

MINUTES

Council Meeting

1 October 2019

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 1 October 2019, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Antoine Doueih
Councillor Maryanne Duggan
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Stephanie Kokkolis
Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Gulian Vaccari

STAFF: Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer
Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place & Civic Services
Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment & Urban Services
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director, Corporate and Financial Services
Mary Rawlings, Director, Office of the CEO
Jenny Nascimento, Chief Financial Officer
Corporate Support Officer – Secretariat (Minute Taker)

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Nil.

5. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Vaccari declared a non-pecuniary and non-significant interest in respect of item PPC1 – Community Grant and Community Event Grants, as he is a member of the Rotary Club of Strathfield.

Councillor Hall declared a non-pecuniary and non-significant interest in respect of item PPC1 – Community Grant and Community Event Grants, as she is a member of the Rotary Club of Strathfield and attends the Maronite Catholic Church.

Deputy Mayor Blackmore declared a non-pecuniary and non-significant interest in respect of item PPC1 – Community Grants and Community Event Grants, as he has an association with Vanni Hope Ltd and a non-pecuniary and non-significant interest in respect of item 13.7 – Strathfield Town Centre.

Councillor Pensabene declared a non-pecuniary and non-significant interest in respect of item PPC1 – Community Grants and Community Event Grants, as she has an association with the Vanni Hope Ltd and a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item CS4 regarding the outstanding resolution 'Improving Internet Service in the South Strathfield'.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

135/19

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 3 September 2019, 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 Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Order of Australia the John Lincoln Award - Bassim Maaliki

136/19

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That Council acknowledge and congratulate Homebush Boys High School Student Bassim Maaliki on receiving the Order of Australia, John Lincoln Award.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Suspension of Standing Orders

137/19

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow consideration of the following matter:

CS3 Draft 2018/2019 Financial Statements for Referral to Audit.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS3 Draft 2018/2019 Financial Statements for Referral to Audit

138/19

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

1. That Council note the following Statements in respect of Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as to its 2018/2019 Financial Statements:
 - a) Council's Draft Financial Statements for 2018/2019 have been drawn up in accordance with:
 - The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made there under;
 - The Australian Accounting Standards and Professional Pronouncements; and
 - The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
 - b) The Statements present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year.
 - c) The Statements are in accordance with the Council's accounting and other records.
 - d) Council is not aware of any matter that would render this report false or misleading in any way.
2. That the Draft Financial Statements for 2018/2019 be referred to the Council's Auditors for audit.
3. That the Statements by Councillors and Management for the General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements be signed by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and the Responsible Accounting Officer.
4. That Council delegates to the General Manager the authority to give public notice for the presentation of the auditor's report and financial statements as per section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Resumption of Standing Orders

139/19

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Hall)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil

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

9.1 Mayoral Minute No 09/19 Councillor Delegates on Council and External Committees

MOVED:

1. That Council appoint Councillor delegates to the following committees:
 - i. Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (Externally Independent) (Councillors Duggan and Hall)
 - ii. Local Area Command (External) (All available Councillors)
 - iii. Traffic Committee (External) (Mayor, Alternate Councillor Hall, Councillor Pensabene)
 - iv. Youth Advisory Committee (Council) (Councillor Kokkolis Chair)
 - v. Cooks River Alliance (External) (Councillor Duggan)
2. That Council give notice to withdraw from the Parramatta River Catchment Group to give focus and priority to the Cooks River Alliance.

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2. That Council give notice to withdraw from the Parramatta River Catchment Group to give focus and priority to the Cooks River Alliance.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

Nil.

11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

12.1 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 17 September 2019

141/19

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 17 September 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

13.1 Traffic Study - Juno Parade – Councillor Pensabene

MOVED:

That Strathfield Council, in conjunction with the RMS, conduct a traffic flow study on Juno Parade between Roberts Road and Punchbowl Road.

This study should include the timing and phasing of lights at the main intersection. The calendar date for the study will be dependent on the recommendation from the November 2019 Traffic Committee Meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.2 Planning Proposal - Voting Report – Councillor Blackmore

MOVED:

That a report be prepared to the November 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to Council establishing and listing on its website a quarterly report that clearly lists any planning proposals put forward to Council, listing the address, name/company, name of the applicant and who voted in favour or against.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council publish a quarterly report on its website that lists any planning proposals put forward to Council, listing the address, name/company, name of the applicant and who voted in favour or against.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.3 DA2019/143 - 11-17 Columbia Lane Homebush – Councillor Duggan

MOVED:

1. That Council strongly represent the community interest in this proposed development, including addressing local concerns regarding:
 - The bulk and scale of the development
 - The excessive density for the site
 - Impact on neighbouring properties including loss of views, solar access and overshadowing
 - Negative visual impact of a development of this bulk and scale
 - The lack of amenity for future residents in the development (building separation, poor solar access, inadequate privacy, poor quality communal space, inadequate sound proofing, poor acoustic attenuation/noise levels)
 - Poor pedestrian links to local train stations and a lack of pedestrian flow analysis
 - Potential loss of solar access and impact on future residents when adjoining Kennards site is developed
 - Traffic and access issues including RMS traffic analysis of cumulative potential traffic from development in surrounding sites (e.g. Kennards) and access/egress issues of the site
 - More detailed environmental impact analysis, including flood reports, acoustic reports, contamination reports
 - Assessment of the Heat Island impact on future residents and the broader community (increased summer peak energy demand, air conditioning costs, air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, heat-related illness and mortality)
 - Analysis from relevant external authorities provided with full details of the proposed development to assess any potential service or access issues or risks to future residents (e.g. NSW Fire Brigade, Sydney Water, Telecommunications, Roads and Maritime Services)
2. That community information and consultation sessions are held (1 evening and 1 daytime) to ensure that the local community can receive information on the development, community concerns are addressed about the bulk and scale of the development, and to enable sufficient time to make submissions regarding the development.

3. At the conclusion of the resident meetings, a further report on community and other feedback (e.g. NSW Fire Brigade) be provided to the next available Councillor Workshop.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That Council strongly represent the community interest in this proposed development, including addressing local concerns regarding:
 - The bulk and scale of the development
 - The excessive density for the site
 - Impact on neighbouring properties including loss of views, solar access and overshadowing
 - Negative visual impact of a development of this bulk and scale
 - The lack of amenity for future residents in the development (building separation, poor solar access, inadequate privacy, poor quality communal space, inadequate sound proofing, poor acoustic attenuation/noise levels)
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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

Mrs Teresa Le Strange addressed the meeting

Suspension of Standing Orders

145/19

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow consideration of the following matter:

DEU2 – Reclassification of Community Land to Operational Land – No. 1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Councillors Duggan and Pensabene

DEU2 Reclassification of Community Land to Operational Land - No. 1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the recommendations of the report of the Public Meeting from the Independent Chair, Mr Paul Vergotis (Solicitor) dated 13 August 2019 be received and noted.
2. That the report and recommendations be submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment for gazettal of the amendment to the Strathfield Local Environment Plan 2012 reclassifying No. 1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush from "Community Land" to "Operational Land".

MOTION: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

1. That the recommendations of the report of the Public Meeting from the Independent Chair, Mr Paul Vergotis (Solicitor) dated 13 August 2019 be received and noted.
2. That the report and recommendations be submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment for gazettal of the amendment to the Strathfield Local Environment Plan 2012 reclassifying No. 1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush from "Community Land" to "Operational Land".

For the Motion: Councillors Kokkolis and Vaccari

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

The motion was put and **LOST**.

Resumption of Standing Orders

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RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.4 Future of Community Owned Land at 1 Loftus Crescent – Councillor Duggan

MOVED:

That:

1. Council note the Paul Vergotis report on 1 Loftus Crescent (August 2019).
2. The recommendation contained in the report that Council reclassify this land from 'Community' land to 'Operational' land be rejected.
3. The recommendation contained in the report that *"redevelopment of the land should be subjected to appropriate contractual terms and conditions to ensure the Council retain partial ownership upon redevelopment"* be rejected.
4. A small working party of interested Councillors, Community Representatives and relevant Council Staff be established in early 2020. The purpose of the working party is to determine possible future use of this community land. Options could include a pocket park, women's shelter, affordable housing, or a community centre or other option.
5. Appropriate community consultation should be undertaken by the working party all to be incorporated into a report and a recommendation back to council at the Ordinary Council Meeting in June 2020.

Councillor Duggan **withdrew** the motion.

13.5 Mayoral Diary and Expenses – Councillor Blackmore

MOVED:

That the following be tabled at every Ordinary Council meeting in relation to:

- Any expenses claimed by the Mayor
- A recording of the Mayoral Diary

MOTION: (Blackmore / Vaccari)

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 - a. Any expenses claimed by the Mayor and all Councillors
 - b. A recording of the Mayoral Diary

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Vaccari)

1. That the following be tabled at every ordinary Council meeting in relation to:
 - a. Any expenses claimed by the Mayor and all Councillors
 - b. A recording of the Mayoral Diary

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Cr Matthew Blackmore left the meeting, the time being 08:06 PM

Mr Geoffrey Markwell addressed the meeting.

Cr Matthew Blackmore returned to the meeting, the time being 08:09 PM

13.6 South Strathfield Shopping Precinct – Councillor Hall

MOVED:

That Council prepare a plan of the South Strathfield Shopping Precinct (Homebush Road and Liverpool Road) to revitalise the street-scape and public amenities and that the plan be presented at the November 2019 Councillor Workshop.

MOTION: (Hall / Pensabene)

That Council prepare a plan of the South Strathfield Shopping Precinct (Homebush Road and Liverpool Road) to revitalise the street-scape, public amenities and parking, and that the plan be presented at the February 2020 Councillor Workshop.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That Council prepare a plan of the South Strathfield Shopping Precinct (Homebush Road and Liverpool Road) to revitalise the street-scape, public amenities and parking, and that the plan be presented at the February 2020 Councillor Workshop.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Cr Maryanne Duggan left the meeting, the time being 08:30 PM

Cr Maryanne Duggan returned to the meeting, the time being 08:32 PM

13.7 Strathfield Town Centre – Councillor Hall

MOVED:

That Council review the Strathfield Town Centre and prepare a report at a November 2019 Councillor Workshop to improve the street scape.

Councillor Hall **withdrew** the motion.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

CS1 Investment Report as at 31 August 2019

149/19

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Kokkolis)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 August 2019 be noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Tabling of Annual Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Returns

150/19

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council receive and note the report concerning tabling of Annual Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters Returns.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS4 Current Status of Council Resolutions

151/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Kokkolis)

That the report on the current status of Council Resolutions be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil.

DEU1 Climate Change

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive and note this Climate Change Report.
2. That Council develop a Climate Change Policy and a Climate Change Adaption and Mitigation Strategy to reduce financial risks, build community resilience and deliver best practice.

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That Council receive and note the Climate Change Report.
2. That Council develop a Climate Change Policy and a Climate Change Adaption and Mitigation Strategy for the June 2020 Council Meeting. The policy & strategy should include targets to reduce our carbon footprint and actions to respond to the growing impact of climate change.
3. Council provide an information report back to a Councillor Workshop in February 2020 on the advantages/disadvantages of joining the free local government program Cities Power Partnership (CPP).

4. Council expand the Climate Change page on Council's website to incorporate the following:
 - a. Council's Climate Change Impacts in Strathfield Report
 - b. Details of initiatives and action Council is taking to reduce our carbon footprint
 - c. Information to educate and support community sustainability change programs
 - d. Knowledge sharing and community capacity building
5. Council provide a report back to the March 2020 Council meeting on establishing annual Climate Leadership Awards in 2020 for the Strathfield Local Government Area. Categories could include awards for Local Business, Youth Action Award, Community Award, Local School Award etc. or other as recommended in the report.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Vaccari)

1. That Council receive and note this Climate Change Report.
2. That Council develop a Climate Change Policy and a Climate Change Adaption and Mitigation Strategy to reduce financial risks, build community resilience and deliver best practice.
3. That Councillors discuss further action that can be taken at an upcoming Councillor workshop.

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

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For the Motion: Councillors Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The motion was put and **LOST**.

The Foreshadowed Motion became the Motion.

MOTION: (Vaccari / Hall)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

PPC1 Community Grants and Community Event Grants

RECOMMENDATION:

That the recommendations for awarding of funding as contained in this report are approved by Council.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the recommendation for awarding of funding as contained in the report, with the exception of the Community Event Grant to the Maronite Catholic Diocese of Australia, be approved by Council.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Vaccari)

That the recommendations for awarding of funding as contained in the report be approved by Council.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the recommendation for awarding of funding as contained in the report, with the exception of the Community Event Grant to the Maronite Catholic Diocese of Australia, be approved by Council.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The motion was put and **LOST**.

The Foreshadowed Motion became the Motion.

MOTION: (Vaccari / Hall)

That the recommendations for awarding of funding as contained in the report be approved by Council.

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RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

That the recommendations for awarding of funding as contained in the report be approved by Council.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

16. CLOSED SESSION

Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.22 PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 5 November 2019.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____