



Central Coast Council

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Council Chamber
2 Hely Street, Wyong

11 March 2025

MINUTES

Present

Mayor Lawrie McKinna
Deputy Mayor Doug Eaton OAM
Councillor Margot Castles
Councillor Helen Crowley
Councillor Kyla Daniels
Councillor Corinne Lamont
Councillor Kyle MacGregor
Councillor Trent McWaide
Councillor John Moulard
Councillor Belinda Neal
Councillor Jane Smith
Councillor Rachel Stanton (remotely)
Councillor Sharon Walsh (remotely)
Councillor Jared Wright

In Attendance

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| David Farmer | Chief Executive Officer |
| Jamie Loader | Director Environment and Planning |
| Marissa Racomelara | Director Corporate Services |

Apology

Councillor John McNamara

Notes

Mayor Lawrie McKinna declared the meeting open at 6:01pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting was being recorded.

The Mayor read an Acknowledgment of Country.

The Mayor noted that Cr John McNamara has previously given his apology for this Extraordinary meeting as he is overseas.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Councillor *WRIGHT* and *SECONDED* by Councillor *SMITH*:

613/25

That Council:

- 1 Approves the request by Councillor Stanton to attend the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 11 March 2025 at 6:00pm by audio-visual link in accordance with clause 6.24 of the Code of Meeting Practice as she is unable to attend in person as she is undertaking carer responsibilities.***
- 2 Approves the request by Councillor Walsh to attend the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 11 March 2025 at 6:00pm by audio-visual link in accordance with clause 6.24 of the Code of Meeting Practice as she is unable to attend due to personal reasons.***

FOR: UNANIMOUS
CARRIED

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1 Disclosure of Interest

6:03 pm

No disclosures of interest were declared.

REPORTS

2.1 Matter Laid on the Table - Matters arising from Proposal to Establish Committees of Council

6:04 pm

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor MOULAND and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

That Council lift this matter from the table in order to recommence debate.

FOR: UNANIMOUS
CARRIED

Matters arising from Proposal to Establish Committees of Council

AT THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2025 A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor MCNAMARA and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM:

That Council:

- 1 *Appoint the following Councillors to the Community and Culture Committee*
 - a. *Councillor McWaide as Chairperson*
 - b. *Councillor Castles*
 - c. *Councillor Daniels as Deputy Chairperson*
 - d. *Councillor McNamara*
 - e. *Councillor Lamont*
 - f. *Councillor Walsh*
 - g. *Councillor Neal as Alternate 1*
 - h. *Councillor Smith as Alternate 2*
 - i. *Councillor MacGregor as Alternate 3*
- 2 *Confirm the previous appointments to the Economic Development Committee*
 - a. *Councillor McNamara as Chairperson*
 - b. *Mayor McKinna as Deputy Chairperson*
 - c. *Councillor Mouland*
 - d. *Councillor McWaide*
 - e. *Councillor Neal*
 - f. *Councillor MacGregor*
 - g. *Councillor Wright as Alternate 1*
 - h. *Councillor Smith as Alternate 2*
 - i. *Councillor Lamont as Alternate 3*
- 3 *Appoint the following Councillors to the Environment and Planning Committee*
 - a. *Councillor Eaton as Chairperson*
 - b. *Councillor Castles*

- c. *Councillor Mouland*
 - d. *Councillor Smith*
 - e. *Councillor Stanton*
 - f. *Councillor Walsh*
 - g. *Councillor MacGregor as Alternate 1*
 - h. *Councillor Lamont as Alternate 2*
 - i. *Councillor McNamara as Alternate 3*
- 4 *Appoint the following Councillors to the Governance and Finance Committee*
- a. *Councillor Wright as Chairperson*
 - b. *Councillor Crowley*
 - c. *Councillor MacGregor*
 - d. *Councillor Eaton*
 - e. *Councillor Lamont*
 - f. *Councillor Smith as Alternate 1*
 - g. *Councillor Neal as Alternate 2*
 - h. *Councillor McNamara as Alternate 3*
- 5 *Appoint the following Councillors to the Infrastructure and Assets Committee*
- a. *Councillor Stanton as Chairperson*
 - b. *Councillor Daniels*
 - c. *Councillor Eaton*
 - d. *Councillor Neal as*
 - e. *Councillor Smith*
 - f. *Councillor Wright*
 - g. *Councillor McNamara as Alternate 1*
 - h. *Councillor Lamont as Alternate 2*

AN AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

That Council:

- 1 *Appoint the following Councillors to the Community and Culture Committee*
- a. *Councillor Castles as Chairperson*
 - b. *Councillor McWaide as Deputy Chairperson*
 - c. *Councillor Daniels*
 - d. *Councillor McNamara*
 - e. *Councillor Walsh*
 - f. *Councillor MacGregor*
 - g. *Councillor Neal as Alternate 1*
 - h. *Councillor Smith as Alternate 2*
- 2 *Appoint the following Councillors to the Environment and Planning Committee*
- a. *Councillor Eaton as Chairperson*
 - b. *Councillor Castles*
 - c. *Councillor Mouland*
 - d. *Councillor Smith*

- e. *Councillor Stanton*
 - f. *Councillor Walsh as deputy chair*
 - g. *Councillor MacGregor as Alternate 1*
 - h. *Councillor McNamara as Alternate 2*
- 3 *Appoint the following Councillors to the Infrastructure and Assets Committee*
- a. *Councillor Stanton as chairperson*
 - b. *Councillor Daniels*
 - c. *Councillor Eaton*
 - d. *Councillor Neal as Deputy Chair*
 - e. *Councillor Smith*
 - f. *Councillor Wright*
 - g. *Councillor McNamara as Alternate 1*
- 4 *Appoint the following Councillors to the Governance and Finance Committee*
- a. *Councillor Wright as Chairperson*
 - b. *Councillor MacGregor as Deputy Chairperson*
 - c. *Councillor Crowley*
 - d. *Councillor Eaton*
 - e. *Councillor Smith as Alternate 1*
 - f. *Councillor Neal as Alternate 2*
 - g. *Councillor McNamara as Alternate 3*
- 5 *Appoint the following Councillors to the Economic Development Committee*
- a. *Councillor McNamara as Chairperson*
 - b. *Mayor McKinna*
 - c. *Councillor Mouland*
 - d. *Councillor McWaide*
 - e. *Councillor Neal*
 - f. *Councillor MacGregor*
 - g. *Councillor Wright as Alternate 1*
 - h. *Councillor Smith as Deputy Chairperson*
- 6 *That the appointment of Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons supersedes those appointed on 25 February 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council*

THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and SECONDED by Councillor WRIGHT:

was put to the vote.

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, EATON OAM, STANTON, WRIGHT AND MCWAIDE

AGAINST: CRS SMITH AND LAMONT

The amendment was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

A FURTHER AMENDMENT TO THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor SMITH and *SECONDED* by Councillor LAMONT:

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- 1 That Council appoints the following Councillors to the Community and Culture Committee:**
 - a. Councillor Castles as Chairperson**
 - b. Councillor McWaide as Deputy Chairperson**
 - c. Councillor Daniels**
 - d. Councillor McNamara**
 - e. Councillor Walsh**
 - f. Councillor MacGregor**
 - g. Councillor Neal as Alternate 1**
 - h. Councillor Smith as Alternate 2**

- 2 That Council appoints the following Councillors to the Environment and Planning Committee:**
 - a. Councillor Eaton as Chairperson**
 - b. Councillor Walsh as Deputy Chairperson**
 - c. Councillor Castles**
 - d. Councillor Mouland**
 - e. Councillor Smith**
 - f. Councillor Stanton**
 - g. Councillor MacGregor as Alternate 1**
 - h. Councillor McNamara as Alternate 2**

- 3 That Council appoints the following Councillors to the Infrastructure and Assets Committee:**
 - a. Councillor Stanton as Chairperson**
 - b. Councillor Neal as Deputy Chairperson**
 - c. Councillor Daniels**
 - d. Councillor Eaton**
 - e. Councillor Smith**
 - f. Councillor Wright**
 - g. Councillor McNamara as Alternate 1**

- 4 That Council appoints the following Councillors to the Governance and Finance Committee:**
 - a. Councillor Wright as Chairperson**
 - b. Councillor MacGregor as Deputy Chairperson**
 - c. Councillor Crowley**
 - d. Councillor Eaton**
 - e. Councillor Smith as Alternate 1**
 - f. Councillor Neal as Alternate 2**
 - g. Councillor McNamara as Alternate 3**

- 5 That Council appoints the following Councillors to the Economic Development Committee:**
- a. Councillor McNamara as Chairperson**
 - b. Councillor Smith as Deputy Chairperson**
 - c. Mayor McKinna**
 - d. Councillor Mouland**
 - e. Councillor McWaide**
 - f. Councillor Neal**
 - g. Councillor MacGregor**
 - h. Councillor Wright as Alternate 1**
- 6 That the appointment of Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons supersedes those appointed on 25 February 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council.**
- 7 That the CEO provides a report on establishing Precinct committees to the 29 April 2025 Ordinary meeting.**

THE FURTHER AMENDMENT *MOVED* by Councillor SMITH and *SECONDED* by Councillor LAMONT:
was put to the vote.

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH, LAMONT, STANTON AND WRIGHT

AGAINST: CRS EATON OAM AND MCWAIDE

The Amendment was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED** and became the Motion

THE MOTION *MOVED* by Councillor SMITH and *SECONDED* by Councillor LAMONT:
was put to the vote.

FOR: UNANIMOUS
CARRIED

2.2 Matter Laid on the Table - Consultation on Reforms to Council Meeting Practices

6:34 pm

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor NEAL:

That Council lift this matter from the table in order to recommence debate.

FOR: UNANIMOUS
CARRIED

Consultation on Reforms to Council Meeting Practices

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED* by Councillor *WRIGHT* and *SECONDED* by Councillor *SMITH*:

Recommendation

That Council endorses the submission to the Office of Local Government on the proposed amendments to the Model Code of Meeting Practice set out in Attachment 1.

AN AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Councillor *NEAL* and *SECONDED* by Councillor *CASTLES*:

615/25

That Council amends the submission to the Office of Local Government on the proposed amendments to the Model Code of Meeting Practice as follows:

- 1 Removing pre-meeting Councillor briefings -be deleted.***
- 2 Requiring information considered at closed meetings be made Public:***
 - a) Delete. The first sentence and retain the second paragraph.***
 - b) Delete paragraph 2 & 3. For information that is no longer confidential it is reasonable and consistent with principles of transparency that that the information should be released to the public. There are many examples in government of documents that were once considered confidential losing this designation. For example Cabinet documents and correspondence of the Governor General that were once confidential are released when this is no longer the case.***
- 3 Enhancing the authority of the Mayor:***
 - a) Amend the first sentence by inserting 'does not' after 'Council' and insert 'for the Mayor alone' after 'proposal' and before 'to'.***
 - b) And delete the remainder of the paragraph after 'meetings'.***
- 4 Requiring Councillors to stand when a Councillor addresses the meeting:***
 - a) Delete 'has no objection to any' and insert 'does not agree' after 'Council'.***
 - b) Also delete the last words of the sentence being' unless physically unable to do so.***
- 5 Providing as a default that Councillors are to attend in person:***
 - a) In the first sentence delete after 'however' 'It is unclear whether it is the intention to require' and replace with 'we propose that'.***
 - b) After 'medical grounds' insert 'is required'.***
- 6 Conferring Responsibility on the Council to Determine Staff attendance:***
 - a) Delete content Replace content with the following; The council supports this proposition. The principle that Councillors should have the necessary information to information to carry out effective decision making is fundamental to them carrying out their civic duties.***
- 7 Delete the last section headed Restricting Councils from holding briefing sessions.***

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FOR: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH, LAMONT AND MCWAIDE

AGAINST: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, STANTON AND WRIGHT

The Amendment was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED** and became the Motion

THE MOTION as *MOVED by Councillor NEAL and SECONDED by Councillor CASTLES:*
was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

FOR: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH, LAMONT AND MCWAIDE

AGAINST: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, STANTON AND WRIGHT

CARRIED

2.3 Status Update on Active Council Resolutions

6:47 pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and SECONDED by Councillor MACGREGOR:*

616/25

That Council notes the 'Status Update on Active Council Resolutions' report for active resolutions at Attachment 1.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

CARRIED

2.4 Community Support Grant Program November and December 2024

6:50 pm

A MOTION TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION was *MOVED by Councillor MCKINNA and SECONDED by Councillor MACGREGOR:*

617/25

That Council reconfirms the resolution that was resolved at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 25 February 2025

FOR: UNANIMOUS

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION

3.1 Notice of Motion - Establishment of a Catchment to Coast Advisory Committee (CCAC)

6:51 pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor LAMONT and *SECONDED* by Councillor SMITH:

618/25

That Council:

- 1 Establishes the Catchment to Coast Advisory Committee (CCAC).**
- 2 Adopts the existing CCAC ToR with amendments reflecting the adopted motion.**
- 3 Commits Resources to provide administrative and logistical support.**

AN AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor WRIGHT:

That Council refers this matter to the Environment and Planning Committee noting that Council in principle favours the establishment of a committee along these lines with administrative support.

FOR: CRS MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, STANTON, WRIGHT AND MCWAIDE

AGAINST: CRS MCKINNA, MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

The Amendment was put to the vote and declared LOST

THE MOTION *MOVED* by Councillor LAMONT and *SECONDED* by Councillor SMITH:
was put to the vote.

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL,
SMITH, LAMONT, STANTON, WRIGHT AND MCWAIDE

AGAINST: CR EATON OAM

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

3.2 Notice of Motion - Establishment of Advisory Committee re Mangrove Mountain Landfill

7:02 pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor SMITH and *SECONDED* by Councillor Lamont:

619/25

- 1 That Council establishes a Mangrove Mountain Advisory Committee for an initial period of 2 years.**
- 2 That the committee includes the following members and representation:**

- a) Cr Jane Smith (Committee Chair)*
- b) Interested Councillors*
- c) Council CEO*
- d) Council's Legal Counsel*
- e) Up to 5 community/stakeholder representatives*
- f) Other relevant Council staff; and*
- g) Relevant NSW Agency representatives.*

- 3** *That the Advisory Committee considers, monitors and advises on matters relating to the Upper Ourimbah Creek Catchment including, but not limited to:*
- a) Short, medium and long term management of the catchment*
 - b) Issues related to pollution risks from the catchment*
 - c) Issues related to the health of the drinking water catchment.*
- 4** *That at the end of the initial 2 year period, Council receives a report to consider whether to extend the term of the Advisory Committee.*

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH, LAMONT, STANTON, WRIGHT AND MCWAIDE

AGAINST: CR EATON OAM

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

3.3 Notice of Motion - Council's Income Generating Assets

7:08 pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor WRIGHT and *SECONDED* by Deputy Mayor Eaton :

620/25

That Council:

- 1** *Schedules a Councillor briefing session to outline and analyse all of Council's income generating assets including Lake Haven Cinema, Peninsula Leisure Centre, Gosford Swimming Pool and Central Coast Stadium, within the next three months.*
- 2** *Provides the following information in the Councillor briefing session for the corresponding assets:*
 - a) Financial performance (including any recent reports and assessments) over a 10-year period (or as long as practical)*
 - b) Cost analysis and viability assessment*
 - c) Community and strategic benefits*
 - d) Relationships with external stakeholders to help run the asset (such as Venues Live)*
 - e) Any recent undertakings to improve asset performance and draw in additional revenue*

f) Details of any confidential agreements (if any).

FOR: UNANIMOUS
CARRIED

3.4 Notice of Motion - Simplified Development Approval Pathway for Events

7:26 pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor McWAIDE and *SECONDED* by Councillor Mouland :

621/25

That Council:

- 1 Requests that the CEO draft and present to Council an Event Strategy, for the purpose of increasing events for the Central Coast and establishing a range of actions to work towards that purpose; and***
- 2 Requests that the CEO investigate the opportunity to amend the Central Coast Local Environmental Plan 2022 to include provisions which would exempt temporary events on Council owned or controlled land from the requirement for development consent under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979. Noting that similar provisions were previously included in the Gosford Local Environment Plan 2014 (but removed from the Central Coast Local Environment Plan 2022 upon its adoption) and also noting that such events would be controlled under the existing requirement for operators to gain approval for use of Council land under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.***

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, NEAL, SMITH, LAMONT, EATON OAM, STANTON, WRIGHT AND MCWAIDE

AGAINST: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES AND CROWLEY, WALSH

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

3.5 Notice of Motion - Removal of the limit on Notice of Motions at each Council meeting

7:38 pm

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor NEAL and *SECONDED* by Councillor :

That Council:

- 1 Amends the adopted Code of Meeting Practice to remove the restriction limiting Councillors to one Notice of Motion (NoM) per Ordinary Council Meeting as per the processes set out in the legislation.***

- 2 *Allows Councillors to submit multiple NoMs per meeting, provided they comply with the established rules and procedures for submitting NoMs, including deadlines and content requirements.*
- 3 *Ensures that meeting agendas continue to be managed effectively to maintain meeting efficiency and ensure that all Councillor's motions are given adequate time for discussion.*
- 4 *Allows 2 questions with Notice per meeting per Councillor.*

FOR: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

AGAINST: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, STANTON, WRIGHT AND MCWAIDE

The Motion was put to the vote and declared LOST on the casting vote of the Mayor

The Meeting closed at 8:00 pm