

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2024, COMMENCING  
AT 6.30PM**

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J Suvaal (in the Chair) and Councillors Dunn, Jurd, Hawkins, Burke, Moores, Jackson, Watton, Sander, Grine, Hill and Paynter.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager  
Director Planning and Environment  
Director Corporate and Community Services  
Director Works and Infrastructure  
Chief Financial Officer  
Strategic Planning Manager  
Digital Media Officer  
Media & Communications Officer  
Help Desk Support Officer  
Council Services Team Leader

**Council Prayer:**

The Prayer was conducted by Pastor Rachel Main.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** The Leave of Absence granted to Councillor Olsen from 17 July 2024 to 13 September 2024 be noted.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION**            **Moved:** Councillor Sander  
                                 **Seconded:** Councillor Hill

807

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 July 2024, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI7/2024**

**SUBJECT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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NIL

## **PETITIONS**

NIL

## **ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS**

NIL

## **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ALL REPORTS BY ENGLOBO OR INDIVIDUALLY WITH NOMINATED EXCEPTIONS**

*Item lapsed for want of a Mover and Seconder.*

# MAYORAL MINUTES

## MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM6/2024

**SUBJECT: KURRI KURRI TO MAITLAND ROAD CORRIDOR SAFETY**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:**    Councillor Suvaal  
808

**RESOLVED**

That Council write to the NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, The Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP, to request an update on the planning and Strategic Business Case relating to the upgrade of MR195 along the corridor between the Hunter Expressway (HEX) at Kurri Kurri and the Maitland Roundabout intersection of the New England Highway.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTIONS OF URGENCY**

**MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU7/2024**

**SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY**

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NIL

## **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE16/2024**

**SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT - JUNE 2024**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Burke      **Seconded:** Councillor Paynter  
809  
**RESOLVED**

**That Council notes the Development Performance Monitoring Report for the YTD June quarter 2023/2024.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE17/2024**

**SUBJECT: DRAFT ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN - PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

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**MOTION Moved:** Councillor Hill **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

1. That Council place the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan on public exhibition for a period of 60 days.
2. That Council receives a further report following the public exhibition of the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved:** Councillor Jurd  
**Seconded:** Councillor Watton

That the report be deferred.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Watton	Councillor Jackson
Councillor Jurd	Councillor Moores
	Councillor Dunn
	Councillor Burke
	Councillor Grine
	Councillor Sander
	Councillor Hill
	Councillor Hawkins
	Councillor Paynter
	Councillor Suvaal
<b>Total (2)</b>	<b>Total (10)</b>

The Procedural Motion as **PUT** and **LOST**.

The Motion was then **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

**MOTION**            **Moved:**    Councillor Hill            **Seconded:**    Councillor Sander  
810

**RESOLVED**

1.     **That Council place the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan on public exhibition for a period of 90 days.**
  
2.     **That Council receives a further report following the public exhibition of the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY**

### **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC45/2024**

**SUBJECT: CARRY FORWARDS AND REVOTES 2024-25**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Hill      **Seconded:** Councillor Paynter  
811  
**RESOLVED**

That Council approve the following additions to the 2024-25 budget, as outlined in the report:

- Carry forward operating expenditure totaling \$221,990.
- Revote of operating expenditure of \$31,282.
- Carry forward capital expenditure of \$6,367,562 for capital projects commenced prior to 30 June 2024.
- Revote of capital expenditure of \$170,000 for capital programs.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC46/2024**

**SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024 -  
REQUEST FOR MOTIONS**

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*Item lapsed for want of a Mover and Seconder.*

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC47/2024**

**SUBJECT: NOTES OF THE INQUORATE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL HELD 30 JULY 2024**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Hill      **Seconded:** Councillor Sander  
812  
**RESOLVED**

1. That the notes of the inquorate meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee held on 30 July 2024 be noted.
2. That Council receives and notes the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee Performance Review and that the approved performance review report will be included in the Annual Report.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC48/2024**

**SUBJECT: DRAFT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER  
COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Hill      **Seconded:** Councillor Grine  
813  
**RESOLVED**

**That Council place the draft 2024-2028 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
Community Action Plan on public exhibition for a period of 90 days.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC49/2024**

**SUBJECT: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2024 -  
REFERRAL FOR AUDIT AND COUNCIL CERTIFICATION**

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**MOTION**            **Moved:** Councillor Paynter            **Seconded:** Councillor Hill  
814

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council formally refer the draft Financial Statements to Council's external auditor, the Audit Office of NSW, to provide an opinion and report to Council.
2. That Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management for the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.
3. That Council fix the date of 20 November 2024 as the date for the public meeting to present the audited Financial Statements and the Audit Reports for the year ended 30 June 2024, and that Council's external auditor be requested to be present to answer questions.
4. That the General Manager be delegated authority to seek an extension of time for lodgment of the Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government should the need arise during finalisation of the audit.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Jackson	Councillor Watton
Councillor Moores	Councillor Jurd
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Suvaal	
<b>Total (10)</b>	<b>Total (2)</b>

**CARRIED**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC50/2024**

**SUBJECT: DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS IN WRITTEN RETURNS**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Hill      **Seconded:** Councillor Sander  
815  
**RESOLVED**

**That Council notes the tabling of the disclosures of interests written returns for the period 1 May 2024 to 31 July 2024 in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
Councillor Watton	
Councillor Jurd	
Councillor Suvaal	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC51/2024**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS TRACKING REPORT**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Hill      **Seconded:** Councillor Burke  
816  
**RESOLVED**

**That Council receives the report and notes the information in the Resolutions Tracking Report.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
Councillor Hawkins	
Councillor Paynter	
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## **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI22/2024**

**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 15 JULY 2024.**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:**    Councillor Hawkins      **Seconded:**    Councillor Paynter  
817  
**RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the Cessnock Local Traffic Committee Meeting of 15 July 2024 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.**

- **TC17/2024 – That Council authorises the temporary regulation of traffic on Wilderness Road Lovedale for the Hunter Valley Highland Games in accordance with the Wilderness Road Lovedale \_ Hunter Valley Highland Games Traffic Guidance Schemes.**
- **TC18/2024 - That Council authorises the temporary regulation of traffic on McDonalds Road and Thompsons Road, Pokolbin for the End2End Festival in accordance with Various Roads Pokolbin \_ End2End Festival Traffic Guidance Schemes.**
- **That Council note the General Manager or the General Managers sub-delegate authorised the following Local Traffic Committee reports in accordance with Division 2 of Part 8 of the Roads Act 1993:**
  - **TC19/2024**
  - **TC20/2024**
  - **TC21/2024**
  - **TC22/2024**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Jackson	
Councillor Moores	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Grine	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Hill	
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# COUNCILLOR REPORTS

## Councillor Hill

### The Kurri Curry & Arts Festival

This past weekend, Col Brown Rotary Park in Kurri Kurri hosted the first Kurri Curry & Arts Festival. This event was proposed by Councillor Rosa Grine via a Notice of Motion at the May 2023 Council meeting and was made possible by a grant from the NSW Government. Overall, the two days of the event were a massive success and feedback was positive throughout the community regarding the festivities.

I wanted to express my gratitude to all who were involved in getting this event off the ground, with special reference to the dedication of Council's Economic Development and Tourism Manager, Tony Chadwick alongside his team. The local community and all who attended were also critical to the success of the weekend with local organisations such as the Kurri Rotary Club and Hunter Food Relief Centre putting on their own variety of curry to spice up the event.

As with any first-time event, there were lessons to learn from and notes on how to improve, and I'm hopeful that we can look forward to next year and work towards pulling together an event like this again!

#### IMAGES:

Courtesy of RVRT Inc.



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**Councillor Hawkins**

**Hunter Homeless Connect**

Councillor Hawkins attended the Hunter Homeless Connect exhibition in Newcastle stating that it was a fantastic event, with 100's of stalls and 1,000's of people. It was a wonderful networking event for the brilliant services that all the organisations provide to the people of need through homelessness and all of the other situations they find themselves in and he bought back a box of community directories that he hopes can be distributed in our public buildings, libraries and CYCOS so that people that are in need can be put in touch with the right service providers.

*The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 7.07pm*

**CONFIRMED AND SIGNED** at the meeting held on 23 October 2024

.....**CHAIRPERSON**

.....**GENERAL MANAGER**