

MINUTES

Council Meeting

10 April 2018

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 10 April 2018, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6.30PM

PRESENT: Councillor Gulian Vaccari (Chairperson)
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Antoine Doueih
Councillor Maryanne Duggan
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Karen Pensabene

STAFF: Henry Wong, General Manager
Stephen Clements, Director Infrastructure, Development and Environment
Anthony Hewton, Director Corporate and Human Services
James Ng, Manager Administration
Jenny Nascimento, Chief Financial Officer
Cathy Jones, Principal Analyst, Corporate Strategy and Performance
Melinda Aitkenhead, Manager Governance & Internal Affairs
Kathie John, Governance Officer

1. **OPENING:** The Prayer was read.

2. **RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS:** The Recognition was read.

3. **APOLOGIES**

An apology was tendered on behalf of Councillor Kokkolis for non-attendance.

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RESOLVED: (Doueih / Blackmore)

That the apology tendered on behalf of Councillor Kokkolis for non-attendance be accepted and leave of absence granted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Mrs Sushma Kumar addressed the meeting requesting that a parking limit be put on Oxford Road, Strathfield. Mrs Kumar's husband also addressed the meeting regarding the matter.

5. PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Vaccari declared a conflict of interest in Item 13.2 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting 20 March 2018 – Item 9.3 Oxford Road - Parking Restrictions and advised that he intends to vacate the meeting room and not take part in discussion or voting on the matter.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

58/18

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Doueih)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 6 March 2018, a copy of which has been furnished to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Vaccari attended the funeral of Elsie Miller, grandmother of former Mayor Scott Farlow.

Councillor Vaccari accepted a plaque on behalf of Council from Canterbury Football Association thanking Council for its support over the years.

8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Nil

Suspension of Standing Orders

59/18

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That Standing Orders be Suspended to allow consideration of the following matters:

GM1 Strathfield Council Community Strategic Plan
CS1 Community User Facilities Hire Agreement

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

GM1 Strathfield Council Community Strategic Plan

60/18

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That:

1. pursuant to section 402 (1-7) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), Strathfield Council place the draft Community Strategic Plan, 'Strathfield 2030' (the Plan), on exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the Act and note that the Plan was reviewed and developed following extensive and detailed community engagement since the September 2017 Council election;
2. pursuant to sections 403 (2) of the Act, place on exhibition, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the draft Resourcing Strategy including the ten year Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plans and three year Workforce Management Strategy, as required as part of its Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030';
3. pursuant to sections 404 (1-5) of the Act, place on exhibition, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, its Delivery Program that details the principal activities to be undertaken by Council to implement the strategies set out by the Community Strategic Plan 'Strathfield 2030';
4. pursuant to sections 405(1-6), 532, 610B-610F, 706(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and clause 201(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2005, place on exhibition, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, its one year Operational Plan 2018-19, which details financial resourcing for the forward periods,
5. Council, place on exhibition, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Ordinary Rate to comprise a base rate and ad valorem rating structure for both Residential and Business categories of rates on all rateable land for 2018-2019, as set out in this Report; and note that an increase rates income by 2.3% in 2018-2019 in accordance with the permissible rate increase set by IPART.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1 Community User Facilities Hire Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the introduction of a Community User Facilities Hire Agreement.

AMENDMENT: (Pensabene / Hall)

1. That Council approve the introduction of a Community User Facilities Hire Agreement.
2. That there be a community workshop with all existing and potential users so that a draft form can be presented and discussed.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

1. That Council approve the introduction of a Community User Facilities Hire Agreement.
2. That there be a community workshop with all existing and potential users so that a draft form can be presented and discussed.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Councillors Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

The Motion when Put with voting being equal the Mayor exercised his casting vote For the Motion and declared it Carried.

Resumption of Standing Orders

62/18

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

10. MAYORAL MINUTE(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

10.1 Mayoral Minute No. 09/18 - ANZ Stadium

I MOVE THAT:

- 1) Council write to the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian and the Sports Minister, Stuart Ayers, indicating Council's support for the State Government's announcement that ANZ Stadium at Olympic Park, will now be refurbished and not demolished as previously proposed.
- 2) The correspondence includes a restatement of Council's position that any funds saved from not demolishing the stadium should be allocated to local infrastructure priorities within 10km radius of the stadium.

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RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

- 1) That Council write to the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian and the Sports Minister, Stuart Ayers, indicating Council's support for the State Government's announcement that ANZ Stadium at Olympic Park, will now be refurbished and not demolished as previously proposed.
- 2) That the correspondence includes:
 - a) a restatement of Council's position that any funds saved from not demolishing the stadium should be allocated to local infrastructure priorities within 10km radius of the stadium.
 - b) that Council be appraised of the stadium financials when available.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Hall and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Councillors Duggan and Pensabene

The Mayor declared the Motion Carried.

11. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR (SUBMITTED IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE)

Nil

12. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

13.1 Report from Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting 14 February 2018

64/18

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That the minutes of the Strathfield Youth Engagement Committee meeting held on 14 February 2018 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.2 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting 20 March 2018

65/18

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2018 with the exception of Item 9.3 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

The Mayor, Councillor Vaccari having declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 9.3 vacated the Chair and left the Chamber at 8.10PM and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Hall assumed the Chair.

66/18

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Doueih)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2018 in relation to Item 9.3 Oxford Road - Parking Restrictions be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Nil

The Mayor, Councillor Vaccari returned to the meeting, the time being 8.11 PM

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Hall vacated the Chair.

The Mayor, Councillor Vaccari assumed the Chair.

14. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

14.1 Reviewing Developer Contributions – Councillor Blackmore

I MOVE:

1. That a review of Council's Section 94 plan be conducted at the next Councillor workshop.
2. That a report be provided at the Councillor workshop in relation to our current fees and uses for section 94 contributions.

67/18

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That a review of Council's Section 94 plan be conducted at the next Councillor workshop.
2. That a report be provided at the Councillor workshop in relation to our current fees and uses for section 94 contributions.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

14.2 Identifying Leash Free Areas – Councillor Blackmore

I MOVE:

1. That a report be provided to the June 2018 ordinary council meeting in relation to leash free dog areas.
2. That the report include but not limited to possible locations for 2 fenced leash free areas, feasibility and budgetary implications.

68/18

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Duggan)

1. That a report be provided to the June 2018 ordinary council meeting in relation to leash free dog areas.
2. That the report include but not limited to possible locations for 2 fenced leash free areas, feasibility and budgetary implications.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

14.3 Opening Up Sydney Water Vacant Land To Increase Green Space – Councillor Blackmore

I MOVE:

1. That a report be provided to the July 2018 ordinary council meeting in relation to the feasibility of opening up for access to the community Sydney Water owned vacant land in Strathfield Council LGA.
 - i. That council write to Sydney Water about removing the fences to allow community access to the vacant land located in the middle of Fitzgerald Cres, Strathfield.
 - ii. That council investigate the possibility of building on Sydney Water Vacant Land where it is appropriate and/or possible Children's play equipment, adult exercise equipment, a walking path, native trees and landscaping.
 - iii. That council write to The Hon. Domenic Perrottet, Minister for Finance and Services in relation to our request for Sydney Water to open up these properties for community use.
2. That the report include but not limited to the feasibility and budgetary implications to Council.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Vaccari)

1. That a report be provided to the July 2018 ordinary council meeting in relation to the feasibility of opening up for access to the community Sydney Water owned vacant land in Strathfield Council LGA.
 - i. That council write to Sydney Water about removing the fences to allow

community access to the vacant land located in the middle of Fitzgerald Cres, Strathfield.

- ii. That council investigate the possibility of building on Sydney Water Vacant Land where it is appropriate and/or possible Children's play equipment, adult exercise equipment, a walking path, native trees and landscaping.
- iii. That council write to The Hon. Domenic Perrottet, Minister for Finance and Services in relation to our request for Sydney Water to open up these properties for community use.

2. That the report include but not limited to the feasibility and budgetary implications to Council.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

14.4 Improving Council's Customer Service – Councillor Blackmore

I MOVE:

1. That a report be provided to the June 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to the implementation of a fully accountable reference number system for Council's customer service.
2. That the report include but not limited to; current procedures, any planned improvements, the feasibility of implementing a Customer Relationship Management System to track from resident enquiry to completion, other effective systems that are currently in use in other councils.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Duggan)

1. That a report be provided to the June 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to the implementation of a fully accountable reference number system for Council's customer service.
2. That the report include but not limited to; current procedures, any planned improvements, the feasibility of implementing a Customer Relationship Management System to track from resident enquiry to completion, other effective systems that are currently in use in other councils including the use of the Snap, Send, Solve app (or similar) to support resident enquiries.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

14.5 Women's Community Shelter – Councillor Duggan

I MOVE THAT:

1. A report be prepared investigating the feasibility of the establishment of a Women's Community Shelter servicing the Strathfield LGA as an emergency safe haven (up to 3 months) for women who are homeless due to physical, emotional or sexual abuses, family breakdown, financial strife, domestic violence, mental health issues or lack of affordable housing or other factors.
2. Council convene a Women's Community Shelter Working Group committee consisting of two Council staff (one to be the convener), up to three Councillors and three to four community agency representatives (with appropriate experience and professional background relating to women's support services) to provide input into the feasibility report. This to include input into the steps/actions, funding sources required to operate a Women's Community Shelter successfully servicing the Strathfield LGA.
3. The Women's Community Shelter Working Group will have a sunset clause in its charter and only meet for the duration required for a feasibility report to be prepared. Council can consider further its ongoing status at this time.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That a report be prepared investigating the feasibility of the establishment of a Women's Community Shelter servicing the Strathfield LGA as an emergency safe haven (up to 3 months) for women who are homeless due to physical, emotional or sexual abuses, family breakdown, financial strife, domestic violence, mental health issues or lack of affordable housing or other factors.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

2. That Council convene a Women's Community Shelter Working Group committee consisting of two Council staff (one to be the convener), all interested Councillors and three to four community agency representatives (with appropriate experience and professional background relating to women's support services) to provide input into the feasibility report. This to include input into the steps/actions, funding sources required to operate a Women's Community Shelter successfully servicing the Strathfield LGA.

For the Motion: Councillors Doueihy, Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Motion Carried.

73/18

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

3. That the Women's Community Shelter Working Group will have a sunset clause in its charter and only meet for the duration required for a feasibility report to be prepared. Council can consider further its ongoing status at this time.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

CS2 Current Status of Council Resolutions

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the current status of Council resolutions be noted.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

1. That the report on the current status of Council resolutions be noted.
2. Council receives a progress report at an upcoming workshop on 11.2 Draft Plan of Management for Community Lands (minute no. 155/17).

Cr Nella Hall left the meeting, the time being 08:01 PM.

Cr Nella Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 08:04 PM.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

CS3 Investment Report as at 28 February 2018

75/18

RESOLVED: (Doueih / Hall)

That the record of cash investments as at 28 February 2018 be noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

CS4 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Councillors determine any Notices of Motion for submission to the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government.
2. That Council determine its representation at the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government.
3. That Council determine the voting delegate for the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government.

AMENDMENT (Blackmore/Vaccari)

1. That Councillors determine any Notices of Motion for submission to the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government.
2. That Council only send two delegates to the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government.
3. That Deputy Mayor Nella Hall be the voting delegate for the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost.

76/18

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That Councillors determine any Notices of Motion for submission to the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government.
2. That Councillors Hall, Doueihi, Pensabene and Duggan represent council at the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government.
3. That Deputy Mayor Nella Hall be the voting delegate for the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government.

For the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Vaccari and Blackmore

The Mayor declared the Motion Carried.

ID1 Population Growth in the Strathfield Council LGA

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That a further report be presented to Council once the strategic studies have been prepared for the Burwood, Strathfield and Homebush Planned Precinct.

AMENDMENT: (Duggan / Hall)

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That further information be provided on the potential impacts of increased population density as per item 2.
3. That Council compare current development proposals, development applications and other known changes in population with the forecast population, household and dwelling information provided by the Greater Sydney Commission.

77/18

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That further information be provided on the potential impacts of increased population density as per item 2.
3. That Council compare current development proposals, development applications and other known changes in population with the forecast population, household and dwelling information provided by the Greater Sydney Commission.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

ID2 Improving Commercial Shopfronts

78/18

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That an amendment be prepared to Part J – Erection and display of Advertising Signs and Structures of Strathfield Council DCP 2005 to amend the:
 - (i) Language provisions, including provisions for internal signage as outlined in the body of the report.
 - (ii) Requirements for Window Signs as outlined in the body of the report.
3. That the amendment outlined in 2 above be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Regulations.
4. That the Standard Conditions be updated to include the following additional condition for all

signage applications:

- (i) All signage is to be displayed in the English language, with a direct or near direct translation into another language using smaller letters or characters. Where signage includes a translation into another language, this must not exceed more than 30% of the overall size of the English language text.
- 5. That a Fact Sheet be prepared similar to that included at Attachment 1 of the report and distributed to local businesses.
- 6. That a further report be presented to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

ID3 Increasing Tree Planting in Nature Strips

79/18

RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

That Council allocate funding for increased tree planting in Nature Strips in conjunction with Council resolution Mayoral Minute 02/18 Street Tree Audit.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

ID4 Community Gardens for Homebush West Area

Councillor Duggan having declared a Conflict of Interest in this matter vacated the meeting room at 8.49PM and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

80/18

RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

That the proposal for the establishment of Community Gardens be the subject of a future Councillors workshop.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

Cr Maryanne Duggan returned to the meeting, the time being 08:49 PM.

ID5 Improving Streetscapes Near Homebush Station

81/18

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council implement the litter reduction strategy as detailed in this report regarding improving streetscapes near Homebush Station.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

ID6 Improving Recycling

82/18

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Duggan)

That Council conduct community consultation on Ford Park and the Hudson Park car park being used as drop off points for large cardboard boxes and soft recyclable plastic packaging.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueih, Duggan, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

16. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL REGULATION, 2005

Nil

17. CLOSED SESSION

Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.58PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 1 May 2018.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____