

**Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8 October 2024 at  
Ashfield Service Centre**

**Meeting commenced at 6.30pm**

**Present:**

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Mat Howard	Deputy Mayor
Izabella Antoniou	Councillor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Olivia Barlow	Councillor
Andrew Blake	Councillor
Jo Carlisle	Councillor
Vicki Clay	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Kerrie Fergusson	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Chloe Smith	Councillor
Ismet Tastan	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Ryann Midei	Director Infrastructure
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Beau-Jane De Costa	Acting Director Corporate
Julian Sakarai	Acting Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Darcie Huisman	Business Paper Officer

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY:**

Uncle Allan Murray conducted a Welcome to Country.

**APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:**

Nil

**C1024(1) Item 1 Oath Or Affirmation of Office for Councillors**

Councillors Tastan, Barlow, Antoniou, Raciti and Macri read out an Oath of Office during the meeting.

Councillors Blake, Atkins, Smith, Fergusson, Howard, Clay, Scott, Carlisle, D'Arienzo and Byrne read out an Affirmation of Office during the meeting.

**Motion: (Scott/Howard)**

**That Council note the taking of the Oath or making of the Affirmation of office undertaken by each Councillor.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C1024(1) Item 2 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor**

The General Manager advised that the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

1. **That the method of voting for the Election of the Mayor be conducted by show of hands.**
2. **That the Mayor be elected for a period serving from 8 October 2024 until September 2026.**
3. **That council elect a Deputy Mayor for a term commencing 8 October 2024 until September 2025.**
4. **That the method of voting for the Election of the Deputy Mayor be conducted by show of hands.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Position of Mayor**

The General Manager advised that he has received nominations for the position of Mayor for Councillor Byrne and Councillor Atkins.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Byrne being the first nomination received for the position of Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Byrne received a total of 10 votes from Councillors Byrne, D'Arienzo, Carlisle, Scott, Clay, Howard, Fergusson, Smith, Macri and Raciti.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Atkins being the second nomination received for the position of Mayor, to raise their hands.

Councillor Atkins received a total of 5 votes from Councillors Blake, Tastan, Atkins, Barlow and Antoniou.

**The General Manager declared that Councillor Byrne is elected as Mayor until September 2026.**

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the Chair.

**Position of Deputy Mayor**

The General Manager advised that he has received nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for Councillor Howard and Councillor Antoniou.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Howard being the first nomination received for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Howard received a total of 10 votes from Councillors Byrne, D'Arienzo, Carlisle, Scott, Clay, Howard, Fergusson, Smith, Macri and Raciti.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Antoniou being the second nomination received for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Antoniou received a total of 5 votes from Councillors Blake, Tastan, Atkins, Barlow and Antoniou.

**The General Manager declared that Councillor Howard is elected Deputy Mayor until September 2025.**

**C1024(1) Item 3 Countback to fill any casual vacancy on Council**

**Motion: (Scott/Atkins)**

1. That Council pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), 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, are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act.
2. That if Council determines to fill any casual vacancies by a countback election pursuant to section 291A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that Council directs the General Manager to notify the New South Wales Electoral Commission of the Council's decision within 7 days of the decision, as required by section 393C of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

**Against Motion:** Nil

Meeting closed at 7.04pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 were confirmed as a correct record on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2024.