

CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Minutes of the Public Voice Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Level 1, City Administration Centre, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West on Tuesday 16 February 2021 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors M Byrne, J Church, D Clausen, C Duncan, K Elliott, B Luke, J Mackenzie, A Robinson, A Rufo, E White and P Winney-Baartz.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Bath (Chief Executive Officer), D Clarke (Director Governance), B Smith (Director Strategy and Engagement), F Leatham (Director People and Culture), K Liddell (Director Infrastructure and Property), A Jones (Director City Wide Services), E Kolatchew (Manager Legal), M Bisson (Manager Regulatory, Planning and Assessment), J Vescio (Executive Officer), A Knowles (Councillor Services/Minutes), E Horder (Councillor Services/Meeting Support) and G Axelsson (Information Technology Support).

MESSAGE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Lord Mayor read the message of acknowledgement to the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

PRAYER

The Lord Mayor read a prayer and a period of silence was observed in memory of those who served and died so that Council might meet in peace.

APOLOGIES

MOTION

Moved by Cr Luke, seconded by Cr Byrne

The apology submitted on behalf of Councillor Dunn be received and leave of absence granted.

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor White

Councillor White declared a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 2 – 24A Janet Street, Merewether DA2020/01057 as the town planner and their broader family were close associates and managed the conflict by leaving the Chamber for discussion on the item.

Councillor Clausen

Councillor Clausen declared a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 2 – 24A Janet Street, Merewether DA2020/01057 as an objector to the development application was a member of the same political party and managed the conflict by remaining in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

Councillor Duncan

Councillor Duncan declared a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 2 – 24A Janet Street, Merewether DA2020/01057 as an objector to the development application was a member of the same political party and managed the conflict by remaining in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

Councillor Winney-Baartz

Councillor Winney-Baartz declared a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 2 – 24A Janet Street, Merewether DA2020/01057 as an objector to the development application was a member of the same political party and managed the conflict by remaining in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS

**ITEM-1 PV 16/02/21 - 13 & 15 STEEL STREET, NEWCASTLE WEST
- DA2020/00766 - PUB - CHANGE OF USE, INCLUDING
ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING BUILDING AND
INTERNAL FITOUT**

Mr John Dickensen (on behalf of NewWest Community Group) addressed Council and outlined concerns and objections to the development application. Mr Russell Richardson on behalf of the DA applicant addressed Council in support of the development application.

**ITEM-2 PV 16/02/21 - 24A JANET STREET, MEREWETHER - DA
2020/01057 - DWELLING HOUSE - ALTERATIONS AND
ADDITIONS**

Councillor White left the Chamber for discussion on the item.

Ms Anne Alexander and Mr Robert Bisley, City Plan addressed Council and outlined concerns and objections to the development application. Mr Paul McLean, Resolve Urban Planning and Ms Michelle O'Bryan on behalf of the DA applicant addressed Council in support of the development application.

Councillor White returned to the Chamber at the conclusion of the item.

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm.