluted runoff flowing into Hicks Creek following heavy rain. The site is also being used to stockpile oversized coal, with the intention to recover the coal from the site if a washery facility is introduced at the mine. Dr Edwards felt that this arrangement was clearly not within the scope of the permissions granted for the site. It also means there is now approximately 200,000 tonnes of highly flammable coal sitting on the site, along with over 2 million tonnes of spoil, in apparent breach of the condition that only waste was to be placed on the site and that such waste was to be compacted, landscaped and revegetated according to a 'non-existent' plan.

She felt that big piles of coal left lying in a heavily-wooded region would be considered a major risk to welfare. Also, there is no water supply in place as mandated. In conclusion, Dr Edwards said that given the inability of Council or the company to provide assurance on the way the site is designed and monitored, the risk of catastrophe exists.

ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLOR

At this stage, the time being 5.14 pm, Councillor Connor attended the meeting and was present for the vote taken to thank Dr Edwards (Minute No 162).

162 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Dorahy that Dr Edwards be thanked for her presentation and invited to table her notes.

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ITEM A – NOTICE OF RESCISSION – COUNCILLORS BRADBERRY, DORAHY AND KERSHAW – COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL MEETING 7 DECEMBER 2015 – COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS OF 14 SEPTEMBER AND 9 NOVEMBER

163 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Dorahy seconded Councillor Kershaw that Council rescind the following resolutions of 14 September and 9 November 2015 –

- 1 Minute Number 134 of 14 September 2015 relating to Item 14 relating to the Illawarra 200 Commemorative Council Meeting Proposal; and,
- 2 Minute Number 160 of 9 November 2015 relating to Item 18 relating to the Extraordinary Council Meeting Agenda 7 December 2015.

The RESCISSION MOTION on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED.

In favour Councillors Kershaw, Brown, Martin, Takacs, Dorahy, Crasnich, Curran and Bradbery

Against Councillors Connor and Petty

164 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Kershaw seconded Councillor Dorahy that there be an avowal at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 14 December 2015, to commemorate Illawarra 200 and the transition from the exclusive Aboriginal period to the introduction of the European history acknowledging our shared history, while embracing our shared values and future as a growing and diverse community.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Bradbery that the Motion be put. The PROCEDURAL MOTION on being PUT to the VOTE was CARRIED.

The MOTION was then PUT to the VOTE and CARRIED.

In favour Councillors Kershaw, Brown, Martin, Takacs, Dorahy, Crasnich, Curran and Bradbery

Against Councillors Connor and Petty

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5.33 PM.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on 30 November 2015.

Chairperson