

MINUTES

Council Meeting
4 December 2018

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 4 December 2018, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:31pm

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Maryanne Duggan
Councillor Stephanie Kokkolis
Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Gulian Vaccari

STAFF: Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer
Anthony Hewton, General Manager People, Place and Civic Services
Jenny Nascimento, Chief Financial Officer
James Ng, Manager Administration
David McQuade, Secretariat Administration Officer

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillors Doueihi and Hall.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Ms Marland addressed the Meeting and presented a list of concerns and complaints for Council's consideration.

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

Nil.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

263/18

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 6 November 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 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign such Minutes.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Nil.

8. **DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT**

Nil.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Nil.

Suspension of Standing Orders

264/18

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

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

CS2 Investments Report as at 31 October 2018

CS3 Quarterly Budget Review as at 30 September 2018

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Investments Report as at 31 October 2018

265/18

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Kokkolis)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 October 2018 be noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS3 Quarterly Budget Review as at 30 September 2018

266/18

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Kokkolis)

That the Budget Review Statement as at 30 September 2018 be received and adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Resumption of Standing Orders

267/18

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Kokkolis)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Duggan, Kokkolis, 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. 34/18 Public Library Funding

268/18

RESOLVED: Vaccari

1. That Council endorses the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative, *Renew Our Libraries*.
2. That Council note and send a Mayoral congratulatory letter regarding the announcement by the NSW Government on 24 August 2018 of its intention to provide a \$60m funding package for NSW public libraries for the quadrennial period 2019-20 to 2022-23.
3. Further, that Council separately write to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for the provision of ongoing and indexed increases in state funding for NSW public libraries, supported by a sustainable future funding model.
4. That Council support the ongoing *Renew Our Libraries* initiative to secure the pledged funding, clarify the funding components and liaise with the government regarding the funding model.
5. That Council support *Renew Our Libraries* to work with the Government to develop a sustainable future funding model with a view to guaranteeing an appropriate level of ongoing and indexed state funding.
6. That Council takes a leading role in activating the campaign locally.
7. That Council endorses the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions arising from the initiative.
8. That Council formally advises the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW that Council has endorsed the library funding advocacy initiative.
9. Letter of congratulations be sent to LGNSW.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10.2 Mayoral Minute No. 35/18 Zonta Club Year 10 Citizenship Award

269/18

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

1. That Council provides non-monetary sponsorship to the Zonta Club of Sydney West Inc. for the 2018-19 Year 10 Citizenship Award to a student in the Strathfield local government area.
2. That Council nominates a Council representative to present the award at the Citizenship Award Presentation Dinner on 28 May 2019.
3. That Council includes a specific program in its operational plan for 2019/20 for contributing

money to organisations for causes of this nature.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10.3 Mayoral Minute No. 36/18 Christmas Mayoral Local Toy Drive

270/18

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

1. That Council resolution 168/18 Women's Shelter Working Group of the 7 August 2018 Council Meeting be amended from:

'3. That Council in association with its local businesses host an annual Mayoral local toy drive at Christmas open to residents, ratepayers and Council staff, the proceeds of which to be distributed to needy local residents, including those subject to domestic violence.'

To:

That Council in association with its local businesses host an annual Mayoral local toy drive at Christmas open to contributions from residents, ratepayers and Council staff, the proceeds of which will be directed through established charitable organisations to those in need at Christmas.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

10.4 Mayoral Minute No. 37/18 Recycled Materials in Local Roads

271/18

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

That Council contact The Hon Melinda Pavey, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, The Hon Michael McCormack, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, The Hon Gabrielle Upton, Minister for the Environment and The Hon Melissa Price, Minister for the Environment to establish mandated minimum percentages of recycled materials including, glass, rubber and plastics to be used in all asphalt pavement layers for local roads.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes - 8 October 2018

272/18

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 8 October 2018 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.2 Report from Youth Engagement Advisory Committee meeting on 14 November 2018

273/18

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Vaccari)

That the minutes of the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 November 2018 be noted and the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.3 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 20 November 2018

274/18

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Blackmore)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 20 November 2018 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

14. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

14.1 Electric Vehicles – Cr Duggan

275/18

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Council develop a briefing paper for the April 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting on the use of electric vehicles. Information may include:

- Overview of electric vehicle functionality, environmental benefits, usage trends, charging technology and cost, charging stations and alternate energy sources
- NSW and Local Government policy and practice
- Option to increase usage in the Strathfield Local Government Area e.g. subsidised (or free) public charging stations, priority (or discount) parking or other incentive mechanisms

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

Against the Motion: Nil

14.2 The State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 Part 3B Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code – Cr Duggan

276/18

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Council develop a briefing paper for the July Ordinary Council Meeting on the implementation plan for the Low-Rise Medium Density Code. Information may include:

- The impact on 1 July 2019 when the deferral granted to 50 Councils expires
- How the Code will be considered during the review of the Strathfield Local Environment Plan
- Details of the community engagement/consultation plan

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

Against the Motion: Nil

14.3 Household Clean Up – Cr Hall

I MOVE:

That Council investigate the possibility of changing the Clean Up Collection day from a Friday to a Monday.

This is to allow residents time over the weekend rather than a weeknight.

277/18

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

That the matter be deferred until the next Council Meeting.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

GM1 Draft Hardship Policy for Reduction of Fees for Seniors Organisations

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council reduce hall hire charges by a cumulative additional 10% on the lowest applicable discounted hall hire rate for the use of Council facilities by incorporated organisations and/or clubs providing direct social services to seniors, where 75% of members are:
 - a) Residents and/or ratepayers of the Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA); and
 - b) Eligible for pensioner concessions i.e. holders of a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC), holders of a gold card embossed with 'TPI' (Totally Permanently Incapacitated), holders of a gold card embossed with 'EDA' (Extreme Disablement Adjustment) or war widow or widower or wholly dependent partner entitled to the DVA income support supplement.

2. Applicant organisations will be required to provide to Council:
 - a) Proposed schedule of hires for calendar year;
 - b) Proposed schedules of activities to be undertaken in Council facilities that provide demonstrated social, recreational, health or wellbeing outcomes; and
 - c) Evidence of members' ratepayer status and/or residency in Strathfield LGA; and evidence of members' eligibility for pensioner concession.
3. This draft policy be placed on public exhibition for at least 28 days.
4. A further report be presented to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

278/18

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Pensabene)

1. Council reduce hall hire charges by a cumulative additional 10% on the lowest applicable discounted hall hire rate for the use of Council facilities by incorporated organisations and/or clubs providing direct social services to seniors, where 75% of members are:
 - a) Residents and/or ratepayers of the Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA); and
 - b) Eligible for pensioner concessions i.e. holders of a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC), holders of a gold card embossed with 'TPI' (Totally Permanently Incapacitated), holders of a gold card embossed with 'EDA' (Extreme Disablement Adjustment) or war widow or widower or wholly dependent partner entitled to the DVA income support supplement.
2. Applicant organisations will be required to provide to Council:
 - a) Proposed schedule of hires for calendar year;
 - b) Proposed schedules of activities to be undertaken in Council facilities that provide demonstrated social, recreational, health or wellbeing outcomes; and
 - c) Evidence of regular attendees' status and/or residency in Strathfield LGA; and evidence of members' eligibility for pensioner concessions.
3. This draft policy be placed on public exhibition for at least 28 days.
4. A further report be presented to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Duggan, Kokkolis and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillor Vaccari

CS1 Current Status of Council Resolutions

279/18

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Pensabene)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

ID1 Report on Submissions - Amendment to Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005 - Part P - Heritage

280/18

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Kokkolis)

1. That the amendments to Part P – Heritage of SCDCP 2005 be adopted, as exhibited.
2. That the amendments to Part P – Heritage of Strathfield Consolidated DCP 2005 become effective from the date of the public notice appearing in the local newspaper.
3. That Council write to all owners of Heritage listed properties and properties in Heritage Conservation Areas advising them of the adoption of the amendments to Part P – Heritage of SCDCP 2005.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

ID2 Reclassification of No. 1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. That Council resolve to prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the provisions of Strathfield LEP 2012 to reclassify Council owned land at No 1 Loftus Crescent, Strathfield from community to operational land to provide additional affordable housing and that once the Planning Proposal is prepared it be forwarded to the delegate of the Greater Sydney Commission for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
2. That a Public Hearing is held into the reclassification of No 1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush from community to operational as required under Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993.
3. That in the event of the proposed redevelopment for transitional housing, affordable housing, not proceed, the Classification of land at 1 Loftus Crescent shall automatically revert to Community Land.
4. That following the exhibition and the public hearing, a report be presented back to Council.

MOTION: (Vaccari / Duggan)

That:

1. That Council resolve to prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the provisions of Strathfield LEP 2012 to reclassify Council owned land at No 1 Loftus Crescent, Strathfield from community to operational land to provide additional affordable housing and that once the Planning Proposal is prepared it be forwarded to the delegate of the Greater Sydney Commission for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
2. That a Public Hearing is held into the reclassification of No 1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush from community to operational as required under Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993.
3. That in the event of the proposed redevelopment for transitional housing, affordable housing, not proceed, the Classification of land at 1 Loftus Crescent shall automatically revert to Community Land.
4. That following the exhibition and the public hearing, a report be presented back to Council.

For the Motion: Councillors Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Duggan and Pensabene

The Mayor declared the Motion Lost.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. No further action to change this land from community land to operational land occur.
2. Council report back to the March 2019 Meeting with a plan for a pocket park at 1 Loftus Crescent. With a completion date within the current term of Council. The report should include any contractual or any other obligations to current tenants of the site.

For the Motion: Councillors Duggan and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Foreshadowed Motion Lost.

FURTHER FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

1. That Council resolve to prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the provisions of Strathfield LEP 2012 to reclassify Council owned land at No 1 Loftus Crescent, Strathfield from community to operational land to provide additional affordable housing and that once the Planning Proposal is prepared it be forwarded to the delegate of the Greater Sydney Commission for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
2. That a Public Hearing is held into the reclassification of No 1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush from community to operational as required under Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993.
3. That in the event of the proposed redevelopment for transitional housing, affordable housing, not proceed, the Classification of land at 1 Loftus Crescent shall automatically revert to Community Land.
4. That following the exhibition and the public hearing, a report be presented back to Council.
5. That any future proposals consider the dedication of a pocket park to Strathfield Council.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

1. That Council resolve to prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the provisions of Strathfield LEP 2012 to reclassify Council owned land at No 1 Loftus Crescent, Strathfield from community to operational land to provide additional affordable housing and that once the Planning Proposal is prepared it be forwarded to the delegate of the Greater Sydney Commission for a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
2. That a Public Hearing is held into the reclassification of No 1 Loftus Crescent, Homebush from community to operational as required under Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993.
3. That in the event of the proposed redevelopment for transitional housing, affordable housing, not proceed, the Classification of land at 1 Loftus Crescent shall automatically revert to Community Land.

4. That following the exhibition and the public hearing, a report be presented back to Council.
5. That any future proposals consider the dedication of a pocket park to Strathfield Council.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Kokkolis and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Councillors Duggan and Pensabene

The Mayor declared the Further Foreshadowed Motion Carried.

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

17. CLOSED SESSION

Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:07pm.

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

Chairman_____

General Manager_____