



Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

25 March 2025

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA
ON TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2025

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**MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA
ON TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2025
COMMENCING AT 12:34 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Mathew Hatcher, Mayor (in the Chair)
Councillors Laurence Babington (via audio visual link), Phil Constable, Mick Johnson, Anthony Mayne, , Amber Schutz, Colleen Turner and Sharon Winslade

Staff: Stephanie Speedy, Acting General Manager
Mr G Bruce, Director, Planning and Environment
Mr G Attenborough, Director, Infrastructure Services
Mrs K Arthur, Director, Community, Arts and Recreation
Mr S Westbury, Acting Director, Finance and Corporate Services and Corporate Manager, Governance and Risk
Ms K Pisanos, Chief Operating Officer
Andrew Greenway, Divisional Manager, Property and Commercial Services
Miss H Johnson, Minute Secretary

1. WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land, Eurobodalla Shire Council recognises Aboriginal people as the original inhabitants and custodians of all land and water in the Eurobodalla and respects their enduring cultural and spiritual connection to it. Eurobodalla Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land in which we live. Council pays respect to Elders past, present and future. We are on Yuin Country.

3. APOLOGIES

Councillor Constable advised that he would give an apology for Councillor Rob Pollock OAM who has been inadvertently delayed by a rescheduled plane flight.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

25/30 MOTION Councillor Schutz/Councillor Winslade

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 February 2025 be confirmed.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Babington declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in item PSR25/005 Endorse the Draft Batemans Bay Master Plan for Community and Stakeholder Consultation, and stated that he doesn't believe he should be precluded from voting on the matter.

Reason: Councillor Babington declared he purchased a property last year in Batemans Bay, before he became a Councillor, and this property will be affected by the Master Plan.

Mayor Hatcher declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in item FCS25/018 Review of Council Decision – Proposed Licence for Food Truck, Narooma and stated that he would leave the Council Chambers during discussion and voting on the matter and also during Public Forum.

Reason: Mayor Hatcher declared an interest as his business supplies coffee to that premise.

6. PUBLIC FORUM (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

(Minutes of the Public Forum are a summary only and do not purport to be a complete transcript of the proceedings.)

PF25/005 PSR25/005 – ENDORSE THE DRAFT BATEMANS BAY MASTER PLAN FOR COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Rob Pollock addressed Council in relation to PSR25/005.

A copy of Rob's presentation is available on Council's website.

PF25/006 PSR25/005 – ENDORSE THE DRAFT BATEMANS BAY MASTER PLAN FOR COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Alison Miers addressed Council in relation to PSR25/005.

A copy of Alison's presentation is available on Council's website.

**PF25/007 PSR25/007 – RESPONSE TO A PETITION ABOUT THE DALMENY LAND RELEASE
AREA DRAFT MASTER PLAN**

Sally Christiansen addressed Council in relation to PSR25/007.

A copy of Sally's presentation is available on Council's website.

Mayor Hatcher declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in item FCS25/018 Review of Council Decision – Proposed Licence for Food Truck, Narooma and stated that he would leave the Council Chambers during discussion and voting on the matter and also during Public Forum.

Reason: Mayor Hatcher declared an interest as his business supplies coffee to that premise.

At **1:16pm** and following his declared conflict of interest, Mayor Hatcher asked Deputy Mayor Councillor Mayne to stand in as Chair. Mayor Hatcher left the Council Chamber. Councillor Mayne, Deputy Mayor, assumed the Chair.

**PF25/008 FCS25/018 – REVIEW OF COUNCIL DECISION – PROPOSED FOOD LICENCE FOR
FOOD TRUCK, NAROOMA**

Sally Bouckley addressed Council in relation to FCS25/018.

Sally did not provide a copy of her presentation.

**PF25/009 FCS25/018 – REVIEW OF COUNCIL DECISION – PROPOSED FOOD LICENCE FOR
FOOD TRUCK, NAROOMA**

Jake Whelan addressed Council in relation to FCS25/018.

Jake did not provide a copy of his presentation.

**PF25/010 FCS25/018 – REVIEW OF COUNCIL DECISION – PROPOSED FOOD LICENCE FOR
FOOD TRUCK, NAROOMA**

Jim Bright addressed Council in relation to FCS25/018.

Jim did not provide a copy of his presentation.

At **1:51pm** Mayor Hatcher returned to the Council Chamber and resumed the role of Chair.

PF25/011 IR25/003 – MALONEYS BEACH RESERVE ACCESS

Scott Westbury addressed Council on behalf of Geoff Davis in relation to IR25/003.

A copy of Geoff's presentation is available on Council's website.

7. MAYORAL REPORTS

Nil

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil

10. PETITIONS

PET25/002 DALMENY LAND RELEASE AREA DRAFT MASTER PLAN

File Ref: S012-T00029

25/31 MOTION Councillor Mayne/Councillor Schutz

THAT Council receive and note the petition.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, A Mayne, A Schutz, C Turner and
S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Cr M Johnson.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

Nil

12. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS

**PSR25/005 ENDORSE THE DRAFT BATEMANS BAY MASTER PLAN FOR COMMUNITY AND
STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

File Ref: OP0034-S001; OP0034-S006

Councillor Babington declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in item PSR25/005 Endorse the Draft Batemans Bay Master Plan for Community and Stakeholder Consultation, and stated that he doesn't believe he should be precluded from voting on the matter.

Reason: Councillor Babington declared he purchased a property last year in Batemans Bay, before he became a Councillor, and this property will be affected by the Master Plan.

MOTION Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Schutz

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan for public exhibition for a minimum period of 42 days commencing on 14 April 2025.
2. Following the exhibition period for the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan (plan), a report be presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration of submissions and for endorsement of the final master plan.

25/32 AMENDMENT Councillor Constable/Councillor Johnson

That Council

1. Approve the release of the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan for public exhibition for a minimum period of 42 days commencing on 14 April 2025, with the intent to seek community consultation and feedback.
2. Note that Council is not endorsing the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan at this stage but is committed to reviewing and modifying the plan based on community feedback received during the exhibition period.
3. Following the exhibition period, direct that a report be presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council, incorporating public submissions and proposed changes for further consideration and potential endorsement of the revised master plan.

(The Amendment on being put became the **MOTION**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Crs A Mayne and C Turner.

MOTION Councillor Constable/Councillor Johnson

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2. Note that Council is not endorsing the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan at this stage but is committed to reviewing and modifying the plan based on community feedback received during the exhibition period.
3. Following the exhibition period, direct that a report be presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council, incorporating public submissions and proposed changes for further consideration and potential endorsement of the revised master plan.

AMENDMENT Councillor Turner/Councillor Mayne

THAT Council

1. Approve the release of the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan for public exhibition for a minimum period of 42 days commencing on 14 April 2025, with the intent to seek community consultation and feedback.
2. Note that Council is not endorsing the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan at this stage but is committed to reviewing and modifying the plan based on community feedback received during the exhibition period.
3. Following the exhibition period, direct that a report be presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council, incorporating public submissions and proposed changes for further consideration and potential endorsement of the revised master plan.
4. Within the consultation process residents be asked their preference for height and give them 3 options:
 - a. 100 metres,
 - b. 40 metres,
 - c. no change.

(The Amendment on being put was declared **LOST**)

Division

For the Motion: Cr C Turner.

Against the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, A Schutz and S Winslade.

25/33 MOTION Councillor Constable/Councillor Johnson

That Council

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2. Note that Council is not endorsing the draft Batemans Bay Master Plan at this stage but is committed to reviewing and modifying the plan based on community feedback received during the exhibition period.
3. Following the exhibition period, direct that a report be presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council, incorporating public submissions and proposed changes for further consideration and potential endorsement of the revised master plan.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Crs A Mayne and C Turner.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

25/34 MOTION Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Mayne

That Standing Orders be suspended in order to bring forward FCS25/018 Review of Council Decision – Proposed Licence for Food Truck, Narooma.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

At **2:47pm** the meeting suspended standing orders to deal with the item listed above.

**FCS25/018 REVIEW OF COUNCIL DECISION - PROPOSED LICENCE FOR FOOD TRUCK,
NAROOMA**

File Ref: LAND ID 34247

Mayor Hatcher declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in item FCS25/018 Review of Council Decision – Proposed Licence for Food Truck, Narooma and stated that he would leave the Council Chambers during discussion and voting on the matter and also during Public Forum.

Reason: Mayor Hatcher declared an interest as his business supplies coffee to that premise.

At **2:48pm** and following his declared conflict of interest, Mayor Hatcher asked Deputy Mayor Councillor Mayne to stand in as Chair. Mayor Hatcher left the Council Chamber. Councillor Mayne, Deputy Mayor, assumed the Chair.

25/35 MOTION Councillor Schutz/Councillor Johnson

THAT:

1. Council notes it has reviewed the decision made on report FCS24/055, AND that
2. Council grant a licence for one year for the operation of a food truck within Lot 7011 DP 1055108 with the following conditions:
 - (a) Provision of evidence of \$20 million public liability insurance.
 - (b) All relevant legislation must be complied with.
 - (c) Licence conditions generally in line with similar Crown licences and including requirements to:
 - (i) keep the area in a clean, tidy and well-maintained condition
 - (ii) not discourage or obstruct access to the toilets or public bench seating
 - (iii) make it clear any tables and chairs are for the general public to use
 - (iv) for the licensee to promote other food outlets within walking distance of the existing business

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, M Johnson, A Mayne, A Schutz and C Turner.

Against the Motion: Crs P Constable and S Winslade.

At **3:17pm** Mayor Hatcher returned to the Council Chamber and resumed the role of Chair.

25/36 MOTION Councillor Schutz/Councillor Constable

THAT the Ordinary Council Meeting be adjourned for a 5 minute break

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Mayne, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

At **3:18pm** the Mayor adjourned the Ordinary meeting of Council.

At **3:18pm** Councillor Mayne left the Chambers and took no further part in the Meeting.

25/37 MOTION Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Constable

THAT the Ordinary Council Meeting be reconvened.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

At **3:29pm** the Mayor reconvened the Ordinary meeting of Council.

PSR25/006 COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES - AMALGAMATION OF THE COASTAL AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

File Ref: S012-T00025

25/38 MOTION Councillor Constable/Councillor Winslade

THAT:

1. Council endorses the amalgamation of the Coastal and Environment Management Advisory Committee and the Climate Change Advisory Committee to form a single advisory committee termed the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee.
2. Council endorses the updated Terms of Reference for the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee.
3. The previous nominations of Clr Winslade and Clr Turner be accepted for representation on the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

13. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

**FCS25/019 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER
2024**

File Ref: S011-T00003

25/40 MOTION Councillor Winslade/Councillor Constable

THAT:

1. The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (including attachments) for the quarter ended 31 December 2024 be received and noted.
2. The revised budget be adopted based on the proposed adjustments as presented.
3. A new loan to finance completion of the Southern Water Supply Storage project be raised to the value of \$40,000,000 in accordance with Council's Borrowing policy.
4. Delegation of the authority to the General Manager to negotiate the loan terms.
5. Authorisation for the Mayor and General Manager to execute the loan agreement on behalf of the Council.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz, C Turner
and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

FCS25/020 CASH RESERVES POLICY

File Ref: S011-T00006

25/41 MOTION Councillor Schutz/Councillor Turner

THAT Council endorse the attached cash reserves policy.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz, C Turner
and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

FCS25/021 INVESTMENTS MADE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

File Ref: S011-T00006, S012-T00025

25/42 MOTION Councillor Schutz/Councillor Turner

THAT the certification of investments as of 28 February 2025, made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council's Investment Policy and the provision of Clause 1 (Reg. 212) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, be received.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

FCS25/022 POLICY REVIEW - CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

File Ref: S012-T00025

MOTION Councillor Constable/Councillor Winslade

THAT:

1. Council note that the draft Code of Meeting Practice was placed on public exhibition for 42 days from 28 January to 10 March 2025 and that no submissions were received.
2. Council adopt the draft updated Code of Meeting Practice

25/43 MOTION Councillor Winslade/Councillor Constable

THAT Council defer item FCS25/022 Policy Review – Code of Meeting Practice.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Cr A Schutz.

14. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

IR25/003 MALONEYS BEACH RESERVE ACCESS

File Ref: S028-T00001

25/44 MOTION Councillor Schutz/Councillor Turner

THAT Council APPROVES:

1. Vehicular and pedestrian access to the immediate west of the existing toilet block at Maloneys Beach Reserve as per Attachment A and that a budget of \$225,000 is allocated in the 2025/26 Financial Year for this.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Crs P Constable, M Hatcher and M Johnson.

IR25/004 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE NO.4 FOR 2024-25

File Ref: S030-T00018

25/45 MOTION Councillor Johnson/Councillor Winslade

THAT Council:

1. Approves the following acts for determination from Local Traffic Committee No. 4:

- **2025.RT.012 Melaleuca Crescent, Catalina**

That Council Plan 5490-M-01 for signage at Melaleuca Crescent, Catalina Bus Zone Installation area, be approved.

2. Notes the following Informal Items:

- **2025.SE.006 - Adrenalin Quest Adventure Race – based within northern Eurobodalla including Tomakin, Mogo and Batehaven** held Friday 21 February 2025 to Sunday 23 February 2025.
- **2025.SE.005 - Summer Salt 2025 – (formally known as Red Hot Summer Tour)** based Batemans Bay held 15 March 2025
- **2025.SE.007 - Variety 4WD Adventure based Malua Bay** held 2 March 2025 and 23 March 2025.
- **2025.SE.008 - ANZAC Day, Batemans Bay, Narooma, Moruya, Nelligen** held in all locations on Friday 25 April 2025.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

15. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS

Nil

16. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

The following report is classified confidential under Section 10(A)(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

25/46 MOTION Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Schutz

THAT pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993* and clause 13.1 of the *Code of Meeting Practice* the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

CON25/003 Review of Community Care Services

Item CON25/003 is confidential in accordance with s10(A)(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act* because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

At **3:45pm** the Ordinary Meeting of Council moved into Closed Session.

At **3:50pm** the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed.

The Mayor advised the following recommendations were declared carried in Closed Session.

17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

CON25/003 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

The Mayor advised the following recommendations were declared carried in Closed Session.

File Ref: S003-T00011

25/47 MOTION Councillor Winslade/Councillor Schutz

THAT Council:

1. Notes the *Review of Council's Community Care Services, 19 September 2024 (the Review)* undertaken by Local Government Project Solutions with ASK Insight Pty Limited and The Human Equation Pty Limited (Confidential Attachments 1).
2. Proposes to transition out of disability services, home care packages and senior's respite (CHSP funded) by 31 October 2025, subject to:
 - a. obtaining confirmation that other providers have capacity to take on Council's clients;
 - b. completion of discussions with the relevant funding body regarding CHSP funding;
 - c. completion of a staff consultation process in accordance with the *Local Government (State) Award 2023*;
 - d. development of detailed plans to support impacted staff and clients during any proposed transition process prior to a transition process commencing.
3. Notes that staff will provide a further report to Council in May 2025 with information on the outcomes of actions taken in relation to recommendation 2.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

18. URGENT BUSINESS

Under Clause 8.3 of Council's adopted *Code of Meeting Practice*, the Mayor introduced an urgent new Motion, requiring a decision by the Council before the next scheduled Ordinary meeting of the Council. This Motion was introduced without notice as permitted by Clause 8.4 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*.

25/48 MOTION Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Constable

THAT the meeting be closed to the public under Clause 13.1 of the *Code of Meeting Practice* and Section 10A 2(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it involves a personnel matter. Live streaming was also turned off for this part of the meeting.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

At **3:54pm** the Ordinary Meeting of Council moved into Closed Session.

25/49 MOTION Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Constable

THAT the meeting be re-opened to the public and live streaming resume.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

At **4:22pm** the Ordinary Meeting of Council resumed.

The Mayor advised the following recommendations were declared carried in Closed Session.

25/50 MOTION Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Schutz

That Council resolved:

To appoint candidate A for appointment as Interim General Manager pursuant to sections 336 and 351 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW). This will remain in effect until the commencement of a new permanent General Manager.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz and C Turner.

Against the Motion: Crs P Constable and S Winslade.

25/51 MOTION Councillor Hatcher/Councillor Schutz

That Council resolves:

- a) To delegate to the Mayor to negotiate the contract with:
 - the preferred candidate, and
 - In the event that the preferred candidate does not accept, the second candidate.

- b) To delegate the Interim General Manager all functions in section 335 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), delegations and sub-delegations of the General Manager.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Crs L Babington, P Constable, M Hatcher, M Johnson, A Schutz, C Turner and S Winslade.

Against the Motion: Nil.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:23pm

CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 29 April 2025 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.