

**CONFIRMED MINUTES**  
**OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PENRITH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**ON MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7:08PM**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The meeting opened with the National Anthem.

**STATEMENT OF RECOGNITION**

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ross Fowler OAM read a statement of recognition of Penrith City's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage.

**PRAYER**

The Council Prayer was read by the Rev Neil Checkley.

**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ross Fowler OAM, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jim Aitken OAM (arrived 7:11pm) and Councillors Bernard Bratusa, Prue Car, Kevin Crameri OAM, Marcus Cornish, Greg Davies, Mark Davies, Maurice Giroto, Ben Goldfinch, Jackie Greenow OAM, Tricia Hitchen, Karen McKeown, John Thain and Michelle Tormey.

**APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Ordinary Meeting - 25 August 2014**

249 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Mark Davies that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 25 August 2014 be confirmed.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**MAYORAL MINUTES**

**2 [The Passing of Dorothy Radford OAM](#)**

Councillor Jim Aitken OAM arrived to the meeting, the time being 7:11pm.

Councillors Jackie Greenow OAM, John Thain, Greg Davies and Prue Car spoke in support of the Mayoral Minute.

250 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor Jackie Greenow OAM that the Mayoral Minute on The Passing of Dorothy Radford OAM be received.

**1 [The Passing of Ron Mulock AO](#)**

Councillors John Thain, Greg Davies, Prue Car, Karen McKeown, Kevin Crameri OAM, Jim Aitken OAM, Mark Davies and Bernard Bratusa spoke in support of the

Mayoral Minute.

251 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor John Thain that the Mayoral Minute on The Passing of Ron Mulock AO be received.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ross Fowler OAM then asked the Councillors, staff and gallery to stand for one minute's silence to acknowledge the passing of Dorothy Radford OAM and Ron Mulock AO, the time being 7:36pm..

Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM left the meeting, the time being 7:37pm.

**3 [Strategic Alliance between Penrith, Blue Mountains, Wollondilly and Hawkesbury Councils](#)**

Councillors John Thain, Mark Davies and Greg Davies spoke in support of the Mayoral Minute.

Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM returned to the meeting, the time being 7:41pm.

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

That:

1. The Mayoral Minute on Strategic Alliance between Penrith, Blue Mountains, Wollondilly and Hawkesbury Councils be received.
2. Council endorse the actions taken to date.
3. Council agree to the establishment of a Working Party to oversee and progress a review of a strategic regional alliance.
4. Council endorse an application being made for funding from the Office of Local Government to develop the proposal.

**4 [Year in Review](#)**

Councillors John Thain, Mark Davies, Greg Davies, Ben Goldfinch and Bernard Bratusa spoke in support of the Mayoral Minute.

The General Manager, Alan Stoneham also spoke in support of the Mayoral Minute and congratulated the Mayor on his term.

253 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor John Thain that the Mayoral Minute on Year in Review be received.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**1 [Report and Recommendations of the Access Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2014](#)**

254 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Jackie Greenow OAM seconded Councillor Marcus Cornish that the recommendations contained in the Report and Recommendations of the Access Committee meeting held on 13 August, 2014 be adopted.

**2 [Report and Recommendations of the Policy Review Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2014](#)**

255 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bernard Bratusa seconded Councillor John Thain that the recommendations contained in the Report and Recommendations of the Policy Review Committee meeting held on 8 September, 2014 be adopted with the clarification that the words "Building Improvement Program" within the report should have read "Business Improvement Program".

**DELIVERY PROGRAM REPORTS**

**OUTCOME 7 - WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR COUNCIL**

**1 [Election of Mayor](#)**

A MOTION was moved by Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM seconded Councillor Marcus Cornish

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Election of Mayor be received.
2. In the event of more than one Councillor being nominated, Council determine the method of election for the Office of Mayor be by Ordinary Ballot.

256 An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Mark Davies

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Election of Mayor be received.
2. In the event of more than one Councillor being nominated, Council determine the method of election for the Office of Mayor be open voting, by way of show of hands.

The AMENDMENT was PUT.

The AMENDMENT was CARRIED and on becoming the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION was also CARRIED.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ross Fowler OAM, handed over to the Returning Officer, (General Manager) Alan Stoneham, to conduct the election of the Mayor.

The Returning Officer indicated that he had received two (2) nominations for the position of Mayor and asked whether there were any other nominations. No other nominations were forthcoming.

The Returning Officer stated that the following nominations were in order and that:

Councillor Ross Fowler OAM was nominated by Councillors John Thain, Mark Davies, Karen McKeown and Greg Davies and that Councillor Ross Fowler OAM accepted the nomination for position of Mayor.

Councillor Jackie Greenow OAM was nominated by Councillors Kevin Crameri OAM and Maurice Giroto, and that Councillor Jackie Greenow OAM accepted the nomination for

position of Mayor.

The Returning Officer then conducted the ballot.

Voting for Councillor Ross Fowler OAM – Councillors Prue Car, Greg Davies, John Thain, Karen McKeown, Mark Davies, Ben Goldfinch, Tricia Hitchen, Bernard Bratusa and Ross Fowler OAM.

Voting for Councillor Jackie Greenow OAM – Michelle Tormey, Jackie Greenow OAM, Maurice Giroto, Kevin Crameri OAM, Jim Aitken OAM and Marcus Cornish.

The Returning Officer then declared the voting closed and that the result was as follows:

Councillor Ross Fowler OAM – 9 votes  
Councillor Jackie Greenow OAM – 6 votes.

The Returning Officer then declared Councillor Ross Fowler OAM duly elected as Mayor for the 2014/2015 Mayoral Term.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ross Fowler OAM then resumed the chair.

## **2 Election of Deputy Mayor**

257 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Mark Davies

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Election of Deputy Mayor be received.
2. Council consider the Election of 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 be open voting, by way of show of hands.
4. In accordance with Section 231 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the term of Office of the Deputy Mayor for the 2014/2015 period be the same as the term of Office of the Mayor (until September 2015).

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ross Fowler OAM, handed over to the Returning Officer, (General Manager) Alan Stoneham, to conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor.

The Returning Officer indicated that he had received two (2) nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor and asked whether there were any other nominations. No other nominations were forthcoming.

The Returning Officer stated that the following nominations were in order:

Councillor Greg Davies was nominated by Councillors John Thain, Ross Fowler OAM, Mark Davies and Ben Goldfinch, and that Councillor Greg Davies accepted the nomination for position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Marcus Cornish was nominated by Councillors Maurice Giroto, Jim Aitken OAM and Kevin Crameri OAM and that Councillor Marcus Cornish accepted the nomination for position of Deputy Mayor.

The Returning Officer then conducted the ballot.

Voting for Councillor Greg Davies – Prue Car, Greg Davies, John Thain, Karen McKeown, Michelle Tormey, Mark Davies, Ben Goldfinch, Tricia Hitchen, Bernard Bratusa and Ross Fowler OAM.

Voting for Councillor Marcus Cornish – Councillors Jackie Greenow OAM, Maurice Giroto, Kevin Crameri OAM, Jim Aitken OAM and Marcus Cornish.

The Returning Officer then declared the voting closed and that the result was as follows:

Councillor Greg Davies – 10 votes  
Councillor Marcus Cornish – 5 votes.

The Returning Officer declared Councillor Greg Davies duly elected as Deputy Mayor for the same period as the 2014/2015 Mayoral Term.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ross Fowler OAM then thanked his colleagues and spoke of his commitment to working for the betterment of the Penrith community over the next 12 months.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Greg Davies also thanked his colleagues and spoke of his eagerness to work with the Mayor, as Deputy Mayor for the City of Penrith over the next 12 months.

Councillors John Thain and Mark Davies both congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their election and spoke of their commitment to working with them over the next 12 months.

The General Manager, Alan Stoneham congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on behalf of Council's staff.

### **3 [Councillor Fees](#)**

258 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Mark Davies that the information contained in the report on Councillor Fees be received.

## **REQUESTS FOR REPORTS AND MEMORANDUMS**

### **RR 1 Badgerys Creek Airport Options**

Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM requested a memo reply concerning Council staff seeking to find out what option whether A, B or C that the airport will be pursuing.

### **RR 2 Campton Avenue, Cambridge Park - Tree Issues**

Councillor Prue Car requested in the first instance a memo reply followed by a Council report detailing ways in which Council can assist residents of Campton Avenue, Cambridge Park who require assistance in resolving issues with large trees located in a neighbouring school which are causing damage to homes, and whether this might fall under the new bushfire prevention legislation.

## **URGENT BUSINESS**

**UB 1      Leave of Absence**

Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM requested a leave of absence until further notice and that his deliveries are continued during this time.

259 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Mark Davies seconded Councillor Marcus Cornish that that the matter be brought forward as a matter of urgency.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ross Fowler OAM, ruled that the matter was urgent and should be dealt with at the meeting.

260 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Mark Davies seconded Councillor Marcus Cornish that Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM until further notice.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed the time being 8:20pm.

I certify that these 6 pages are the Confirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Penrith City Council held on 22 September 2014.

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Chairperson

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Date