



Minutes of the Strategic Committee Meeting

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

11 APRIL 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Embry", is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature is a large, stylized, triangular flourish.

Steve Embry
Acting General Manager

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PRESENT

Present: Cr D West, Cr K Smith, Cr B Christensen, Cr L Roberts, Cr D Keegan, Cr C Pontin, Cr K Bell, Cr J McWilliams, Cr T Fowler, Cr K Hutchinson, Cr P Epov

IN ATTENDANCE

Acting General Manager - Steve Embry
Director Corporate & Community Services - Paul De Szell
Director Engineering & Infrastructure - Ron Hartley
Director Planning & Natural Systems - Lisa Schiff
Director Water Services - Brendan Guiney
Minute Taker - Corporate Support Officer - Lyn Hickey

The following document is the Minutes of the Strategic Committee meeting held on 11 April 2018.

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.

The Mayor read aloud the following statement:

"Persons in the gallery are advised that under the Local Government Act, 1993 a person may not record the proceedings of a meeting of a Council or Committee WITHOUT the authority of the Council or Committee. Record includes tape, video camera and any electronic device capable of recording a speech.

"Local media outlets may be recording the proceedings of the meeting with permission for later broadcast.

"Members of the public addressing Council should refrain from divulging personal information about themselves or other individuals or making defamatory statements.

"It would also be appreciated if mobile phones could be switched off so as to not disrupt the meeting. Thank you."

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.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor/Staff Member	Item and Subject	Nature of Interest
Cr K Bell	Urgent Business	Pecuniary interest, the nature of the interest being the subject was to determine to pay travel expenses for my attendance at the Minister's Awards for Local Government. Cr Bell left the meeting and took no part in discussions or voting.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

36/18 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr J McWilliams/Seconded Cr T Fowler)

That the Minutes of the Strategic Committee Meeting of 14 March 2018, copies of which were distributed among the Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

FOR VOTE: Cr C West, Cr K Smith, Cr B Christensen, Cr L Roberts, Cr D Keegan, Cr C Pontin, Cr K Bell, Cr J McWilliams, Cr T Fowler, Cr K Hutchinson, Cr P Epov
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

37/18 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr L Roberts /Seconded Cr K Bell)

That the Committee move into Committee of the Whole.

FOR VOTE: Cr C West, Cr K Smith, Cr B Christensen, Cr L Roberts, Cr D Keegan, Cr C Pontin, Cr K Bell, Cr J McWilliams, Cr T Fowler, Cr K Hutchinson, Cr P Epov
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

PRESENTATIONS

Community Strategic Plan

Director Community Spaces & Services, Paul De Szell and Communication and Engagement Coordinator, Marcelle Boyling gave a briefing on the Community Strategic Plan.

IP&R Council Strategic Priorities, Delivery Program, Operational Plan (including Fees and Charges and Budget

Acting General Manager, Steve Embry, Manager Corporate Strategy & Development, Lynn Duffy and Manager Finance, Phil Brennan gave a briefing on the IP&R Council Strategic Priorities, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget.

ADDRESS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

38/18 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr L Roberts/Seconded Cr K Hutchinson)

That members of the public who have received approval to address Council be allowed to do so.

FOR VOTE: Cr C West, Cr K Smith, Cr B Christensen, Cr L Roberts, Cr D Keegan, Cr C Pontin, Cr K Bell, Cr J McWilliams, Cr T Fowler, Cr K Hutchinson, Cr P Epov
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Mr Nawal Maharaj addressed Council on the above requesting that actions supporting the use of renewable energy be included in the Community Strategic Plan.

*Council adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm
Council reconvened at 1.15pm.*

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED:

IP&R Council Strategic Priorities, Delivery Program, Operational Plan (including Fees and Charges and Budget

Manager Finance, Phil Brennan gave a briefing on the Budget.

Strategic Business Plan and Resource Plans (DPI Water)

Director Water Services, Brendan Guiney gave a briefing on the Strategic Business Plan and Resource Plans (DPI Water).

Bulky Waste Collection Options Report

Manager Waste, Health & Regulatory Services, John Cavanagh gave a briefing on the Bulky Waste Collection Options Report.

39/18 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr K Bell/Seconded Cr T Fowler)

That the Committee move out of Committee of the Whole.

FOR VOTE: Cr C West, Cr K Smith, Cr B Christensen, Cr L Roberts, Cr D Keegan, Cr C Pontin, Cr K Bell, Cr J McWilliams, Cr T Fowler, Cr K Hutchinson, Cr P Epov
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

CONSIDERATION OF OFFICERS' REPORTS:

DIRECTOR PLANNING & NATURAL SYSTEMS

1 BULKY WASTE COLLECTION OPTIONS REPORT

Report Author John Cavanagh, Manager - Waste, Heath & Regulatory Services

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- Council reintroduce a Bulky Waste Collection service as previously provided to Greater Taree City and Great Lakes Councils with the addition of Gloucester residents.
- The service be provided until the waste strategy is adopted or until the end of the current waste collection contract in 2021.
- The service be only provided to premises which pay the annual domestic waste charge.
- The service is for domestic use only.
- That funds be made available from the Waste Management Reserve Fund.

40/18 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr K Hutchinson /Seconded Cr C Pontin)

That the above recommendation be adopted.

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

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SPACES & SERVICES

2 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Report Author Marcelle Boyling, Communication and Engagement Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the MidCoast Community Strategic Plan - *MidCoast 2030: Shared Vision, Shared Responsibility* contained in Attachment A.

(Moved Cr P Epov /Seconded Cr D Keegan)

That Council endorse the MidCoast Community Strategic Plan - *MidCoast 2030: Shared Vision, Shared Responsibility* contained in Attachment A subject to "our vision" being amended to read:

We strive to be recognised as a place of unique environmental and cultural significance.

Our strong community connection, coupled with our innovative development and growing economy, builds the quality of life we value.

An amendment was moved by Councillor K Smith that this matter be deferred to the next Council meeting on 18 April 2018 for the community to have further input into the Community Strategic Plan.

The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.

The motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

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

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

41/18 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr P Epov /Seconded Cr D Keegan)

That Council endorse the MidCoast Community Strategic Plan - *MidCoast 2030: Shared Vision, Shared Responsibility* contained in Attachment A subject to "our vision" being amended to read:

We strive to be recognised as a place of unique environmental and cultural significance.

Our strong community connection, coupled with our innovative development and growing economy, builds the quality of life we value.

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

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

URGENT BUSINESS

Councillors Travelling Expenses

Cr K Bell declared a pecuniary interest in this matter and left the meeting.

42/18 RESOLUTION

(Moved by Cr D West/Seconded Cr D Keegan)

That Council approve the travelling expenses for Councillor Bell to attend the Ministers Awards for Women in Local Government held in March 2018

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

ABSENT DID NOT VOTE: Cr K Bell

Cr K Bell returned to the meeting

Leave of Absence

43/18 RESOLUTION

(Moved by K Smith/Seconded Cr P Epov)

That Cr L Roberts be granted leave of absence for the next three weeks.

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

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

Minister's Awards for Women in Local Government 2018

44/18 RESOLUTION

(Moved by Cr K Bell/Seconded Cr D Keegan)

That Council formally recognise Michelle Jobson's nomination for the Women in Local Government Awards 2018.

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

AGAINST VOTE: Nil.

This is the last page of the minutes of the Strategic Committee meeting of MidCoast Council held on 11 April 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.25pm.

Chairperson