

**CONFIRMED MINUTES
OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PENRITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY USING AUDIO VISUAL LINKS, AUDIO STREAMED ON THE
COUNCIL WEBSITE AND IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7:00PM**

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The meeting opened with the National Anthem.

PRAYER

The Council Prayer was read by Head of Governance, Adam Beggs.

OATH AND AFFIRMATION

The General Manager, Andrew Moore conducted the Oath and Affirmation of Office.

The following Councillors undertook the Oath of Office:

Councillors Ross Fowler OAM, Glenn Gardiner, Reece Nuttall, Vanessa Pollak and Faithe Skinner.

The following Councillor undertook the Affirmation of Office:

Councillors Libby Austin, Kristie Boerst, Robin Cook, Todd Carney, Sue Day, Sabbie Kaur, Hollie McLean, Edwin Mifsud, Garion Thain and John Thain.

WEBCASTING STATEMENT

The General Manager, Andrew Moore read a statement advising that Council Meetings are recorded and webcast.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The General Manager, Andrew Moore read an Acknowledgement of Country.

PRESENT – IN PERSON

Councillors Todd Carney, Ross Fowler OAM, Libby Austin, Kirstie Boerst, Robin Cook, Sue Day, Sabbie Kaur, Hollie McLean, Edwin Mifsud, Reece Nuttall, Vanessa Pollak, Faithe Skinner, Garion Thain and John Thain.

PRESENT – ATTENDED REMOTELY

Councillor Glenn Gardiner.

DELIVERY PROGRAM REPORTS

Procedural Motion

236 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Ross Fowler OAM that *Item 1 – Election of Mayor* now be brought forward for consideration.

OUTCOME 5 - WE HAVE OPEN AND COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

1 Election of Mayor

237 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Ross Fowler OAM

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Election of Mayor be received
2. Open voting be used as the method of election for the Office of Mayor.

The Returning Officer, (General Manager) Andrew Moore conducted the election of the Mayor.

The Returning Officer indicated that he had received one (1) nomination for the position of Mayor and asked whether there were any other nominations. No other nominations were forthcoming.

The Returning Officer declared Councillor Todd Carney duly elected unopposed as Mayor until the next Mayoral election.

The Chairperson, (General Manager) Andrew Moore, placed the Mayoral Chains on Councillor Todd Carney and Councillor Todd Carney took the chair, the time being 7:11 pm.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Todd Carney, thanked his colleagues for their support.

Councillors John Thain, Ross Fowler OAM, Garion Thain, Hollie McLean and Libby Austin congratulated the Mayor on his election.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Ordinary Meeting - 26 August 2024

238 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Ross Fowler OAM that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 26 August 2024 be confirmed.

DECLARATIOS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

2 Election of Deputy Mayor

239 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Sue Day

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Election of Deputy Mayor be received
2. Council appoint a deputy mayor.
3. In the event of more than one councillor being nominated, Council determine the method of election for the office of deputy mayor to be by open voting.
4. In accordance with Section 231 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the term of office of the deputy mayor be for one year.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Todd Carney, handed over to the Returning Officer, (General Manager) Andrew Moore, to conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor.

The Returning Officer indicated that he had received one (1) nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor and asked whether there were any other nominations. No other nominations were forthcoming.

The Returning Officer declared Councillor Ross Fowler OAM duly elected unopposed as Deputy Mayor until the next deputy mayoral election.

Councillors John Thain, Hollie McLean and Reece Nuttall congratulated the Deputy Mayor on his election.

3 Councillor Fees

240 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Ross Fowler OAM

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Councillor Fees be received.
2. Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors fees be set at the maximum level as outlined in this report.

4 Optional Countback Election to Fill a Casual Vacancy

241 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Libby Austin

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Optional Countback Election to Fill a Casual Vacancy be received.
2. Council, pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, declare that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024 for North and South Wards, are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act and directs the General Manager to notify the Electoral Commissioner for NSW of Council's decision within 7 days of this decision.

5 Hawkesbury River County Council Election

242 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor Garion Thain

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Hawkesbury River County Council Election be received.
2. Council appoint two Councillors to represent Council on the Hawkesbury River County Council.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Todd Carney, handed over to the Returning Officer, (General Manager) Andrew Moore, to conduct the election for Council's representation on Hawkesbury River County Council.

The Returning Officer indicated that he had received three (2) nominations for the (2) positions of representative on Hawkesbury River County Council and asked whether there were any other nominations. No other nominations were forthcoming.

The Returning Officer declared Councillors Todd Carney and Glenn Gardiner elected unopposed as Council's representatives on Hawkesbury River County Council.

6 CivicRisk Mutual Limited - Council Representatives

243 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Sue Day

That:

1. The information contained in the report on CivicRisk Mutual Limited - Council Representatives be received
2. Council appoint Councillor Ross Fowler OAM as its Member Representative of CivicRisk Mutual Limited and the General Manager or their nominee for the term of Council.

7 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2024

244 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor John Thain

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2024 be received.
2. Council nominate Councillors Libby Austin, Todd Carney, Ross Fowler OAM, Glenn Gardiner, Sabbie Kaur, Hollie McLean, Reece Nuttall, Vanessa Pollak and Garion as it's voting delegates for motions to attend the 2024 LGNSW Conference being held at Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre from 17 - 19 November 2024.
3. Council authorise any further councillor observers to attend the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference.
4. Leave of absence be granted as appropriate for those Councillors attending the conference.
5. Council note the motions as outlined in the report that have been previously endorsed and forwarded to LGNSW.

URGENT BUSINESS

Councillors Garion Thain, Reece Nuttall, Libby Austin, Hollie McLean, Kristie Boerst, John Thain, Sue Day, Ross Fowler OAM, Glenn Gardiner and Robin Cook made statements reflecting on their election to Council.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed the time being 7:58pm.

I certify that these 4 pages are the Confirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Penrith City Council held on 9 October 2024.

Chairperson

Date