

MINUTES

Council Meeting

5 March 2019

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 5 March 2019, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:37pm

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.
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Mrs Le Strange addressed the meeting regarding the need to keep areas flexible for informal sporting activities. A running track at Airey Park was covered as well as installing a putting green adjacent to the golf course at Hudson Park.

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

Councillor Duggan declared a non-pecuniary interest for *Item 14.6 Open Space – Junction of Arthur Street and Fraser Street*. Councillor Duggan resides on Fraser Street. Councillor Duggan will vacate the meeting room and not take part in discussion or voting on the matter.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 5 February 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.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

That the February 2019 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted with an amendment to *Item 14.1 Code of Meeting Practice* – That a report be prepared for the April 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting updating the Code of Meeting Practice.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Nil.

8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

9.1 S.7.11 Direct Development Contributions Plan 2010-2030 - Boarding Houses

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the amendments prepared to the Strathfield Direct Development Contributions Plan 2010-2030 as outlined in the body of the report and detailed in Attachment 1, which incorporates contribution rates for boarding house developments and secondary dwellings, be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 and EP & A Regulations 2000.
2. That a further report on the submissions be presented to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

Mrs Le Strange addressed the meeting to raise concerns about proposed projects included in the Draft Strathfield Direct Contributions Plan 2010-2030.

MOTION: (Hall / Doueihy)

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2. That a further report be presented to the May 2019 Council Meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Doueihi)

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2. That a further report be presented to the May 2019 Council Meeting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

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 Report from Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee meeting on 13 February 2019

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RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Hall)

That the minutes of the Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee meeting held on 13 February 2019 be noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.2 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 19 February 2019

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 19 February 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

14. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

14.1 Airey Park Community Gym Equipment – Councillor Hall

I MOVE:

1. That Council prepare a plan to replace the community gym equipment that includes the cost, equipment and timetable at Airey Park and a report be presented to the April 2019 Council Meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Kokkolis)

1. That Council prepare a plan to replace or repair where appropriate, the community gym equipment that includes the cost, equipment and timetable at Airey Park and a report be presented to the April 2019 Council Meeting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

14.2 Bi-annual Incentive Program for Food Premises – Councillors Pensabene and Vaccari

WE MOVE:

That Council introduce a bi-annual incentive program for food premises in the Strathfield Local Government Area.

The program will increase the level of health and safety programs already introduced by Council Officers and enhance the star rating on government's 'Scores on Doors' scheme already operational in the LGA.

Criteria for the award will be defined by Council's Health and Safety Team and be discussed at a Councillor Workshop. Suggested awards include:

- A plaque presented the owner(s) to be displayed in their food premises
- A video published on Council's website of the business receiving the award from Council
- A successful restaurant article be published in E-news

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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

14.3 Contamination Sites - Strathfield Local Government Area – Councillor Hall

I MOVE:

1. That Council prepare a brief for the next Councillor Workshop on the Centenary Park contamination issue that includes a history of the site, progress of the testing timetable and steps taken by Council.
2. That Council prepare a brief for the next Councillor Workshop of contaminated sites on the Contamination Sites Register for the Strathfield Local Government Area.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Doueihi)

1. That Council prepare a brief for the next Councillor Workshop on the Centenary Park contamination issue that includes a history of the site, progress of the testing timetable and steps taken by Council.
2. That Council prepare a brief for the next Councillor Workshop of contaminated sites on the Contamination Sites Register for the Strathfield Local Government Area.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

14.4 Bus Connector Community Meeting – Councillor Pensabene

I have revised my original motion and now MOVE:

That Council hold a Community Meeting prior to the commencement of the new bus connector service and also to update our community leaders on all new issues and programs in Strathfield.

Invitees to include but not limited to pre, primary and high school principals/staff and Parents and Friends, RMS, buses, shop keepers, representatives of Flemington Markets, DFO, Homebush West, Homebush and Strathfield Business Chambers.

The agenda should include a suitable time to be allocated for a Q&A session.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

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The agenda should include a suitable time to be allocated for a Q&A session.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

14.5 Air Quality Monitoring/Homebush Ventilation Facility/Powells Creek Monitoring – Councillor Duggan

I MOVE:

That Council liaise with the NSW Department of Planning & Environment, WestConnex and other relevant authorities to:

- a) Ensure Councillors received a monthly report on air quality from the Office of Environment & Heritage Powells Creek monitor; and
- b) Request and advise whether additional monitors will be placed in the vicinity of the Homebush Ventilation Facility, and in particular, at above ground height and to the west of the stack.
- c) That Councillors be provided the link to the EPA monitoring website every Friday in the Councillor Bulletin.

It is recommended that Council provide an update on this issue at the April 2019 Council Meeting.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

That Council liaise with the NSW Department of Planning & Environment, WestConnex and other relevant authorities to:

- a) Ensure Councillors received a monthly report on air quality from the Office of Environment & Heritage Powells Creek monitor; and
- b) Request and advise whether additional monitors will be placed in the vicinity of the Homebush Ventilation Facility, and in particular, at above ground height and to the west of the stack.
- c) That Councillors be provided the link to the EPA monitoring website every Friday in the Councillor Bulletin.

It is recommended that Council provide an update on this issue at the April 2019 Council Meeting.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

14.6 Open Space - Junction of Arthur Street and Fraser Street – Councillor Hall

I MOVE:

That Councillors receive an update via the Council Bulletin on Friday 8 March 2019 on how the beautification/upgrade, including any reclassification to ensure the area remains open space, of the open space at the junction of Arthur Street and Fraser Street.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

That Council receive an update via the Council bulletin on Friday 8 March 2019 on how the beautification/upgrade, including any reclassification to ensure the area remains open space, of the open space at the junction of Arthur Street and Fraser Street.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Duggan having declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item *14.6 Open Space - Junction of Arthur Street and Fraser Street – Councillor Hall* and left the Chamber at 7:32pm and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

14.7 Community Transparency and Accountability - Development Applications and Planning Proposals – Councillor Blackmore

I MOVE:

That Council write to the Planning Minister to consider including the following when making amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979:

“All planning proposals and multi dwelling development applications made under a company name to list the following:

- Full names of all listed company directors and shareholders
- Full names of any third party that holds any option or financial interest in such property
- Any political donations made by the company or any listed director or shareholder”

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Vaccari)

That Council write to the Planning Minister to consider including the following when making amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979:

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- Full names of all listed company directors and shareholders
- Full names of any third party that holds any option or financial interest in such property
- Any political donations made by the company or any listed director or shareholder”

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Duggan returned to the meeting at 7:38pm.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

GM1 2019 National General Assembly of Local Government

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council determine any Notices of Motion for submission to the 2019 National General Assembly of Local Government by 29 March 2019.
2. That Council determine its representation at the 2019 National General Assembly of Local Government.
3. That Council determine the voting delegate for the 2019 National General Assembly.

MOTION: (Kokkolis / Pensabene)

1. That Councillors Pensabene, Doueihi and Blackmore attend the 2019 National General Assembly of Local Government, and other Councillors who are interested in attending to inform the Chief Executive Officer.
2. That Councillor Blackmore be the voting delegate.
3. That any Councillor who cannot attend all days to inform the Chief Executive Officer of the amount of nights needed.
4. That any Notices of Motion for submission to the National General Assembly of Local Government be provided to Chief Executive Officer prior to 29 March 2019.

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RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Pensabene)

1. That Councillors Pensabene, Doueihi and Blackmore attend the 2019 National General Assembly of Local Government, and other Councillors who are interested in attending to inform the Chief Executive Officer.
2. That Councillor Blackmore be the voting delegate.
3. That any Councillor who cannot attend all days to inform the Chief Executive Officer of the amount of nights needed.
4. That any Notices of Motion for submission to the National General Assembly of Local Government be provided to Chief Executive Officer prior to 29 March 2019..

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

CS1 Investment Report as at 31 January 2019

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RESOLVED: (Doueihi / Hall)

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

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

CS2 Code of Conduct and Associated Procedures

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt the attached 'Draft Strathfield Code of Conduct, January 2019' and the 'Draft Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct, January 2019'.
2. Place on public exhibition, for a period of 28 days, the 'Draft Strathfield Code of Conduct, January 2019' and the 'Draft Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct, January 2019'.
3. That providing there are no submissions from the community, the draft copy of the Code of Conduct and draft Associated Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct be adopted by Council and any previous versions of the documents be revoked.

MOTION: (Hall / Duggan)

1. Adopt the attached 'Draft Strathfield Code of Conduct, January 2019' and the 'Draft Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct, January 2019'.
2. Place on public exhibition, for a period of 28 days, the 'Draft Strathfield Code of Conduct, January 2019' and the 'Draft Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct, January 2019'.
3. That Councillors submit any questions to the Chief Executive Officer to be workshopped at a Councillor briefing to be held on 26 March 2019.
4. Once the draft returns from public exhibition a Councillor Workshop be held to discuss public submissions received.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

1. Adopt the attached 'Draft Strathfield Code of Conduct, January 2019' and the 'Draft Procedures

for the Administration of the Code of Conduct, January 2019'.

2. Place on public exhibition, for a period of 28 days, the 'Draft Strathfield Code of Conduct, January 2019' and the 'Draft Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct, January 2019'.
3. That Councillors submit any questions to the Chief Executive Officer to be workshopped at a Councillor briefing to be held on 26 March 2019.
4. Once the draft returns from public exhibition a Councillor Workshop be held to discuss public submissions received.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Doueihi and Kokkolis

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

Councillor Doueihi left the meeting 8:12pm.

Councillor Doueihi returned to the meeting at 8:13pm.

CS3 Restablishing Primary School Visits

41/19

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Kokkolis)

That the report be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS4 Current Status of Council Resolutions

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

Councillor Duggan indicated she had a matter of urgency. The Mayor declared the item not a matter of urgency.

17. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:31pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 2 April 2019.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____