

MINUTES

Council Meeting
2 November 2021

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 2 November 2021, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield and by audio visual link.

COMMENCING: 2:31pm

PRESENT: Mayor Stephanie Kokkolis
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Maryanne Duggan
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Karen Pensabene

STAFF: Henry Wong, Chief Executive Officer
Stephen Clements, Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment and Urban Services
Anthony Hewton, GM, People Place and Civic Services
Melinda Aitkenhead, Director, Corporate and Financial Services
Francis Mangru, Chief Financial Officer
Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance
David McQuade, Governance Manager

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Vaccari and Councillor Doueihi.

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

Nil.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

135/21

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 11 October 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, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Nil

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 The Late Alan Keith Davidson MBE, AM Famous All Round Australian Cricketer and Strathfield Resident – Mayor Stephanie Kokkolis

That Council acknowledge the late passing of Mr Alan Keith Davidson, MBE AM at the age of 92 years. Mr Davidson is survived by his widow, Betty and their children and grandchildren. What a wonderful legacy. A truly great sportsman and a man of the highest integrity, Alan will be sorely missed by Australians everywhere.

On behalf of Council, I offer Council's sincere condolences to the family of the late Mr Davidson and an appropriate floral tribute be sent.

6.2 Petals and Posies, Homebush – Thank You – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

That Council acknowledge the important work and contribution to our community from the owners and operators of Petals and Posies, Homebush, Ms Carolyn Turley and Mr Gregg Lee. Unfortunately the business has had to close. On behalf of the Strathfield community, we wish Ms Turley and Mr Lee much happiness for the future.

6.3 Diwali Celebrations – Councillor Karen Pensabene

On behalf of Strathfield Council I wish to support every person celebrating the holy festival of Diwali. Diwali is the Hindu festival of light and in reality has significance to us all and it symbolises the victory of light winning over darkness. More broadly speaking, this concept also indicates the victory of good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. Supporters all over the world, including our residents, will be shining their lights brightly and they will display and celebrate the beautiful festival of Diwali. We look forward to attending the celebrations and hope everyone enjoys the magnificent time of Diwali in Strathfield.

6.4 Ms Jodi McKay, MP – Retirement – Councillor Karen Pensabene

We were all very saddened when Ms Jodi McKay, MP announced in October her retirement and resignation from Parliament. Jodi has been the most hard working and compassionate Member of Parliament we could have as a leader representing our diverse community. She uncompromisingly treated every person irrespective of race or religion with equal respect and attention. Jodi has served the people of NSW and Strathfield community extremely well in the last 6 years. Jodi leaves with the immense thanks and respect of her constituents, all the multicultural communities she touched and the appreciation of the vast majority of not only Labor Members but everyone who had the opportunity to meet her.

On behalf of Council, a letter of appreciation be sent to our local Member for her service to the Strathfield community.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

7.1 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 19 October 2021

136/21

RESOLVED: (Hall / Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 19 October 2021 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

CEO1 End of Term Report

137/21

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That the End of Term Report for the Council Term 2017-2021 be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1 Investment Report - September 2021

Councillor Blackmore left the meeting during discussion of this item, the time being 2:45pm.

138/21

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Quarterly Budget Review as at September 2021

139/21

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

The Budget Review Statement as at 30 September 2021 be received and adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS3 Current Status of Council Resolutions

140/21

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

9. VALEDICTORY

CS4 Valedictory Addresses

Councillor Kokkolis, Councillor Pensabene, Councillor Hall and Councillor Duggan addressed the meeting.

Mr Henry Wong, CEO addressed the meeting.

10. TABLED ITEMS

16.1 Mayoral Diary and Expenses

16.2 Mayoral Invitations and Replies

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3:23pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 7 December 2021.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____