

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2022

Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra

Time: 5:00pm

The following members were present:

Clr Liza Butler – Chairperson
Clr John Kotlash
Clr Matthew Norris
Clr Moo D'Ath
Clr Serena Copley
Clr Paul Ell – (Remotely)
Clr Evan Christen
Clr Patricia White
Clr John Wells
Clr Greg Watson
Clr Mark Kitchener
Clr Tonia Gray

The Chairperson read a statement advising those present that the proceedings of this meeting (including presentations, deputations and debate) will be webcast and may be recorded and broadcast under the provisions of the Code of Meeting Practice.

DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CL22.258 – PP-2021-406 - Planning Proposal - Callala Bay and Kinghorne Point Halloran Trust Lands Rezoning

Mr Robert Humphries addressed the meeting to speak AGAINST the recommendation.

Mr Rob Barrel (Representing Callala Environmental Alliance) addressed the meeting to speak FOR the recommendation.

Procedural Motion - Move into Committee of the Whole

RESOLVED (Clr Christen / Clr D'Ath)

MIN22.397

That Council move into the Committee of the Whole.

FOR: Clr Kotlash, Clr Norris, Clr Butler, Clr D'Ath, Clr Copley, Clr Ell, Clr Christen, Clr White, Clr Wells, Clr Watson, Clr Kitchener and Clr Gray

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

Minutes Confirmed Monday 27 June 2022 – Chairperson.....

The Extra Ordinary Meeting moved into the Committee of the Whole, the time being 5.23pm.

Procedural Motion - Resumption of Meeting

RESOLVED (Clr Kotlash / Clr Copley)

MIN22.398

That the Extra Ordinary Meeting resume standing orders.

FOR: Clr Kotlash, Clr Norris, Clr Butler, Clr D'Ath, Clr Copley, Clr Ell, Clr Christen, Clr White, Clr Wells, Clr Watson, Clr Kitchener and Clr Gray

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED

Note: No Recommendations were made during the proceedings of Committee of the Whole.

The meeting moved back into Ordinary session and resumed standing orders, the time being 6.18pm.

APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NOTE: COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR CLR FINDLEY FOR THIS MEETING (MIN22.338)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

REPORTS

CL22.258 PP-2021-406 - Planning Proposal - Callala Bay and Kinghorne Point Halloran Trust Lands Rezoning

HPERM Ref: D22/243875

A Deputation was received on this item.

Recommendation

That Council determine its position on the deferred Notice of Motion presented to Council at the Ordinary meeting 6 June 2022.

RESOLVED (Clr Christen / Clr Gray)

MIN22.399

That Council determine its position on the deferred Notice of Motion presented to Council at the Ordinary meeting 6 June 2022 as detailed below:

1. Acknowledges the community concern about this Planning Proposal regarding the loss of threatened species, the risks due to bushfires and that clearing forest does not help mitigate or manage climate change.
2. Recognise and take steps to help protect the biodiversity value of the overall area covered by

the exhibited documents and the site adjacent to Callala Bay that is currently proposed for rezoning to residential.

3. Direct staff to make a submission on the exhibited Planning Proposal and Biodiversity Certification Assessment Report for Callala Bay the Department of Planning and Environment for the following considerations:
 - a. That DPE ensures that it can be satisfied the proposal will achieve a 'maintain or improve' biodiversity outcome in relation to the Greater Glider, Yellow-bellied Glider and Grey-headed Flying-fox.
 - b. That DPE should seek independent evidence on the accuracy and currency of the BCAR (2016/17) in context of the Currowan bushfire (2019/20) and recent credible sightings of endangered species on the site, and the potential value of the proposed biodiversity certification area as a suitable and credible refuge for the identified threatened species, as any inaccuracies may be contentious for DPE.
 - c. Staff are involved in ongoing discussions with the RFS, DPE & the proponent, and need to be satisfied that the protection of lives and property can be realistically ensured considering the proposed addition of 380 houses is to be surrounded on 3 sides by tall coastal forest in a small remote village
 - d. Strongly recommending and requesting that DPE engage with the Aboriginal Land Councils and other indigenous representatives to ensure that their voices are heard on this Planning Proposal.
4. Receive an update report at the appropriate point after the exhibition has concluded outlining how the above matters will be considered and addressed moving forward.
5. Copies of Councils submission to be sent to
 - a. The Hon. Anthony Roberts MLC, Minister for Planning & Environment
 - b. The Hon. Peter Poulos MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to Wollongong and the Illawarra
 - c. The Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Shadow Minister for Planning and Environment

FOR: Clr Kotlash, Clr Norris, Clr Butler, Clr D'Ath, Clr Christen and Clr Gray

AGAINST: Clr Copley, Clr Ell, Clr White, Clr Wells, Clr Watson and Clr Kitchener

CARRIED ON CASTING VOTE OF THE CHAIR

Note: A rescission motion was received on this item signed by Clrs Copley, White, Wells, Watson and Kitchener. The Rescission Motion will be considered at an Extra Ordinary Meeting, 5.00pm Thursday 16 June 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.49pm.

Clr Butler
CHAIRPERSON