

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 7 March 2023

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield



Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 7 March 2023, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillor Karen Pensabene
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
Councillor Benjamin Cai
Councillor Raj Datta
Councillor Nella Hall
Councillor Sandy Reddy
Councillor Sharangan Maheswaran

STAFF: Michael Mamo, General Manager
Kristy Watts, Director Corporate and Community
Clare Harley, Director Planning and Environment
Cathy Edwards-Davis, Director Engineering and Operations
Don Johnston, Chief Financial Officer
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Maheswaran (late arrival was at 6:50pm).

4. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (NATURE OF INTEREST TO BE DISCLOSED)**

Councillor Blackmore declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest for item 12.1 *Notice of Rescission - Resolution 39/23 - PE4 Planning Proposal – 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush (provided by: Councillors Sharangan Maheswaran, Karen Pensabene and Sandy Reddy)* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Blackmore declared that he was approached by the proponent of this project to a matter.

Councillor Hall declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest for items *12.1 Notice of Rescission - Resolution 39/23 - PE4 Planning Proposal – 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush (provided by: Councillors Sharangan Maheswaran, Karen Pensabene and Sandy Reddy)* and *CCS4 Councillor Workshop 21 February 2023* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Hall declared an association with the lessee on Parramatta Road.

Councillor Cai declared a non-pecuniary non-significant conflict of interest for items *12.1 Notice of Rescission - Resolution 39/23 - PE4 Planning Proposal – 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush (provided by: Councillors Sharangan Maheswaran, Karen Pensabene and Sandy Reddy)* and *CCS4 Councillor Workshop 21 February 2023*, and managed both conflicts of interest by leaving the meeting during the discussions and voting on items. Councillor Cai declared that he leases a property in the Sydney Markets which is in the PRCUTS zone.

Councillor Maheswaran declared a non-pecuniary, significant conflict of interest for item *CCS4 Councillor Workshop 21 February 2023* and managed the conflict of interest by leaving the meeting during discussion and voting on this item. Councillor Maheswaran declared that he previously acted for a charity associated with a director of corporate entity owning land within the area and generally (he noted these services were free of charge).

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 Holi Festival Celebration – The Indian Festival of Colours – Councillor Raj Datta

I would like to acknowledge the two Holi Festival celebrations carried out over the weekend, one supported by Council and the other by Strathfield Australia-India Council. Councillor Reddy and Madam Mayor were graciously in attendance. It was one of the best events held with lots of people, colour and dance. It is a great event for the community and the Indian subcontinent community.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting 7 February 2023

52/23

RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 7 February 2023, 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, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

Extraordinary Council Meeting 28 February 2023

53/244

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Reddy)

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 28 February 2023, 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, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

Extraordinary Council Meeting 2 March 2023

54/253

RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 2 March 2023, 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 these Minutes have the attendance of Councillor Cai recorded as being in attendance at 6pm in the Chamber recorded and, the Chair and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Maheswaran arrived at the meeting, the time being 6:50pm.

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

7.1 Mayoral Minute 09-23 Airey Park Refurbishment WestInvest Funding (Submitted During Mayor Blackmore's Term)

MOVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Mayor of Strathfield and Councillors thank the Premier of NSW Dominic Perrottet and his

Government for the Airey Park Refurbishment WestInvest Funding: \$4,154,000.

54/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Mayor of Strathfield and Councillors thank the Premier of NSW Dominic Perrottet and his Government for the Airey Park Refurbishment WestInvest Funding: \$4,154,000.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

7.2 Mayoral Minute 08-23 Begnell Field Revitalisation WestInvest Funding (Submitted During Mayor Blackmore's Term)

MOVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Mayor of Strathfield and Councillors thank the Premier of NSW Dominic Perrottet and his Government for the Begnell Field Revitalisation WestInvest Funding: \$7,812,000.

55/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Mayor of Strathfield and Councillors thank the Premier of NSW Dominic Perrottet and his Government for the Begnell Field Revitalisation WestInvest Funding: \$7,812,000.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

7.3 Mayoral Minute 10-23 Hudson District Park East WestInvest Funding (Submitted During Mayor Blackmore's Term)

MOVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Mayor of Strathfield and Councillors thank the Premier of NSW Dominic Perrottet and his Government for the Hudson District Park East WestInvest Funding: \$8,233,600.

56/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Mayor of Strathfield and Councillors thank the Premier of NSW Dominic Perrottet and his Government for the Hudson District Park East WestInvest Funding: \$8,233,600.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

7.4 Mayoral Minute 11-23 Strathfield Park Revitalisation WestInvest Funding (Submitted During Mayor Blackmore's Term)

MOVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Mayor of Strathfield and Councillors thank the Premier of NSW Domenic Perrottet and his Government for the Strathfield Park Revitalisation WestInvest Funding of \$1,615,400.

57/23

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That the Mayor of Strathfield and Councillors thank the Premier of NSW Domenic Perrottet and his Government for the Strathfield Park Revitalisation WestInvest Funding of \$1,615,400.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

8. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

58/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

I move that in accordance with Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice the items below be dealt with by exception and that they be adopted as recommended by a single Motion:

- GMU3 Draft Plans of Management for Crown Lands - Strathfield Park and Bressington Park
- CCS1 Investment Report as at 31 January 2023
- CCS2 Current Status of Council Resolutions
- CCS3 Councillor Workshop 15 February 2023
- CCS6 Small Grant Application
- PE1 Draft Strathfield Affordable Housing Tenancy Policy
- PE2 Strathfield Planning Agreement Policy - Post Exhibition
- 11.1 Report from Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan Working Group Meeting on 9 February 2023

11.2 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 21 February 2023

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

GMU3 Draft Plans of Management for Crown Lands - Strathfield Park and Bressington Park

59/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

1. That the draft Plan of Managements for Strathfield Park and Bressington Park be placed on public exhibition for a 42 day period.
2. That Council convene a Public Hearing under section 40A of the *Local Government Act 1993* in relation to the land in Bressington Park owned by Strathfield Council.
3. That the draft plans, submissions received and recommendations from the public hearing be presented to Council for adoption following the public exhibition process.
4. In the event of proposed substantive amendments arising from the consultation process, the draft plans be submitted for approval to the Minister.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS1 Investment Report as at 31 January 2023

60/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 January 2023 be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS2 Current Status of Council Resolutions

61/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

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

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS3 Councillor Workshop 15 February 2023

62/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the report be received and noted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

CCS6 Small Grant Application

63/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council approves the Small Grant Application from Friends of India Australia for the support of the Holi event to be held in Strathfield Park on 19 March 2023.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE1 Draft Strathfield Affordable Housing Tenancy Policy

64/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council resolve to:

1. Place the Draft Strathfield Affordable Housing Tenancy Policy (Attachment 1) on public exhibition for 28 days;
2. Note that a Request for Tender for the appointment of a Community Housing Provider (CHP) will be issued and that Councillors will be advised of the appointment of a CHP subject to the Draft Strathfield Affordable Housing Tenancy Policy being adopted after the exhibition period.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

PE2 Strathfield Planning Agreement Policy - Post Exhibition

65/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That Council adopt the Planning Agreement Policy.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

11.1 Report from Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan Working Group Meeting on 9 February 2023

66/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the Minutes of the Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan Working Group Meeting held on 9 February 2023 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

11.2 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 21 February 2023

67/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 21 February 2023 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

GMU1 2023 ANZAC Day Service

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1) That having regard for the Council resolution 176/22 and the renovation works being carried out on the Strathfield Town Hall between March and September 2023, the 2023 Anzac Day service be held at the Davey Square Memorial with the same order of proceedings as the 2022 service.
- 2) That consistent with Council resolution 176/22, the 2024 Strathfield Anzac Day service be modified as follows:
 - a) The service is held at the War Memorial located on Homebush Road in front of the Council Town Hall.
 - b) That Council investigates the possibility of a historical exhibition in the Town Hall to be hosted on Anzac Day which could also include memorabilia and video. That this be in conjunction with Strathfield Historical Society if they are available to assist.
 - c) That Homebush Road between Redmyre Road and Oxford Road be closed for the event and the closure be listed for a relevant Traffic Committee Meeting.
 - d) That the RSL be informed as part of the organisation of the event.
 - e) That local schools be invited to participate in the day more actively such as speaking, performing or laying wreaths.
 - f) That the program be approved by the Mayor and the Cumberland Sub Branch RSL at least three weeks prior to the event.

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

That Council:

- 1) That having regard for the Council resolution 176/22 and the renovation works being carried out on the Strathfield Town Hall between March and September 2023, the 2023 Anzac Day service be held at the Davey Square Memorial with the same order of proceedings as the 2022 service.
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 - e) That local schools be invited to participate in the day more actively such as speaking, performing or laying wreaths.
 - f) That the program be approved by the Mayor and the Cumberland Sub Branch RSL at least three

weeks prior to the event.

- 3) In the interest of transparency all wreath laying arrangements shall be notified to all Councillors no less than on or before 26 March 2023 prior to ANZAC Day and all arrangements for wreath laying have an equitable arrangement for all Councillors bar the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

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RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

That Council:

1. That having regard for the Council resolution 176/22 and the renovation works being carried out on the Strathfield Town Hall between March and September 2023, the 2023 Anzac Day service be held at the Davey Square Memorial with the same order of proceedings as the 2022 service.
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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

GMU2 Hardship Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the draft Hardship Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. That a report be presented to Council in response to community feedback.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That the draft Hardship Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. That a report be presented to Council in response to community feedback.
3. That on page 2 under section 1.3 Policy Principles of the Policy that the words 'social justice,' be removed.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

1. That the draft Hardship Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. That a report be presented to Council in response to community feedback.
3. That on page 2 under section 1.3 Policy Principles of the Policy that the words 'social justice,' be removed.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

GMU4 Delivery Program Progress Report - July to December 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Delivery Program Progress Report for 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 be received and noted.

MOTION: (Datta / Hall)

1. That the Delivery Program Progress Report for 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 be received and noted.
2. That the draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan and 4 year Delivery Program include the measurable targets and performance.

70/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Hall)

1. That the Delivery Program Progress Report for 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 be received and noted.
2. That the draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan and 4 year Delivery Program include the measurable targets and performance.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

CCS4 Councillor Workshop 21 February 2023

Councillors Cai, Hall and Maheswaran declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting, the time being 7:20pm.

71/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Reddy)

That the report be received and noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Datta and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillors Cai and Maheswaran returned to the meeting, the time being 7.22pm.

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:25pm.

CCS5 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council determine any Notices of Motion for submission to the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government by Friday 24 March 2023.
2. That Council determine its representation at the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government.
3. That Council determine the voting delegate for the 2023 National General Assembly.

MOTION: (Reddy / Blackmore)

1. That Council determine any Notices of Motion for submission to the 2023 National General Assembly of

Local Government by Friday 24 March 2023.

2. That interested Councillors advise the General Manager of interest to attend the 2023 National General Assembly before 14 March 2023.
3. That Council determines Councillor Pensabene the voting delegate for the 2023 National General Assembly.

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RESOLVED: (Reddy / Blackmore)

1. That Council determine any Notices of Motion for submission to the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government by Friday 24 March 2023.
2. That interested Councillors advise the General Manager of interest to attend the 2023 National General Assembly before 14 March 2023.
3. That Council determines Councillor Pensabene the voting delegate for the 2023 National General Assembly.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

EOI Installation Of A Bus Shelter Outside Trinity Junior School

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council give consideration to the installation of a bus shelter on The Boulevarde, outside Trinity Junior School, in future capital works budgets.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council give consideration to the installation of a bus shelter on The Boulevarde, outside Trinity Junior School, in future capital works budgets after 2025.

73/23

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council give consideration to the installation of a bus shelter on The Boulevarde, outside Trinity Junior School, in future capital works budgets after 2025.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene, Cai, Datta, Hall, Maheswaran and Reddy

Against the Motion: Nil

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Items 11.1 Report from Strathfield Town Centre Master Plan Working Group Meeting on 9 February 2023 and 11.2 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting on 21 February 2023 dealt with by exception.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 Notice of Rescission - Resolution 39/23 - PE4 Planning Proposal – 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush – Councillors Sharangan Maheswaran, Karen Pensabene and Sandy Reddy

Councillors Hall, Blackmore and Cai declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting, the time being 7:33pm.

MOVED:

That the resolution for Item PE4 Planning Proposal - 11-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush from the Ordinary Council Meeting 7 February 2023 below be rescinded:

"39/23

RESOLVED: (Datta / Reddy)

That the Council note that the PP proponent at 1-16 Loftus Crescent, 2 Subway Lane, 5&9-11 Knight Street & 88-92A Parramatta Road, Homebush, has lodged the rezoning review with the NSW DPE and that Council doesn't need to make a decision in relation to a gateway determination."

If the Notice of Rescission is carried, it is proposed to move the following alternative Motion:

1. Noting Strathfield Council has resolved to pursue the master planning of the PRCUTS area;
 - a. The item be deferred to the next Council meeting after Council's officers recommendations are provided,
 - b. The proponents be invited to make submissions to Council as to why the proposals be dealt with outside of the state significant precinct process and,
2. Council officers provide a recommendation on whether the strategic process is likely to provide any

benefits beyond those offered by the proponents currently (including but not limited to, the value of VPA benefits, key site provisions around the consolidation of sites and infrastructure, urban design etc.).

Councillor Maheswaran withdrew the Notice of Rescission.

Councillors Hall, Blackmore and Cai returned to the meeting, the time being 7:35pm.

12.2 Options to Increase Parking Revenue – Councillor Nella Hall

74/23

RESOLVED: (Hall / Datta)

That Council resolve to:

1. Investigate opportunities to increase parking revenue by implementing non-resident parking fees using parking meters and enforcement measures; and
2. Request that a report detailing potential measures to increase Council revenue from non-resident parking enforcement and meters be tabled at a future Council Meeting.

For the Motion: Councillors Cai, Datta, Hall and Reddy

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Pensabene and Maheswaran

13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

14. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

15. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil.

16. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:40pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 4 April 2023.

Chairperson



General Manager

