



MIDCOAST
council

Minutes of the Strategic Committee Meeting

**held at the Council Chambers
4 Breese Parade, Forster**

13 DECEMBER 2017

Glenn Handford
General Manager

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Minutes of the Strategic Committee Meeting of the MidCoast Council held at the Council Chambers, 4 Breese Parade, Forster on 13 December 2017 commencing at 8.30am.

PRESENT

Present: Cr D West (Mayor), Cr K Bell, Cr B Christensen, Cr T Fowler, Cr P Epov, Cr C Pontin, Cr J McWilliams, Cr L Roberts, Cr K Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - Glenn Handford
Director Engineering & Infrastructure - Ron Hartley
Director Planning & Natural Systems - Lisa Schiff
Director Community Spaces & Services - Paul De Szell
Director Corporate & Business Systems - Steve Embry
Director Water Services - Brendan Guiney

The following document is the Minutes of the Strategic Committee meeting held on 13 December 2017.

These Minutes are subject to confirmation as to their accuracy at the next available meeting and therefore subject to change.

Please refer to the Minutes of the next available meeting for confirmation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

The Mayor recognised the traditional custodians of the lands contained in the MidCoast Council area, being the Gathang speaking people, and paid respect to their heritage and their elders - past and present.

APOLOGIES

5/17 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr L Roberts/Seconded Cr P Epov)

That the apologies from Cr K Hutchinson and Cr D Keegan be accepted, and that leave be granted.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

6/17 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr L Roberts/Seconded Cr T Fowler)

That the Minutes of the Strategic Committee Meeting of 8 November 2017, copies of which were distributed among the Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor/Staff Member	Item and Subject	Nature of Interest
Cr T Fowler	5.1 Briefing - Civic Precinct	Pecuniary interest, the nature of the interest being I have put in an expression of interest in one of the shop fronts to lease. Cr Fowler left the meeting.
Director Planning & Natural Systems - Lisa Schiff	Item 2 - Voluntary Planning Agreement - 661 The Lakes Way Darawank	Non-Pecuniary Interest (Less than Significant) the nature of the interest being Gavin Maberly Smith is the consultant working for the applicant. Gavin Maberly Smith is my neighbour. We do not and have never had any social contact. Ms Schiff remained in the meeting.

7/17 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr J McWilliams/Seconded Cr L Roberts)

That the Committee move into Closed Council (Confidential Section of Strategic Committee Meeting) (Meeting Closed to the Public) for a confidential briefing session listed on the agenda.

CLOSED COUNCIL

Upon resuming into Open Council the Chair reported that the following briefing was provided in Closed Council.

Civic Precinct Project - Contract Briefing

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This briefing is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:
- (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

John Dougherty - Manager Property & Commercial Services, and Allison Anthony, Commercial Services Coordinator, gave a briefing on the Civic Precinct Project.

Coyne Graham, CEO Evermore & Enyoc, and Mal Kukas of Kukas Brothers Constructions, provided a presentation to the Committee on the company's background, projects and financial capacity.

8/17 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr J McWilliams/Seconded Cr L Roberts)

That the Committee move into Committee of the Whole for Briefing Sessions on the matters listed in the Agenda.

Code of Meeting Practice

Rob Griffiths, Manager Governance, gave a briefing on the Draft Code of Meeting Practice.

Council agreed to hold a further workshop to discuss the Code of Meeting Practice. It was agreed to hold a workshop at 9am on Wednesday, 7 February 2018 at Forster for this purpose.

Council also agreed to hold an Extraordinary Council meeting at 10am on Wednesday, 24 January 2018 for the purpose of the presentation of the Audited Financial Statements.

Implementation - Consolidated Local Environmental Plan - MidCoast Council

Roger Busby, Manager Strategic Planning, gave a briefing on the Implementation - Consolidated Local Environmental Plan.

Cr Pontin commented that in relation to this Item the following proposed motion had been forwarded to the Director of Planning & Natural Systems:

That MidCoast Council take immediate steps to secure funding to bring forward the consolidation of LEPs, noting that:

- the Department of Planning is offering funding to five Councils who volunteer to accelerate their LEP work; and
- funding is also available from the Department to help Councils with their housing studies.

and further that the Director of Planning & Natural Systems had provided the following response:

The Secretary of the Department of Planning & Environment has advised that the funding referred to has been provided for significant housing supply challenges identified in District Plans within Greater Sydney Councils. This funding will be finalised by the Greater Sydney Commission early in 2018.

Urban Land Monitor and Kolodong Planning Proposal

Sue Calvin, Senior Strategic Planner, gave a briefing on the Urban Land Monitor and Kolodong Planning Proposal.

Taree Package 4 LEP Amendments

This briefing was deferred to a future meeting.

Water Services Development Charges

Brendan Guiney, Director Water Services, gave a briefing on Water Services Development Charges.

9/17 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr J McWilliams/Seconded Cr L Roberts)

That the Committee move out of Committee of the Whole.

Water Services Development Charges

10/17 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr C Pontin/Seconded Cr P Epov)

That a report be provided on options to apply exemptions to enable consideration of relief for not-for-profit charitable organisations which have low turnover and limited financial capacity.

FOR VOTE - Cr D West, Cr K Bell, Cr B Christensen, Cr P Epov, Cr T Fowler, Cr J McWilliams, Cr C Pontin, Cr L Roberts, Cr K Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr K Hutchinson, Cr D Keegan

CONSIDERATION OF OFFICERS' REPORTS:

DIRECTOR PLANNING AND NATURAL SYSTEMS

1 IMPLEMENTATION - CONSOLIDATED LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN - MIDCOAST COUNCIL

Report Author Roger Busby, Manager Strategic Planning

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That, as a short to medium term measure, Council support the preparation of a consolidated single Local Environmental Plan for MidCoast Council that will also target the main strategic policy issues that are being addressed by the Rural Opportunities and Land Use Strategy and the Housing Strategy that are currently underway.
- B. That in the longer term, a new strategic Local Environmental Plan be prepared that establishes a sound framework for the long term growth of MidCoast Council.

11/17 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr C Pontin/Seconded Cr P Epov)

- A. That, as a short to medium term measure, Council support the preparation of a consolidated single Local Environmental Plan for MidCoast Council that will also target the main strategic policy issues that are being addressed by the Rural Opportunities and Land Use Strategy and the Housing Strategy that are currently underway as set out in Option 4 in the table in the report.
- B. That in the longer term, a new strategic Local Environmental Plan be prepared that establishes a sound framework for the long term growth of MidCoast Council.
- C. That a report be provided to Council on the detailed costs and milestones to deliver the consolidated LEP.

FOR VOTE - Cr D West, Cr K Bell, Cr B Christensen, Cr P Epov, Cr T Fowler, Cr J McWilliams, Cr C Pontin, Cr L Roberts

AGAINST VOTE - Cr K Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr K Hutchinson, Cr D Keegan

2 VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT - 661 THE LAKES WAY DARAWANK
Report Author Mathew Bell, Senior Ecologist

RECOMMENDATION

That Council agrees to enter a Voluntary Planning Agreement with the Registered Proprietor of Lot 1 DP125692, 661 The Lakes Way Darawank for the purpose of accepting the dedication of land associated with the subdivision of the land under the provisions of clause 4.1B of Great Lakes Local Environmental Plan 2014.

12/17 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr L Roberts/Seconded Cr J McWilliams)

That the above recommendation be adopted.

FOR VOTE - Cr D West, Cr K Bell, Cr B Christensen, Cr P Epov, Cr T Fowler, Cr J McWilliams, Cr C Pontin, Cr L Roberts, Cr K Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr K Hutchinson, Cr D Keegan

3 CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Report Author John Cavanagh, Manager Waste Health & Regulatory Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the information.
2. Register its interest with the Network Operator for Council to provide for Container Deposit Scheme drop-off at its waste facilities.

13/17 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr L Roberts/Seconded Cr J McWilliams)

That the above recommendation be adopted.

FOR VOTE - Cr D West, Cr K Bell, Cr B Christensen, Cr P Epov, Cr T Fowler, Cr J McWilliams, Cr C Pontin, Cr L Roberts, Cr K Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr K Hutchinson, Cr D Keegan

This is the last page of the minutes of the Strategic Committee meeting of MidCoast Council held on 13 December 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.47pm.

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Chairperson