



MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

at 6.00 pm

Monday 26 May 2014

Present

Lord Mayor – Councillor Bradbery OAM (in the Chair), Councillors Kershaw, Connor, Brown, Takacs, Martin, Merrin, Blicavs, Colacino, Crasnich and Petty

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 – M Hyde, Director Planning and Environment – Future, City and Neighbourhoods – A Carfield, Manager Governance and Information – L Kofod, Manager Finance – B Jenkins, Manager Property and Recreation – P Coyte, Manager Environmental Strategy and Planning – R Campbell, Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning – M Dowd and Manager Community Cultural and Economic Development – T Buchanan

Apologies

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COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Petty seconded Councillor Martin that the apologies tendered on behalf of Councillors Curran and Dorahy be accepted.

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Martin declared a non-financial interest in Item A due to a long-term friendship with one of the Cultural Planners, Ms S Conroy.

Councillor Colacino declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 as he is currently the Council-appointed Director of the Board of Destination Wollongong. Councillor Colacino advised that he would depart the Chambers during consideration of Item 4.

PRESENTATION – PROJECT BUCEPHALUS

Council received a presentation from the Coach, Mrs L Clark, and students of Project Bucephalus. The team presented their invention in the format of a mock-news item broken up with two mock-advertisements.

In terms of background, the First Lego League (FLL) is an international science and robotics competition for children aged 9-16. Teams begin at Regional tournament, then progress to National and International levels as their results allow. The competition involves around 23,000 teams around the world each year. “Project Bucephalus” is a Wollongong FLL team of home-schooled children who have been selected to compete at the International level for the past four years in a row – every year since the team was formed in the 2010/2011 season. As a result, Project Bucephalus has earned a reputation as one of the premier teams in Australia. The team will be representing Australia at the International Open Championships in Canada from 4-7 June. Details on the FLL can be found at www.firstlegoleague.org and the Project Bucephalus website can be found at www.projectb.net.au.

The 2013/14 FLL season is themed “Nature’s Fury”, asking children to investigate natural disasters. Participation in the FLL requires teams to build a competitive Robot, conduct original research for the Project, and adhere to a set of Core Values. In a tournament the Project must be delivered to a panel of judges in a five minute presentation in a format of the team’s choice. Project Bucephalus’ Project deals with their invention of the “Survival Cube”, a power-storage and generation device for urban areas where a generator is not feasible. The Survival Cube is designed to be used in the aftermath of a Natural Disaster (eg severe storm) when power is out, but housing is intact.

86 COUNCIL’S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Blicavs that the members of Project Bucephalus be formally thanked for their presentation and the Lord Mayor provide a suitable Certificate of Recognition.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 12 MAY 2014

87 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Colacino that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 12 May 2014 (a copy having been circulated to Councillors) be taken as read and confirmed.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM – PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KEIRA STREET, WOLLONGONG (BETWEEN MARKET AND CROWN STREETS)

Mr I Young outlined various concerns with the proposal to close Keira Street, between Market and Crown Streets, for a period of three months.

He asked that Council refuse the option to completely close Keira Street as the road systems cannot handle the increase in diverted traffic. Mr Young also asked that Council rescind the option to extend the footpath in Keira Street until a full comprehensive CBD traffic management study and flow charts have been done which cover the impacted areas.

DEPARTURE AND RESUMPTION OF CHAIR

Following the presentation by Mr I Young, the time being 6.16 pm the Lord Mayor vacated the Chair and Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Connor, assumed the Chair.

During the presentation by Mr S Turner, the time being 6.17 pm, the Lord Mayor resumed the Chair.

On behalf of GPT, Mr S Turner, advised that road resurfacing and footpath alignment are part of the Keira Street enhancements. He said that the benefits of the temporary closure would be the ability to launch the project in one line and GPT sees the works to be undertaken during the closure as vital for the successful repositioning of Keira Street. Mr Turner confirmed that consultation with businesses along the business strip will continue. GPT also plans to continue to send out regular newsletters, which go far beyond the immediate impacted area.

In conclusion, Mr Turner said that the number of workers on site will increase to around 1,000 during the closure period and this will be backed-up by concerted marketing efforts and activities. He stated that whilst the closure may be seen as a frustration, it will however lead to the best outcome.

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- 88 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Blicavs that all speakers be thanked for their presentation and invited to table their notes.

CALL OF THE AGENDA

- 89 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Crasnich that the staff recommendations for Items 5, 7 to 9 and 11 to 13 inclusive, be adopted as a block.

ITEM B – LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIONAL SORRY DAY AND RECONCILIATION WEEK

- 90 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Bradbery that -

- 1 Council pause for one minute's silence as a mark of respect and reflection on the implications of National Sorry Day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- 2 Out of respect for National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week, Item 1 on tonight's agenda (Draft Plan of Management for Sandon Point and McCauley's Beach – Post Exhibition) be deferred to the Council meeting on 23 June 2014.

One minute's silence was observed.

ITEM C - LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT ON WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL BUDGET

- 91 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Bradbery that the General Manager prepare a short report for inclusion in the Information Folder prior to 30 May 2014 on the implications of the 2014-15 Federal Budget for Council's financial sustainability and the forthcoming Council Budget.

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ITEM D – LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - CANCELLATION OF 10 JUNE 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

- 92** **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Bradbery that the Ordinary meeting of Council scheduled for 10 June 2014 be cancelled and that a Councillor Briefing be held in its place.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During discussion and prior to voting on Item A, Councillor Crasnich departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 7.27 pm to 7.28 pm.

ITEM A – NOTICE OF RESCISSION - COUNCILLORS KERSHAW, BRADBERRY, BROWN AND CONNOR - CULTURAL PLAN 2014-2018

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Merrin that a five minute extension be granted to Councillor Martin to address the meeting.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Crasnich seconded Councillor Blicavs that a five minute extension be granted to Councillor Colacino to address the meeting.

- 93** **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Kershaw seconded Councillor Brown that Council rescind its resolution of 12 May 2014 (Minute No 83), relating to Item 1 of Council General Business – Cultural Plan 2014–2018.

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

In favour Councillors Kershaw, Connor, Brown, Takacs, Colacino, Crasnich and Bradbery

Against Councillors Martin, Merrin, Blicavs and Petty

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLORS

During debate and prior to voting on the following item (relating to the Cultural Plan), the following Councillors departed and returned to the meeting –

- Councillor Connor from 7.41 pm to 7.42 pm.
- Councillor Merrin from 7.46 pm to 7.59 pm.
- Councillor Blicavs from 7.52 pm to 7.53 pm.

94 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Kershaw seconded Councillor Colacino that -

- 1 a Council endorse the Wollongong Cultural Plan 2014-2018, including the -
 - Cultural Action Plan;
 - Live Music Action Plan; and,
 - Wollongong City Centre Evening Economy Action Plan.
- b The Cultural Reference Group, within the terms of its Charter, track the implementation of the Plan and its progress be reported back to Council.
- 2 a Council officers continue to explore options to develop the Lower Town Hall basement.
- b A further report be provided to Councillors via a Briefing and/or during the Budget process on the financial implications and an assessment of options for the space.

Variations The variations moved by -

- *Councillor Takacs to delete the words 'the option to develop the Lower Town Hall basement as a Creative Arts Hub' from Part 2a and replace those words with 'options to develop the Lower Town Hall basement'; and,*
- *Councillor Brown to add the words 'within the terms of its Charter' to Point 1b;*

were accepted by the mover and seconder.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

During the debate on Item 1, Councillor Martin departed the meeting, the time being 8.08 pm. Councillor Martin was not present during the vote taken for Item 1.

ITEM 1 - DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR SANDON POINT AND MCCAULEY'S BEACH - POST EXHIBITION

- 95** **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Petty seconded Councillor Brown that this Item be deferred to the Council meeting on 23 June 2014.

DEPARTURE AND ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS

During the debate and prior to voting on Item 2, Councillor Colacino departed and returned to the meeting, the time being from 8.10 pm to 8.11 pm.

Councillor Martin returned to the meeting at 8.12 pm, during the debate and prior to the vote taken for Item 2.

ITEM 2 - PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KEIRA STREET (MARKET TO CROWN STREETS), WOLLONGONG - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2014

- 96** **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Blicavs that -

- 1 Council support GPT's application for the temporary road closure of Keira Street and associated traffic management for three months from July to September inclusive.
- 2 Council continue to liaise with GPT, Roads and Maritime Services and transport and business stakeholders to finalise the details of the Traffic Management Plan and Communications Plan for the proposed closure.

ITEM 3 - PUBLIC RECOGNITION FOR THE LATE MR AND MRS BONACINA

97 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Crasnich seconded Councillor Blicavs that –

- 1 In recognition of the late Mr Efrem and Mrs Giulia Bonacina and their extensive contribution to the Wollongong community, Council endorse naming the walkway along the western side of Council's Administration Building (41 Burelli Street, Wollongong) 'Bonacina Walk'.
- 2 Council pursue the installation of interpretive signage identifying 'Bonacina Walk'.
- 3 Council endorse the application to the NSW Geographical Names Board to formally assign this walkway as 'Bonacina Walk' under the Geographical Names Act 1966.
- 4 Council endorse the application to the NSW Geographical Names Board to formally assign 'Spearing Reserve' under the Geographical Names Act 1966.

DEPARTURE OF COUNCILLOR

Due to a prior disclosure of interest, Councillor Colacino departed the Chambers and was not present during the debate and voting for Item 4.

ITEM 4 - MAJOR EVENTS ACQUISITION

98 **COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION** - RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Connor that -

- 1 Council note that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders to develop and deliver Wollongong's Gone M.A.D. and Wollongong Adventure Week because of extenuating circumstances, namely:
 - a the uniqueness of the two events which are well advanced in concept;
 - b the difficulty in securing other comparable events in the same timeframe and with the same potential for positive economic impact and out of region exposure;

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- c the involvement of Destination NSW to whom the Wollongong Adventure Week proposal has been submitted;
 - d the involvement of multiple stakeholders in the Wollongong's Gone M.A.D. event with Destination Wollongong; and
 - e the existing arrangements with Destination Wollongong, which provides Council with ongoing oversight and involvement with delivery of events and tourist related initiatives.
- 2 Council enter into a proposed agreement with Destination Wollongong to develop and deliver two major events in accordance with the Wollongong Events Strategy, and on terms broadly similar to those previously agreed between Council and Destination Wollongong.
 - 3 The General Manager be delegated the authority to negotiate and finalise the proposed agreement and thereafter to execute the agreement between Council and Destination Wollongong within the budget constraints of the existing funding allocated to Gran Fondo.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was MOVED by Councillor Merrin seconded Councillor Crasnich that the motion be put.

Item 4 was then PUT to the VOTE and was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 5 - DRAFT QUARTERLY REVIEW MARCH 2014

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 89).

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION -

- 1 The draft Quarterly Review March 2014 be adopted.
- 2 The Budget Review Statement as at 31 March 2014 be adopted and revised totals of income and expenditure be approved and voted.

ITEM 6 - POLICY REVIEW - PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO LORD MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

99 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Martin that -

- 1 The draft amended Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Lord Mayor and Councillors Policy be amended, as follows –

Page 15 – Information Communication Technology – the addition of an additional dot point to read ‘Councillors may be reimbursed for use of consumables by private printing devices, upon presentation of receipts, up to an annual value of \$250.00’.
- 2 The amended Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days and submissions be invited from the public.
- 3 A further report be submitted to Council following conclusion of the public exhibition period, along with a summary of any submissions received.

ITEM 7 - POLICY REVIEW - WOLLONGONG MEMORIAL GARDENS, CREMATORIUM AND CEMETERIES

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 89).

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION -

- 1 Council adopt the Wollongong Memorial Gardens, Crematorium and Cemeteries policy.
- 2 The following Council policies be rescinded –
 - a Bulli Cemetery;
 - b Burial Rights;
 - c Burials at Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery;
 - d Crypt Walls – Mausoleum;
 - e Full Monument Wollongong Lawn Cemetery;
 - f Holding cremated remains;
 - g Infants and Children's Sections – Wollongong Lawn Cemetery;
 - h Low Profile Headstone Beam Section – Wollongong Lawn Cemetery; and,
 - i Scarborough Cemetery.

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ITEM 8 - POLICY REVIEW - WOLLONGONG CITY TOURIST PARKS DISCOUNTING

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 89).

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - Council adopt the draft Wollongong City Tourist Parks Discounting Policy.

ITEM 9 - POLICY REVIEW - KERBSIDE HOUSE NUMBERING

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 89).

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - The revised Kerbside House Numbering Policy be adopted.

ITEM 10 - FUTURE CITIES PROGRAM 2014

100 COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION – RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY on the motion of Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Takacs that -

- 1 Council endorse the nominations of the Lord Mayor and the Director Planning and Environment – Future City and Neighbourhoods to participate in the 2014 Future Cities Program which includes the following events:
 - 18-20 June 2014 three day Mayors' Forum at the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney; and
 - 6-13 September 2014 seven day study tour to New York City and surrounds.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the choice of participation of senior business leader(s) who influence development in the Wollongong City Centre via an expression of interest process (those person(s) to attend at their own expense).

Variation The variation moved by Councillor Brown (the addition of Point 2) was accepted by the seconder.

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ITEM 11 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR DORAHY

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 89).

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - Councillor Dorahy be granted leave of absence for the period 19 May to 14 June 2014 inclusive, which includes the Council meeting on 26 May.

ITEM 12 - BI-MONTHLY TABLING OF RETURNS OF DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND OTHER MATTERS

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 89).

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - Council note the tabling of the Returns of Disclosures of Interest as required by Section 450A of the Local Government Act 1993.

ITEM 13 - MINUTES OF ELECTRONIC MEETING OF THE CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD 2 MAY 2014

The following staff recommendation was adopted as part of the Block Adoption of Items (refer Minute Number 89).

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION - In accordance with the powers delegated to Council, the minutes and recommendations of the electronic meeting of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee held 2 May 2014 in relation to Regulation of Traffic be adopted.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.26 PM

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Wollongong held on 23 June 2014.

Chairperson