

Council Report to NRDCAA Meeting, November 21 2016.

There were two meetings of Council, 25th of October 2016 and the 8th of November 2016, since the October Report.

The report covers main issues as determined by the Committee of Management (CoM) that could affect residents and ratepayers, or could be a matter of public interest.

This report should not be relied upon by residents and ratepayers. The Reports, motions and resolutions are mostly truncated.

Council Business Papers and Minutes of each meeting are available on the Council website.

Council Meeting 25th of October 2016.

Mayoral Minute (MM).

There were two speakers opposing the MM.

The MM reversed the decision of Council (October 11 2015) not to approve 11 dwellings on the Redbank site at North Richmond.

The dwellings do not meet the whole test in Part E Chapter 8, Redbank at North Richmond of the Development Control Plan (DCP).

The CoM concerns are threefold, the cumulative effects of pinching 900mm from the eleven lots, the precedent, and the repeated comments in the Business Papers that **the overall development has been planned and costed on the basis of an overall development yield.**

There was an easy solution, make the blocks bigger or the dwellings smaller.

Councillors, Calvert, Conolly, Garrow, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Richards, Ross, Tree, Wheeler and Zamprogno supported the MM.

Councillors, Rasmussen and Reynolds opposed the MM.

Note, the CoM believe there are more than 11 dwellings that do not meet the test in the DCP, Part E Chapter 8 Redbank North Richmond

Item: 223 McGraths Hill-Places of Public Worship.

There were three speakers for the recommendation to approve the application and three speakers against the recommendation.

The application sought approval of a Hindu Temple at McGraths Hill, in close proximity to the McGraths Hill Inn and the late Andrew Thompson's home.

This application caused huge concerns with local residents, mainly because of the location, parking, heritage, social impact and traffic. A total of 579 submissions were received.

Council Officers recommended approval subject to conditions.

Councillors, Calvert, Conolly, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Richards and Tree supported the recommendation.

Councillors, Rasmussen, Ross, Garrow, Reynolds, Wheeler and Zamprogno opposed the recommendation.

Councillor Lyons-Buckett used her casting vote as Mayor to approve the Hindu Temple.

Item: 224 South Windsor- Church, Community Associated Car Parking.

There were two speakers for the recommendation to refuse approval and one speaker against the recommendation.

The report from Council staff indicated the application to build a place of worship in South Windsor was inconsistent with the overall aims and objectives relating to the development of residential areas, essential services, impacts of traffic noise, suitable road access, possible flooding, etc;

There were 254 submissions received and a petition with 17 signatures.

An amendment to the recommendation to allow the applicant to have further discussion with Council staff failed.

Councillors, Calvert, Garrow, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Richards, Ross, Tree, Wheeler, Zamprogno supported the staff recommendation.

Councillor Conolly voted against the recommendation.

Item: 224 Planning Proposal-43 Bootles Lane Pitt Town.

There were three speakers against the staff recommendation.

The Planning Proposal sought to amend the Hawkesbury Local Environment Plan 2012, to allow development of the site.

The Pitt Town development has been a bone of contention since the rezoning was first mooted early 2,000.

Subsequent to a short break by Councillors, the staff recommendation was defeated. Then, Councillor Connolly moved and Councillor Rasmussen seconded that Council support the objective of conservation of the Cumberland Plain Woodland, no multiple dwellings and defer the item for discussions with the applicant to reduce the potential lot yield.

Councillors, Calvert, Conolly, Garrow, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Ross, Wheeler and Zamprogno supported the motion.

Councillors, Tree and Richards opposed the motion.

Item: 226, Request for Funds for Christmas Program.

Council approved funds for Kurrajong Forum, \$1,000.00 and Windsor Business Group \$1,500.00.

The funds will be utilised for Christmas lights and associated activities for Christmas 2016 in those precincts.

Item: 230, Code of Meeting Practice (Comp).

The new Council have made significant changes to the Comp which will encourage and allow more time for community members to be involved in the Council decision making process.

Speaker's time has been increase from 3 to 5 minutes, most items can be commented on by the community and items subject to community address will be at agenda item 6. There are others less insignificant changes.

The Comp will be placed on exhibition for community input.

The CoM feels this move is a vast improvement on the previous Council's endeavours to near silence the community.

The CoM also feels that clause 10 should provide more time for Councillors to question speakers. This could be done two ways, extending the time limited to four minutes or exclude the time Councillors take to ask their question.

Reports of Committees.

The Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on 10 October 2016 be adopted.

Notices of Motions (NoM).

NoM 1: Resolved on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Conolly **that;**

A report be provided to Council on establishing Hawkesbury Tourism of Council Committee with a view of incorporating the current Hawkesbury Tourism Working group into that Committee.

In addition, the report set out matters relevant to the operation of the group and that Councillor Richards be added to the extant Tourism Working Group.

NoM 2: Resolved on the motion of Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillors Rasmussen **that;**

A report be brought to Council to establish a committee to discuss the establishment of a comprehensive regional traffic study of river crossings, road links and funding for such a study. The committee must have a qualified community representative.

In addition the committee request an urgent meeting with the State Member for Hawkesbury and the Federal Member for Macquarie to canvass the above.

NoM 3:

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Wheeler **that;**

Council call on the Premier urgently order the cessation of the new Windsor Bridge, divert the allocated funding to the renovation of historic Windsor

Bridge for light and local traffic and the construction of an additional river crossing near Windsor to meet current and future traffic needs.

In addition, any new crossing/by-pass be determined in consultation with the community and Council.

Councillors Conolly, Richards and Zamprogno requested their names be recorded as having voted against the motion.

NoM 4:

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded Councillor Conolly **that;**

A report be prepared regarding the establishment of a committee of Council to advance the delivery of key infrastructure for the community.

Questions: Councillors, Zamprogno 1, Calvert 1, Wheeler 2, Reynolds 1, Garrow 1, Ross 1, Lyons-Buckett 1 and Conolly 1.

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Apology: Councillor Tree.

Item: 241 Revised Fit for the Future (FftF).

There were two speakers against the draft Proposal.

Councillors and staff have continued to review FftF proposals over an eighteen month period.

Councillors endorsed the draft proposal attached to the report for Council's submission to Office of Local Government.

The proposal is based on current service levels.

There are identified savings/efficiencies, leasing of properties, possible sale of property, reduction in insurance costs, energy efficiencies, and savings from Regional Strategic Alliance with Penrith City Council and Blue Mountains City Council.

On the income side a special rate variation will be applied for following conclusion of community consolation, which commenced in July and will progress further, February 2017.

The proposal contains a notional up to 14.49 % rate increase excluding the rate peg amount.

There is a proposal for a special rate to be applied to the projected 1,980 rateable properties within the Redbank North Richmond and Jacaranda Ponds Glossodia to be applies from 2019/2020 if approved.

There is more (summary) at ps11 and 12 of attachment 2 to this item 241.

Item: 242- Regional Strategic Alliance (RSA)- Establish Regional Tourism Strategy.

Council supported the formation and funding of a regional tourism entity between Blue Mountains City Council and Penrith City Council as a way of creating an organisation to growing the RSA region as a tourist destination and a major contributor to our regional and respective local economies.

Item: 244-Local heritage Assistance Fund.

Council approved financial assistance up to \$4,000.00 including GST to each of the 6 applicants, Toxana Richmond, Royal Exchange Hotel Windsor, 57 Bosworth Street Richmond, Royal Hotel Richmond, Lion House Windsor, and McGraths Hill Inn.

Reports of Committees (ROC).

The minutes of the audit committee held on the 12 October 2016 were received.

Notices of Motion;

NM1: Councillor Wheeler moved and Councillor Ross seconded supporting the community of St Alban's request that the common remains in Fee Simple title managed in trust by the local community. Further, Council called on the State Government not to convert the Common to a crown reserve.

Questions: Councillors, Zamprogno 1, Calvert 2, Wheeler 2, Reynolds 2, Garrow 1 and Rasmussen 1.

Authorised by the CoM NRDCAA November 2016.