

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME COUNCIL
HELD AT COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, LIBRARY COMPLEX,
LIBRARY LANE, HOLBROOK
ON WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2020**

The meeting opened at 6.00pm.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Wilton (Chairperson), Hicks, Meyer, Parker, Quinn, O'Neill, Schilg and Weston. General Manager, Director Corporate and Community Services, Director Engineering and Director Environment and Planning.

Cr Schilg read the prayer to commence the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor (Chairperson) offered an Acknowledgement of Country at the commencement of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON PECUNIARY INTEREST (CONFLICT OF INTEREST)

Cr Matt Hicks gave notice of his intention to declare a pecuniary interest in MATTERS OF URGENCY, PART A FOR DETERMINATION - ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING ITEM 1 - PROPOSED VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT – CULCAIRN SOLAR FARM –SSD 10288 - NEOEN

OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART A - FOR DETERMINATION

GOVERNANCE

1. 2020 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE – CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

5717 RESOLVED [Meyer/Quinn]

That the following motions be submitted to the 2020 NSW Local Government Conference:

1. *That Local Government NSW make a case with NSW State Government for the introduction of a broad based property levy to fund the Emergency Services Levy as previously proposed.*
2. *That Local Government NSW urgently request the NSW State Government to adequately resource the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment so that Crown Land matters can be dealt with so as to reduce the large backlog of applications.*

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2020 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE – CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS
[CONT'D]

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
Hicks Meyer O'Neill Parker Quinn Schilg Weston Wilton			

5718 RESOVED [Hicks/Quinn]

That standing orders be suspended at 6.25pm

The Mayor advised that technical issues relating to the live streaming of the Council Meeting were being experienced and staff were attempting to resolve the problem.

5719 RESOVED [Quinn/Parker]

That standing orders resume at 6.40pm

2. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – 124 ALBURY STREET, HOLBROOK

5720 RESOLVED [Hicks/Parker]

That the potential purchase of 124 Albury Street, Holbrook be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10 A (2) (c) information that would, if disclosed confer an advantage on a person whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

REASON

On balance preserving the identity of the site at this early stage outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision making as the closure of the site may compromise the position of Council in future negotiations.

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Hicks Meyer O'Neill Parker Schilg Weston Wilton	Quinn		

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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. PROPOSED VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT – CULCAIRN SOLAR FARM –SSD 10288 - NEOEN

AT THIS JUNCTURE, COUNCILLOR MATT HICKS MADE A DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THE MATTER NOW BEFORE THE COUNCIL AND LEFT THE MEETING ROOM AT 6.41PM PURSUANT TO SECTION 45(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 AND TOOK NO PART IN THE VOTING ON THE MATTER. THE REASON BEING IS THAT COUNCILLOR HICKS HAS A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE CULCAIRN SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT.

5721 RESOLVED [Quinn/O'Neill]

That:

1. Council advise NEOEN that the “offer” could form the basis of a draft VPA which would ultimately be signed, subject to public exhibition and consent to the development being granted by the Independent Planning Commission.
2. Council agrees to the establishment of the Community Benefit Fund to align with the conditions that are part of the NEOEN “offer” dated 23 September 2020.

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
Meyer O'Neill Parker Quinn Schilg Weston Wilton			Hicks

Cr Hicks returned to the meeting room at 6.56pm.

MATTER OF URGENCY

Nil.

CLOSING THE MEETING

At this juncture the live stream of the meeting was paused, so that the confidential section of the meeting was held in camera at 6.57pm.

5722 RESOLVED [O'Neill/Parker]

That the meeting be closed during the discussion of the items of business referred to the confidential section of the meeting.

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Hicks Meyer O'Neill Parker Quinn Schilg Weston Wilton			

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SECTION

5723 RESOLVED [6.57pm] [O'Neill/Parker]

That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, Council enter into 'Committee of the Whole' for the discussion of the following items of business:

1. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – 124 ALBURY STREET, HOLBROOK

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
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**CONFIDENTIAL - CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)
ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**

1. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – 124 ALBURY STREET, HOLBROOK

RECOMMENDATION [Parker/O'Neill]

That:

1. Council submit an Expression of Interest for 124 Albury Street, Holbrook in line with the amount outlined in the Confidential Report to the extraordinary meeting held on 7 October 2020.
2. A further report be submitted to Council on the matter once the Expression of Interest process for 124 Albury Street has been concluded.

VOTING ON THE RECOMMENDATION

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
Meyer O'Neill Parker Weston Wilton	Quinn Hicks Schilg		

ORDINARY MEETING RECONVENED

5724 RESOLVED [Hicks/Parker]

That the Ordinary Meeting be reconvened at 7.16pm for the purpose of determining the report of the matter dealt with in Committee.

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RECOMMENDATION OF CLOSED COUNCIL (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

5725 RESOLVED [Quinn/Parker]

That the foregoing report and recommendation from Closed Council (Committee of the Whole) be adopted.

COUNCILLORS FOR	COUNCILLORS AGAINST	COUNCILLORS ABSENT	COUNCILLORS DECLARING INTEREST
Hicks Meyer O'Neill Parker Quinn Schilg Weston Wilton			

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.17pm.

THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED at the Council meeting held on 21 October 2020 at which time the signature hereon was subscribed.

Cr Heather Wilton
Mayor, Greater Hume Council