



Central Coast Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council Held in the Council Chamber 2 Hely Street, Wyong on 25 September 2017 Commencing at 6.30pm

Present

Councillors Greg Best, Chris Burke, Rebecca Gale Collins, Louise Greenaway, Jillian Hogan, Chris Holstein, Kyle MacGregor, Troy Marquart, Lisa Matthews, Richards Mehrtens, Bruce McLachlan, Jilly Pilon, Jane Smith, Jeff Sundstrom and Doug Vincent.

In Attendance

Brian Bell (Chief Executive Officer), Mike Dowling (Group Leader Assets, Infrastructure and Business), Julie Vaughan (Group Leader Connected Communities), Scott Cox (Group Leader Environment and Planning), Brian Glendenning (Executive Manager Governance), Vivienne Louie (Chief Financial Officer), Shane Sullivan (Unit Manager Governance and Business Services).

The Chief Executive Officer, Brian Bell, declared the meeting open at 5.00pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting is being recorded.

All reports were dealt with in their correct agenda sequence.

1.1 Election of the Mayor

Moved: Councillor Best
Seconded: Councillor Holstein

Resolved

- 559/17 ***That Council determine, for the purpose of s. 290(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, to conduct an election of the Mayor by the councillors at this extraordinary meeting.***
- 560/17 ***That Council resolves, for the purposes of cl. 3(3) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that if more than one candidate is nominated for election as Mayor that the method of voting for election of the Mayor is to be by "open ballot".***
- 561/17 ***That Council note that s. 230(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that the elected Mayor will hold office for two years from the date of this meeting.***

Against:
Councillor Greenaway

Nominations for Mayor

The Chief Executive Officer, in his capacity as the Returning Officer, advised that the following nominations for Mayor had been duly received and accepted:

1. Councillor Smith
2. Councillor Holstein
3. Councillor Vincent
4. Councillor Greenaway

Election of Mayor

The election for Mayor was conducted by the Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer, with the **first ballot** for Mayor:

Councillor Smith: Seven votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Marquart, Smith, Gale Collins, McLachlan, Pilon, Burke and Best.

Councillor Holstein: One vote

Voting in favour: Councillor Holstein.

Councillor Vincent: Seven votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Matthews, MacGregor, Greenaway, Vincent and Hogan.

Councillor Greenaway: No votes.

The Returning Officer advised that one Councillor had to be excluded and as the number of votes cast for Councillor Greenaway was the lowest, Councillor Greenaway was excluded.

The **second ballot** for Mayor was conducted by the Returning Officer:

Councillor Smith: Seven votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Marquart, Smith, Gale Collins, McLachlan, Pilon, Burke and Best.

Councillor Holstein : One vote

Voting in favour: Councillor Holstein.

Councillor Vincent: Seven votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Matthews, MacGregor, Greenaway, Vincent and Hogan.

The Returning Officer advised that one Councillor had to be excluded and as the number of votes cast for Councillor Holstein was the lowest, Councillor Holstein was excluded.

The **third ballot** for Mayor was conducted by the Returning Officer:

Councillor Smith: Eight votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Marquart, Smith, Gale Collins, McLachlan, Pilon, Burke, Best and Holstein.

Councillor Vincent: Seven votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Matthews, MacGregor, Greenaway, Vincent and Hogan.

The Chief Executive Officer, in his capacity as the Returning Officer, declared that Councillor Smith was elected as the Mayor of Council.

The Mayor, Councillor Smith then assumed the Chair as Mayor, as Chairperson of the meeting.

Procedural Motion

Moved: **Councillor Best**
Seconded: **Councillor Matthews**

Resolved

562/17 That Council adjourn the meeting for 5 minutes to allow Mayor Smith to take the chair.

For:
Unanimous

The meeting resumed at 6.50pm.

Mayor Smith read an acknowledgement of country statement.

1.2 Disclosure of Interest

Moved: **Councillor Vincent**
Seconded: **Councillor Holstein**

Resolved

563/17 That Council receive the report on Disclosure of Interest and note the fact that no disclosure was made.

For:
Unanimous

1.3 Oath or Affirmation of Office

Moved: **Councillor Marquart**

Seconded: **Councillor Holstein**

Resolved

564/17 That Council note the Oath or Affirmation of Office was taken at a public ceremony held on Council premises on Thursday, 21 September 2017 in accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 by each of the Councillors whose names will be advised by the Chief Executive Officer as follows:

From the Budgewoi Ward

- Councillor Doug Vincent (oath)
- Councillor Jillian Hogan (oath)
- Councillor Greg Best (affirmation)

From the Gosford East Ward

- Councillor Rebecca Gale Collins (oath)
- Councillor Jeffrey Sundstrom (affirmation)
- Councillor Jane Smith (oath)

From the Gosford West Ward

- Councillor Richard Mehrtens (affirmation)
- Councillor Troy Marquart (oath)
- Councillor Chris Holstein (oath)

From the Entrance Ward

- Councillor Lisa Matthews (oath)
- Councillor Jillian Pilon (affirmation)
- Councillor Bruce McLachlan (oath)

From the Wyong Ward

- Councillor Kyle MacGregor (oath)
- Councillor Louise Greenaway (affirmation)
- Councillor Christopher Burke (oath)

For:

Unanimous

1.4 Potential election of a Deputy Mayor

Moved: Councillor Best

Seconded: Councillor Marquart

1 That Council resolve, for the purposes of ss. 231(1) and 231(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, to elect a Deputy Mayor for a period of two years from the date of this meeting.

2 That Council resolves, for the purposes of cl. 3(3) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that if more than one candidate is nominated for election as Deputy Mayor that the method of voting for election of the Deputy Mayor is to be by "open ballot".

Amendment Moved: Councillor MacGregor

Seconded: Councillor Vincent

1 That Council resolve, for the purposes of ss. 231(1) and 231(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, to elect a Deputy Mayor for a period of one year from the date of this meeting.

2 That Council resolves, for the purposes of cl. 3(3) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that if more than one candidate is nominated for election as Deputy Mayor that the method of voting for election of the Deputy Mayor is to be by "open ballot".

For:

Greenaway, Hogan, MacGregor, Matthews,
Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Vincent

Against:

Smith, Best, Burke, Gale-Collins, Holstein,
Marquart, McLachlan and Pilon.

The amendment was put and lost. The motion was put and carried.

Resolved

565/17 That Council resolve, for the purposes of ss. 231(1) and 231(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, to elect a Deputy Mayor for a period of two years from the date of this meeting.

566/17 That Council resolves, for the purposes of cl. 3(3) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that if more than one candidate is nominated for election as Deputy Mayor that the method of voting for election of the Deputy Mayor is to be by "open ballot".

For:

**Smith, Best, Burke, Gale-Collins, Holstein,
Marquart, McLachlan and Pilon.**

Against:

**Greenaway, Hogan, MacGregor, Matthews,
Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Vincent**

Nominations for Deputy Mayor

The Chief Executive Officer, in his capacity as the Returning Officer, advised that the following nominations for Deputy Mayor had been duly received and accepted:

1. Councillor Vincent
2. Councillor Holstein
3. Councillor Greenaway

Election of Deputy Mayor

The election for Mayor was conducted by the Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer, with the **first ballot** for Deputy Mayor:

Councillor Vincent: Seven votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Matthews, MacGregor, Greenaway, Vincent and Hogan.

Councillor Holstein: Eight votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Holstein, Marquart, Smith, Gale Collins, McLachlan, Pilon, Burke and Best.

Councillor Greenaway: One vote

Voting in favour: Councillor Greenaway

The Chief Executive Officer, in his capacity as the Returning Officer, declared that Councillor Holstein was elected as the Deputy Mayor of Council.

Procedural Motion

Moved: Councillor Best

Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

567/17 That Council adjourn the meeting for 5 minutes to allow the Returning Officer's desk to be removed.

For:

Unanimous

The meeting resumed at 7.11pm.

1.5 Dates for the next two Ordinary Meetings of Council

Moved: Councillor Pilon
Seconded: Councillor Sundstrom

Resolved

568/17 That Council resolve to reschedule the ordinary meeting of the Council that is currently scheduled to commence at 5pm on Wednesday 27 September 2017 in the Gosford Chamber to 6.30pm on Monday 9 October 2017 in the Wyong Chamber.

569/17 That Council resolve to reschedule the ordinary meeting of the Council that is currently scheduled to commence at 5pm on Wednesday 25 October 2017 in the Wyong Chamber to 6.30pm on Monday 23 October 2017 in the Gosford Chamber.

570/17 That a report be provided to the meeting on 23 October 2017 for the purpose of considering Council's future meeting cycles including any required amendments to the Code of Meeting Practice.

For:
Unanimous

The meeting **closed** at 7.13pm.