

At 6.20pm Councillors and staff returned to the Meeting Chambers and resumed the meeting.

6 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 & 6.2 DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY PROGRAM & SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

198 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and McNeill that:

Item 6.1 & 6.2 be considered together.

Cr Bailey commended Cr Foy and Staff on the work undertaken in preparing these documents.

General discussion took place with regard to the community consultation, the online survey and possible deferral of this item.

The meeting was advised that these projects were in line with the Hunter Regional Plan and transforming Muswellbrook into a Regional Centre and that deferring the item would mean a 12 month deferral period.

The Mayor warned Mr Shewan, who was in the public gallery, to be quiet and refrain from making derogatory comments. Mr Shewan continued. The Mayor provided 2 more warnings to Mr Shewan before adjourning the meeting for another 5 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

199 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Scholes that:

The meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes.

At 6.41pm Councillors and staff left the Meeting Chambers.

Police escorted Mr Shewan from the building.

At 6.46pm Councillors and staff returned to the Meeting Chambers and resumed the meeting.

200 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Bailey and Scholes that:

1. The Draft Community Strategic Plan be endorsed;
2. The Draft Delivery Program be endorsed;
3. Councils Long Term Financial Plan be endorsed; and
4. Council apply to IPART for a permanent rate increase of 10% over four years for the purpose set out in the IPRF Document.

In Favour: Crs S. Bailey, J. Eades, J. Foy, M. Green, J. Ledlin, G. McNeill, M. Rush, R. Scholes and B. Woodruff.

Against: Crs M. Bowditch, S. Reynolds and S. Ward.

Cr Rush also thanked staff for the enormous effort and work undertaken in regards to these two items in particular Fiona Plesman, Samantha Marsh, Matt Lysaught, Joshua Brown and the Executive Services Team

Cr Rush also thanked Cr Foy for his leadership with regards to the Performance Venue Proposal.