

Council Report to NRDCAA Meeting June 20 2016.

There were two meetings of Council since the May Report, 31st of May, 2016 and 14th of June (Extra-Ordinary).

The report covers main issues as determined by the 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 31 May 2016.

Apologies: Councillor Lyons-Buckett.

Mayoral Minute 1: Council resolved to note advice from the Minister for Local Government there would be no merger with The Hills Shire Council and a request is to be made to the Local Member, The Hon. Dominic Perrottet to have access to the \$10 M that was available to merged councils.

Mayoral Minute 2: Council resolved that a report be provided to the next Council Meeting on the practicality of holding a constitutional referendum at the Council elections in September 2016 to determine the question of whether HLGA should be divided into wards.

Item: 90 Operation of a poultry processing facility and hatchery-421 Tennyson Road Tennyson.

There were two speakers against the recommendation with conditions for approval and one speaker for the recommendation.

This item was before Council earlier in the year. At that time Councillors agreed to a site inspection prior to further consideration of the application.

Council resolved to support the recommendation subject to conditions.

Councillors in support, Calvert, Conolly, Creed, Ford, Mackay, Paine, Porter Reardon and Tree.

Councillors opposed Rasmussen and Williams.

Item: 91, 271 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms-demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling.

Council supported the recommendation for approval. They also sought a report in the second half of 2016 that would provide better clarity on the application of the development of Flood Liable Land Policy provisions.

Councillors in support Calvert, Conolly, Creed, MacKay, Paine, Rasmussen, Reardon and Tree.

Councillors opposed Porter and Williams.

Item: 92, 74 Bathurst Street Pitt Town-four lot Torrens title subdivision,

There was one speaker against the recommendation of refusal.

Councillors resolved to defer the matter to a future Councillor briefing session on the issues raised by Mr Falson (speaker against) being addressed.

In short, the issues were that part of the land was in a flood prone area and inconsistent with Hawkesbury Development Control Plan 2002 and Hawkesbury Local environment Plan 2012.

Councillors in support Calvert, Conolly, Creed, Mackay, Paine, Porter, Rasmussen, Reardon and Tree.

Councillor Ford opposed the recommendation.

Item: 94 67 Kurrajong Road Kurrajong-subdivision of one lot into 52 lots.

There were five speakers for the proposal not to be supported.

The community speakers raised many issues, including, impact on Flora and Fauna, Wheeny Creek, odour impacts from sewerage system, local roads can't cope, trucks servicing the site, collection of sewerage, lot sizes and undesirable precedents in the locality.

It should be noted at p 101 of the Business Paper, under **Water** that **the proposal would put pressure on water services in the locality. Sydney Water has confirmed in their letter dated 27 January 2016 that substantial water amplifications and a contribution to the future expansion of North Richmond Water Filtration Plant would be required. No specific details in respect to this matter have been provided with the application.**

Councillors, Calvert, Conolly, Creed, Ford, Mackay, Paine Porter, Rasmussen, Reardon, Tree and Williams supported the recommendation for refusal.

Item: 95 67 Kurrajong Road Kurrajong-subdivision of one lot into 8 lots.

This was the same as above except for the number of lots. The recommendation was for refusal.

Councillors, Calvert, Conolly, Creed, Ford, Mackay, Paine, Porter, Rasmussen, Reardon, tree and Williams supported the recommendation for refusal.

Item: 96 Planning Proposal- -452 Greggs Road Kurrajong.

The Planning Proposal which seeks to amend the Hawkesbury Local Environment Plan 2012, to enable the subdivision of the property into two large residential lots with a minimum lot size of not less than 4,000 square metres.

Council Officers recommended the planning proposal be supported and forwarded to the DP&E for a gateway determination.

The NRDCAA opposes Planning Proposal west of the river because of poor transport infrastructure.

Councillor Calvert, Conolly, Creed, Ford, Mackay, Paine, Porter, Reardon and Tree supported the recommendation.

Councillors Rasmussen and Williams voted against the recommendation.

Item: 97-Planing Proposal-Variou Properties, Richmond Lowlands and Richmond.

There were two speakers in support and one speaker against the amended recommendation.

The Planning Proposal is to allow for a range of additional uses on the properties. The proposed uses are significant.

The NRDCAA believes the Sydney Polo Club have the rights next year to conduct the Polo World Cup, hence the application.

The recommendation is to support an amended Planning Proposal.

An amendment to defer the application to a Councillor briefing session was lost.

Councillors, Calvert, Mackay, Paine, Porter and Williams were in support of the amendment.

Councillors, Conolly, Creed, Ford, Rasmussen, Reardon and Tree were in opposition to the amendment.

The recommendation by Council Officers was supported by Councillors, Calvert, Conolly, Creed, Ford, Rasmussen, Reardon and Tree.

Against, Councillors, Mackay, Paine, Porter and Williams.

Notice of Motion: 1 Moved Councillor Porter seconded Councillor Calvert that the Acting General Manager expedite a request for a Gateway Determination to permit Detached Dual Occupancy and secondary dwellings in all rural zones.

Council staff pursue the action in point 2 as a priority.

Councillors, Calvert, Conolly, Creed, Ford, Mackay, Paine, Porter, Rasmussen, Reardon, Tree and Williams supported the NoM.

The complete NoM is at p46 of the Minutes.

Notice of Motion: 2 Moved Councillor Williams seconded Councillor Mackay that Council acknowledge the hard work, submissions, and community support from those who attended meetings, spoke and supported their Council to prevent a merger of HCC with Hills Shire Council. He said **they did us proud**.

Councillors, Calvert, Conolly, Creed, Ford, Mackay, Paine, Porter, Rasmussen, Reardon, Tree and Williams supported the NoM.

Questions; Councillors; Paine 2, Mackay 1, Reardon 2, Creed 1.

Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council 14 June 2016.

Apologies: Councillors Mackay, Conolly, Creed and Williams.

Item: 113 Adoption of Operational Plan 2016/2017 and Levying of Rates and fixing of charges for the same period.

Rates will increase by the allowable amount of 1.8%. Waste Management charges by 5%, Sewerage charges by 6% and sullage by 8%.

The major concern the CoM has is the 8% increase for the collection of sullage.

We raised the issue with Councillor Rasmussen who advised in part, [the response](#) I received from senior staff was as follows:

1. [8% Sullage charge.](#) There is a 'complex' spreadsheet which details all the factors to be taken in to account over a ten year period to calculate the charge. Factors are such as contractor charges; number of households in the 'scheme' (a reasonable number have departed the scheme due to Three Towns sewerage hence raising fee for remainder); cost recovery ONLY (NO profit); pensioners in scheme (pensioner discount is 50%). The % increase is then calculated to cover costs ONLY. The current costs are about \$1,800 per two week pump-out and will go to about \$1,900.

Amendments proposed after fifteen public submissions, 1)- at p 107 **WM.31.37 Televisions and computers –fee for 2016/2017 to be amended from “\$10.00” to “free”. Reason, introduction of a new stewardship program for electronic goods being introduced in conjunction with the NSW Environment Protection Authority**

2) Formatting and typos and delete reference to “Draft”.

An extract from the BP's report p 8.

“Council's long term Financial Plans could, however, be reviewed to incorporate a higher revenue base and therefore the capacity, to accommodate the community's expectation such as those expressed in the submissions, referred to in this report. Appropriate funding strategies could be explored”.

Authorised by NRDCAA CoM 20 June 2016.

