

MINUTES

Council Meeting

1 June 2021

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 1 June 2021, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Mayor Antoine Doueihi
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Stephanie Kokkolis (arrived at the meeting 6:38pm)
Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Gulian Vaccari

STAFF: Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer
Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place and Civic Services
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director, Corporate and Financial Services
Francis Mangru, Executive Manager, Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer
Kandace Lindeberg, Executive Manager Land Use Planning
David McQuade, Governance Manager

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Kokkolis (lateness) and Councillor Duggan.

4. **PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Vaccari declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant conflict of interest for *Item 12.3 Plaque Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield – Councillor Matthew Blackmore*. Councillor Vaccari is a member of the Rotary Club.

Councillor Hall declared a non-pecuniary/non-significant conflict of interest for *Item 12.3 Plaque Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield*. Councillor Hall is a member of the Rotary Club.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 4 May 2021, 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.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 4 May 2021, 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 subject to the following amendment:

12.3 Winter Appeal – Councillor Karen Pensabene

That Strathfield Council conduct a Winter Food Appeal for the month of June only and this become an annual event.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 4 May 2021, 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 subject to the following amendment:

12.3 Winter Appeal – Councillor Karen Pensabene

That Strathfield Council conduct a Winter Food Appeal for the month of June only and this become an annual event.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 22 April 2021 reconvened on 4 May 2021, 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, Doueihy, Hall, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 National Reconciliation Week – Councillor Karen Pensabene

That Council acknowledge National Reconciliation Week and write to the Federal Member, Dr Fiona Martin, MP with a copy of the Statement from the Heart, and affirm Council's commitment to

this report and the collective action to understand and promote the 'Statement from the Heart' and seek her support in the recognition and support for an indigenous voice in our Federal Parliament.

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 6:35pm.

6.2 Red Shield Appeal – Councillor Karen Pensabene

On behalf of Strathfield Council, we congratulate the organisers and volunteers for the Red Shield Appeal and their support for this wonderful organisation. To the school groups, drivers, teachers, residents and volunteers, we thank you immensely. A special thank you to resident, Mr Peter Smith.

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 6:38pm.

7. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

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

8.1 Mayoral Minute 5/21 - Meeting Schedule

MOVED:

That the 1 June 2021 Ordinary Meeting be the final meeting of this Council term.

MOTION: (Doueihi / Blackmore)

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RESOLVED: (Doueihi / Blackmore)

That the 1 June 2021 Ordinary Meeting be the final Ordinary Council meeting of this Council term.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Pensabene

8.2 Mayoral Minute 6/21 - 2021 Upper Hunter By-Election Congratulations

MOVED:

That Council:

1. Note that Mr David Layzell was elected the next Member of Parliament for the district of Upper Hunter in the Legislative Assembly in the By-election held on Saturday 22 May 2021.

2. Write to Mr Layzell and The Premier, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP to congratulate Mr Layzell and the Coalition Government on the election result, and
3. Acknowledge the commitment and achievement of all candidates during the by-election.

MOTION: (Doueihi / Vaccari)

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3. Acknowledge the commitment and achievement of all candidates during the by-election.
4. That a letter of congratulations be sent to the new Opposition Leader when eventually appointed.

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RESOLVED: (Doueihi / Vaccari)

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4. That a letter of congratulations be sent to the new Opposition Leader when eventually appointed.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Pensabene

8.3 Mayoral Minute 7/21 - Proposed Renaming of Belfield section in Strathfield Local Government Area to Strathfield South

92/21

RESOLVED: (Doueihi)

That Council write to the Geographical Names Board of NSW (GNB) to request advice on how to proceed with the proposed renaming of Belfield section in the Strathfield Local Government Area

(LGA) to Strathfield South in light of correspondence dated 21 May 2021 from Mayor Khal Asfour of the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council advising that in principle, the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council does not oppose the proposed renaming request and considers the proposal as being entirely a matter for Strathfield Council.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

8.4 Mayoral Minute 8/21 - Councillors Standing in NSW Local Government Elections Should Live In The Areas They Represent

93/21

RESOLVED: (Doueihi)

That Council write to the NSW Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP and request that the NSW State Government review the eligibility criteria for Councillors to ensure that all candidates eligible to stand for election must live in the local area they wish to stand-in.

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Pensabene

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

Nil.

10. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11.1 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 18 May 2021

94/21

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2021 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

12.1 Smoke Free Strathfield – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED:

1. That the CEO, Deputy CEO and Council staff be congratulated on the noticeable success of the Strathfield CBD Smoke Free initiative and the recently added Homebush West Town Centre.
2. That upon completion of the village upgrade at Homebush, this local centre becomes our third smoke free area.
3. That the additional shopping precincts in our Local Government Area become smoke free by the end of 2021.
4. That a report be prepared for the November 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting in regards to the possibility of making all of Strathfield's parks and greenspace smoke free, the report to include any regulatory issues and budgetary implications.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Hall)

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5. That Council investigate the possibility of a small designated smokers area if allowable by law and report the findings at a Workshop in June 2021.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.2 Economic Growth Programs – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

1. That Council prepare a report for the October Ordinary Council Meeting with programs that implement economic growth for the South Strathfield, Homebush and Homebush West retail precincts.
2. This may include information on upcoming Fairs, State and Federal Government incentives, training programs and consultation with shop owners.

MOTION: (Hall / Vaccari)

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3. That Council include all shop owners in upcoming Fairs and Events for participation.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Vaccari)

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3. That Council include all shop owners in upcoming Fairs and Events for participation.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**12.3 Plaque Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield –
Councillor Matthew Blackmore**

MOVED:

That:

1. A Report be provided to the next Councillor Workshop on the cost of Council providing a plaque celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield and the Councillor Workshop to decide whether or not to proceed with the funding for the installation of the plaque celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield.
2. The report include, but not limited to, possible locations of installing the 50th anniversary plaque in the Strathfield Town Centre. Possible locations to include Strathfield Council negotiating with private landowners in Strathfield Town Centre for the use of a wall for attaching the plaque.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Hall)

That:

1. A report be provided to the next Councillor Workshop on the cost of Council providing a plaque celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield and the Councillor Workshop to decide whether or not to proceed with the funding the installation of the plaque celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield.
2. The report include, but not limited to, possible locations of installing the 50th anniversary plaque in the foyer or external garden area of the Strathfield Council Chambers.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That:

1. A report be provided to the next Councillor Workshop on the cost of Council providing a plaque celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield and the Councillor Workshop to decide whether or not to proceed with the funding the installation of the plaque celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Strathfield.
2. The report include, but not limited to, possible locations of installing the 50th anniversary plaque in the foyer or external garden area of the Strathfield Council Chambers.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

**12.4 Landscaping and Lighting Works to Compliment Homebush Shopping Precinct
Upgrade Works – Councillor Matthew Blackmore**

MOVED:

1. That Council investigate including landscaping elements to compliment the new streetscape works along Rochester Street and Burlington Road similar to what occurred during the Homebush West Shopping Centre Works. This could include plantings around street trees near the intersections of Burlington Road and Rochester Street as well as the Crescent and Rochester Street intersection.
2. Also, that the lighting of several key street trees with fairy lights (or similar) be investigated as part of the other lighting works being undertaken with the upgrade.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

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2. Also, that the lighting of several key street trees with fairy lights (or similar) be investigated as part of the other lighting works being undertaken with the upgrade.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

CEO1 Hidden Treasures of Strathfield

99/21

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Blackmore)

That Council:

1. Note the report.
2. Proceed to produce the promotional video internally.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CEO2 Council Tenders Advertised and Awarded

100/21

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

That the monthly report of Council tenders advertised and awarded be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1 Investment Report - April 2021

101/21

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

That the record of cash investments as at 30 April 2021 be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1 Current Status of Council Resolutions

102/21

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

Nil.

Councillor Vaccari left the meeting, the time being 7:56pm.

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 7:56pm.

15. CLOSED SESSION

103/21

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Hall)

That in accordance with Section 10A (2) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the following matter be considered in Closed Session for the reason stated:

15.1 Minutes of the Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting on 10 May 2021

The Councillors listed below declared under cl 4.37 of the Strathfield Code of Conduct, a special disclosure of pecuniary interest in the matter of Item 15.1 Minutes of the Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting on 10 May 2021

Mayor Antoine Doueih
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Stephanie Kokkolis
Councillor Karen Pensabene, and
Councillor Gulian Vaccari

The matter is being considered in Closed Session as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

The meeting commenced Closed Session at 7:56pm.

The meeting resumed in Open Session at 7:59pm.

OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED

15.1 Minutes of the Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting on 10 May 2021

104/21

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Hall)

That the minutes of the Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting held on 10 May 2021 be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

16. TABLED ITEMS

16.1 Mayoral Diary and Expenses

16.2 Mayoral Invitations and Replies

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

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the next meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____