

Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday 21 January 2025



Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday, 21 January 2025 at the
Parkes Council Chamber, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes

Present:

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| Cr Neil Westcott | Councillor (Chairperson) |
| Cr Marg Applebee | Councillor (Deputy Chair) |
| Cr William Jayet | Councillor |
| Cr Ken McGrath | Councillor |
| Cr Louise O'Leary | Councillor |
| Cr Joy Paddison | Councillor |
| Cr Doug Pout | Councillor |
| Cr George Pratt | Councillor |
| Cr Matthew Scherer | Councillor |
| Cr Glenn Wilson | Councillor |

Council Officers in Attendance:

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| Mr Kent Boyd PSM | General Manager |
| Mr Jaco Barnard | Chief Financial Officer |
| Mr Andrew Francis | Director Infrastructure and Sustainability |
| Mr Brendan Hayes | Director Planning and Community Services |
| Mr Logan Hignett | Director Operations |
| Mr Anthony McGrath | Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy |
| Mrs Veronica Shaw | Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance |
| Mrs Toni Lennane | Executive and Councillor Support Coordinator (Minute Secretary) |

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The meeting commenced at 3:02 pm and concluded at 5:07 pm.

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday 21 January 2025 open and welcomed Councillors, Council Officers and members of the public attending and listening to the meeting.

The Mayor advised attendees that the meeting was being recorded and streamed live on the internet, to enhance the accessibility of Council meetings to the broader Parkes Shire community, and that the recording will be archived and made available on Council's website.

The Mayor asked that attendees ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices were turned off or in silent mode for the duration of the meeting.

The Mayor further advised that all care would be taken to maintain privacy, however, as a visitor in the public gallery, members of the public should be aware that their presence may be recorded.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor read the following Acknowledgement of Country:

Parkes Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Wiradjuri Country and recognises and respects their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the lands and rivers of the Parkes Shire.

Council pays its respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extends this respect to all First Nations peoples in the Parkes Shire.

3 PRAYER

The General Manager read the Prayer:

O God,
Direct the way of our words and works,
In accordance with Thy Will,
We Pray through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,

AMEN

4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Louise O'Leary.

5 APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

NIL.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2024

RESOLVED OCM 001/25

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Ordinary Council Meeting receive and confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2024 appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED

7 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

The Mayor reminded Councillors and Council Officers of their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting, and invited Councillors and Council Officers to disclose any such interests.

Cr William Jayet disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 15.1 Proposed Alcohol-Free Zone at Lake Endeavour and chose to remain in the meeting, participate in debate and discussion on the matter, and vote on the matter. The reason provided was:

"Because my daughter, Hannah is the author of the report."

Cr Marg Applebee disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 19.1 Diversion of Northparkes Mines Road Contribution Funding and chose to leave the meeting, not participate in debate and discussion on the matter, and not vote on the matter. The reason provided was:

"I have family members living on the impacted roads and a family business that operates on the roads impacted by this decision."

8 LATE BUSINESS

The Mayor advised that no late items of business had been submitted to the meeting.

9 ADOPTION OF MULTIPLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Council may, at any time, resolve to adopt multiple items of business, as recommended in the report, byway of a single resolution. The Chairperson must list the items of business to be adopted and ask Councillors to identify any individual items of business listed by the Chairperson that they intend to vote against the recommendation made in the Business Paper, or that they wish to speak on (13.2).

9.1 ADOPTION OF MULTIPLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**RESOLVED OCM 002/25**

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

1. Adopt the following items in the Agenda as recommended in the report:

Open matters:

10.2 - Meetings, Functions and Events attended by Mayor and Councillors.

10.3 - Coming Known Events for Mayor and Councillors.

12.1 - Minutes of the Community, Liveability and Access Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2024.

17.1 - December 2024 Building Statistics Update.

Confidential matters:

19.2 - 2025 Australia Day - Community Awards - Award Assessment Committee Minutes - 17 December 2024.

19.3 - 2025 Australia Day - Cultural Awards - 17 December 2024.

CARRIED**10 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)****10.1 PARKES ELVIS FESTIVAL 2025****RESOLVED OCM 003/25**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information about the 2025 Parkes Elvis Festival.

CARRIED

10.2 MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**RESOLVED OCM 004/25**

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

1. Note the report on the Meetings functions and events attended in an official capacity, by the Mayor and Councillors during the period 13 December 2024 through to 17 January 2025.

CARRIED**10.3 COMING KNOWN EVENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS****RESOLVED OCM 005/25**

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

1. Note the known upcoming meetings, functions and events for the Mayor and Councillors for the period 17 January 2025 through to 14 February 2025.

CARRIED**11 COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)**

Nil

12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**12.1 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY, LIVEABILITY AND ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2024****RESOLVED OCM 006/25**

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Community, Liveability and Access Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2024 appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED

13 REPORTS OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**13.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024****RESOLVED OCM 007/25**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Joy Paddison

That Council:

1. Receive and note the year-to-date financial reports for the period up to 31 December 2024 and initiate discussions around the prioritisation of non-essential services and events to reduce the anticipated loss.

CARRIED**13.2 INVESTMENTS & BORROWINGS REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024****RESOLVED OCM 008/25**

Moved: Cr Neil Westcott

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That:

1. Receive and note the Statement of Investments and Borrowings as on 31 December 2024

CARRIED**14 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR CUSTOMER, CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMY**

Nil

15 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY**15.1 PROPOSED ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE AT LAKE ENDEAVOUR****RESOLVED OCM 009/25**

Moved: Cr Doug Pout

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That:

1. Council adopts a proposal to establish an alcohol prohibited area at Lake Endeavour.

In Favour: Crs Neil Westcott, Marg Applebee, William Jayet and Doug PoutAgainst: Crs Ken McGrath, Joy Paddison, George Pratt, Matthew Scherer and Glenn Wilson**LOST 4/5**

**15.2 USE OF PARKES TOWN IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FOR COUNTRY SOUNDS
2025****RESOLVED OCM 010/25**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Approve the upper-bound transfer of \$50,000.00 from the Parkes Town Improvement reserve to support the Country Sounds event.
2. That the scope & associated cost to run the event be critically reviewed given the current budget constraints.

CARRIED**15.3 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - INFRASTRUCTURE AND
SUSTAINABILITY****RESOLVED OCM 011/25**

Moved: Cr Neil Westcott

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Infrastructure and Sustainability Major Projects and Current Works Report for December 2024, appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED**16 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OPERATIONS****16.1 THE CARRINGTON MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN****RESOLVED OCM 012/25**

Moved: Cr Joy Paddison

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That:

1. Council endorse the Management and Development Plan for The Carrington at Peak Hill.

CARRIED

16.2 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - OPERATIONS**RESOLVED OCM 013/25**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Operations Major Projects and Current Works Report for December 2024, appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED**17 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES****17.1 DECEMBER 2024 BUILDING STATISTICS UPDATE****RESOLVED OCM 014/25**

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That:

1. Receive and note the December 2024 Building Statistics Report.

CARRIED**18 NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****18.1 CONVERSION OF OLD ELVIS FESTIVAL WALL OF FAME TO A MEMORIAL WALL****RESOLVED OCM 015/25**

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr Joy Paddison

That Council:

1. Agree in principle to the repurposing of the former Elvis Festival Rock and Roll Wall of Fame (WoF) as a Memorial Wall.
2. Develop a set of draft guidelines to support the use of the WoF as a memorial.

CARRIED

18.2 PARKES SWIM CLUB**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Joy Paddison

Seconded: Cr Ken McGrath

That Council:

1. Rescind Motion OCM 329/23 and approve the return of the 6:00 pm start for Friday night Parkes Swim Club Meets.

An amended Motion was proposed by Cr William Jayet.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That:

1. Given the lateness in the season the decision to restore, or otherwise, the Parkes Swim Clubs Meets to 6:00 pm Fridays, be deferred for consideration with the new pool operation contract for implementation next season.
2. The provisions of the new pool contract be presented to a future Councillor Workshop for review, prior to the Contract's release.

This Motion proposed by Cr William Jayet was not accepted by Cr Joy Paddison therefore the Amendment was put to the meeting and was lost. Council reverted back to the original Motion

MOTION**RESOLVED OCM 016/25**

Moved: Cr Joy Paddison

Seconded: Cr Ken McGrath

That Council:

1. Rescind Motion OCM 329/23 and approve the return of the 6:00 pm start for Friday night Parkes Swim Club Meets.

The amended proposed Motion by Cr William Jayet was lost and the original Motion by Cr Joy Paddison was passed as per the vote:

In Favour: Crs Ken McGrath, Joy Paddison, Doug Pout, George Pratt, Matthew Scherer and Glenn Wilson

Against: Crs Neil Westcott, Marg Applebee and William Jayet

CARRIED 6/3

19 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLVED OCM 017/25**

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee

Seconded: Cr Ken McGrath

That Ordinary Council Meeting:

1. Moves into Closed Session to deal with the matters below, which are classified as confidential under section 10A(2) of *the Local Government Act 1993* for the reasons specified:

19.1 DIVERSION OF NORTHPARKES MINES ROAD CONTRIBUTION FUNDING

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

19.2 2025 AUSTRALIA DAY - COMMUNITY AWARDS - AWARD ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES - 17 DECEMBER 2024

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

19.3 2025 AUSTRALIA DAY - CULTURAL AWARDS - 17 DECEMBER 2024

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

2. Exclude the media and public from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified as confidential, pursuant to 10A(1), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
3. Withhold reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from the media and public as provided by section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
4. Make public resolutions made by the Council in Closed Session after the conclusion of the Closed Session, and record such resolutions in the minutes of the Council meeting.

CARRIED

At 4:24 pm, Cr Marg Applebee left the meeting.

At 4:36 pm, Director Operations Logan Hignett left the meeting.

At 4:36 pm, the Meeting went into Closed Session.

At 4:43 pm, Director Operations Logan Hignett returned to the meeting.

19.1 DIVERSION OF NORTH PARKES MINES ROAD CONTRIBUTION FUNDING

MOTION

Moved: Cr Neil Westcott

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That:

1. That Council proceed with Option #2.

MOTION

RESOLVED OCM 018/25

Moved with amendment to Point 1: Cr Glenn Wilson

Seconded with amendment to Point 1: Cr Neil Westcott

That Council:

1. Hypothecate the money for the Parkes Showground Pavilion subject to satisfactory due diligence.

CARRIED

19.2 2025 AUSTRALIA DAY - COMMUNITY AWARDS - AWARD ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES - 17 DECEMBER 2024

RESOLVED OCM 019/25

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Award Assessment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2024 which confirms the 2025 Community Australia Day awards as endorsed by Council on Tuesday 17 December 2024 [OCM 402/24].

CARRIED

19.3 2025 AUSTRALIA DAY - CULTURAL AWARDS - 17 DECEMBER 2024

RESOLVED OCM 020/25

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath

Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Award Assessment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2024 which confirms the 2025 Community Australia Day awards as endorsed by Council on Tuesday 17 December 2024 [OCM 402/24].

CARRIED

RESOLVED OCM 021/25

Moved: Cr William Jayet

Seconded: Cr Doug Pout

That Ordinary Council Meeting:

1. Resume in Open Session and note the Mayor's report on Confidential Resolutions.

CARRIED

At 5:06 pm, Cr Marg Applebee returned to the meeting.

At 5:06 pm, the Council in Closed Session returned to Open Session.

20 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with clauses 14.22 and 14.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson as soon as practicable. Such resolutions must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

21 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting concluded at 5:07 pm.

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 15 pages numbered 1 to 15 of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 January 2025 and confirmed on Tuesday, 18 February 2025.



MAYOR