

MINUTES

Council Meeting

4 June 2019

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 4 June 2019, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

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 Teresa Le Strange addressed the meeting to discuss the City Plan Information for 1 Loftus Crescent.

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

Nil.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

61/19

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 7 May 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.

Voting on this item was unanimous

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7.1 Passing of Bob Hawke

62/19

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

That Council acknowledge the passing of former Prime Minister The Hon. Robert James Lee Hawke AC.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.2 Passing of Johanna Zirkzee

63/19

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

That Council acknowledge the passing of Ms Johanna Zirkzee.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.3 Small Business Friendly Councils Inaugural Conference

64/19

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

That the award recognising Strathfield Council as a small business friendly Council be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7.4 Tony Costa Archibald Prize

65/19

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

That Council congratulate Mr Tony Costa, the winner of the 2019 Archibald Prize.

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

Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

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

9.1 Mayoral Minute No 07/19 Motorcycle Parking

I MOVE:

1. That a review be conducted of all Council's shopping districts to find opportunities on Council controlled roads and in Council's carparks for greater motorcycle parking.
2. That the results of the review be presented to the September 2019 Traffic Committee for comment and endorsement.

Rationale

Opportunities exist in shopping districts for motorcycle parking in locations where a full motor vehicle will not fit, but perhaps 3-4 motorcycles may fit if the area is appropriately line marked and sign posted. Motorcycles produce less greenhouse gasses per carried passenger, take up less room on the road and are more easily and conveniently parked. Providing parking around our retail areas will encourage riders to frequent local businesses and also improve on public transport patronage.

66/19

RESOLVED: (Vaccari)

1. That a review be conducted of all Council's shopping districts to find opportunities on Council controlled roads and in Council's carparks for greater motorcycle parking without any loss of car parking spaces.
2. That the results of the review be presented to the September 2019 Traffic Committee for comment and endorsement.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

9.2 Mayoral Minute No 08/19 Preservation of our Urban Trees and Canopies

I MOVE:

That a discussion paper be presented to a future Councillor Workshop on:

- a) The endemic trees of the Strathfield area, their remanence, and distribution;
- b) The resilience of the tree species the Council had historically selected for planting in public

- places;
- c) A mapping of the age-distribution of trees currently planted in the public domain;
 - d) The possible causes for an apparent increase in the rate of tree mortality, and
 - e) Strategies to better conserve, protect and preserve existing trees in the Strathfield LGA.

Rationale

There are an estimated 12,000 street trees in the Strathfield LGA with an estimated 40,000 trees located in parks and open spaces and many more again on private and government owned land.

Trees have environmental, economic, and social benefits. They are a community resource with very direct implications on property value and urban character. It is important for Council to carefully and effectively manage this precious resource going forward.

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- e) Strategies to better conserve, protect and preserve existing trees in the Strathfield LGA.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

Nil.

11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

12.1 Report from Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee meeting on 15 May 2019

68/19

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Pensabene)

That the minutes of the Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 May 2019 be noted.

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

Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

12.2 Report from Traffic Committee meeting on 21 May 2019

69/19

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 21 May 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Mrs Le Strange addressed the meeting to discuss Item 12.2 of the Traffic Committee – Closure of Rochester Street.

13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

13.1 Climate Change – Councillors Karen Pensabene, Councillor Maryanne Duggan and Councillor Matthew Blackmore

WE MOVE:

That the Council:

1. Be provided with a report on the potential impact of climate change in the Strathfield Local Government Area, in particular any risks associated from:
 - Urban heat island effect
 - Heat waves – particularly for the elderly, isolated and disabled residents
 - Inundation
 - Extreme weather events
2. Be advised of any action required to mitigate risks including incorporating climate change policy into relevant council planning documents

MOTION: (Duggan / Blackmore)

That the Council:

1. Be provided with a progress report at an August 2019 Planning Workshop on the potential impact of climate change in the Strathfield Local Government Area, in particular any risks associated from:
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For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis, Pensabene and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil

13.2 Bates Street Community Centre Refurbishment – Councillor Karen Pensabene

I MOVE:

That Council report on costs required to refurbish the Bates Street Community Centre and including but not limited to:

- A review of the heating for rooms
- Installation of projector and screen system with sound capabilities in Redmyre Room
- Replacing/adding storage space. Current storage is insufficient for current needs
- Before commencing a report, Council officers to consult with stakeholders of the Bates Street Community Centre for any other requirements/suggestions

MOTION: (Pensabene / Hall)

1. That Council report to the August 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting on costs required to refurbish the Bates Street Community Centre and including but not limited to:
 - A review of the heating for rooms
 - Replacing/adding storage space. Current storage is insufficient for current needs
 - Before commencing a report, Council officers to consult with stakeholders of the Bates Street Community Centre for any other requirements/suggestions
2. That the projector and sound system in the Wangal Room be made available to all users.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

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 - Replacing/adding storage space. Current storage is insufficient for current needs
 - Before commencing a report, Council officers to consult with stakeholders of the Bates Street Community Centre for any other requirements/suggestions
2. That the projector and sound system in the Wangal Room be made available to all users.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.3 Korea Trip – Councillor Karen Pensabene

I MOVE:

That Councillor Vaccari, Councillor Doueihi and the Chief Executive Officer Henry Wong provide Council with a briefing at a future Councillor Workshop:

1. On the outcomes of their recent trip to Korea including key learnings for our LGA
2. Details of productive discussions or meetings with local officials or business people
3. A complete report of the expenses being claimed back to Strathfield Council for the entire trip

MOTION: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That Councillor Vaccari, Councillor Doueihi and the Chief Executive Officer Henry Wong provide Council with a briefing at a future Councillor Workshop:

1. Details of productive discussions or meetings with local officials or business people
2. A complete report of the expenses being claimed back to Strathfield Council for the entire trip

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That Councillor Vaccari, Councillor Doueihi and the Chief Executive Officer Henry Wong provide Council with a briefing at a future Councillor Workshop:

1. Details of productive discussions or meetings with local officials or business people
2. A complete report of the expenses being claimed back to Strathfield Council for the entire trip

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.4 Welcome to New Residents Pilot Program – Councillor Karen Pensabene

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council pilot a 'Welcome to New Residents' information evening.

Rationale

Invitees to the evening would be residents who have moved into the area in the past year. The program will include:

- The role of Councillors
- Council services including recycling and waste removal
- Free services provided by Council
- Community activities

- Community Strategic Plan priorities
- Strathfield Connector
- Library services
- Compliance officers
- Major recurring events
- Q&A session for attendees
- A supper and an opportunity for networking with other new residents
- A welcome package of items of interest

Council to consider how the event can be made more inclusive for non-English speaking residents moving to the area.

If the event is successful, proposed that the event will be held bi-annually.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Strathfield Council pilot a 'Welcome to New Residents' information evening.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.5 Christmas Street Celebrations Initiative – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

I MOVE:

That Council prepare a report on the feasibility of starting a Christmas Street Celebrations Initiative to the August 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting. The report to include:

- Budgetary implications including public liability insurance, road closure and administrative costs etc.
- Traffic management issues
- Provisions for advertising and road closures and template invitations for neighbours

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

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- Traffic management issues
- Provisions for advertising and road closures and template invitations for neighbours

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.6 Use of Flammable Cladding in the Strathfield LGA – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council prepare a report for the August 2019 meeting on the use of combustible cladding in the Strathfield LGA including:

- Number of buildings affected in the Strathfield LGA
- Details on who is responsible for removal of cladding (strata, government, property developer)?
- Details on current progress for removal of cladding in the LGA
- Details of any deadlines to remove the cladding
- Consumer protections in place to ensure that a person buying a unit is made aware of any strata obligations to remove flammable cladding
- Advice on an Local, State or Federal funding grant available to assist in the removal of the cladding
- Precautions in place to ensure that use of the flammable cladding has ceased in the Strathfield LGA

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Vaccari)

That Strathfield Council prepare a report for the August 2019 meeting on the use of combustible cladding in the Strathfield LGA including:

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.7 Strathfield Council Winter Homelessness Appeal – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council support a Winter Homelessness Appeal from 24 – 29 June 2019.

Rationale

Items to be donated include blankets, sleeping bags and new warm socks, beanies, scarves and gloves.

Dry food goods (rice, pasta, tinned goods) and new miniature toiletries would also be welcome.

Council Customer Service, libraries and participating local schools could be nominated as potential drop off points.

Items will be distributed to organisations working with disadvantaged and homeless people in and near our Local Government Area.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Strathfield Council support a Winter Homelessness Appeal from 24 – 29 June 2019.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.8 Intersection Between The Boulevard and Albyn Road – Councillor Nella Hall

I MOVE:

That Council through the Traffic Committee investigate the intersection of The Boulevard and Albyn Road to ascertain:

1. The number of accidents at the intersection in the last 12 months
2. The possible solutions to help ease the flow of traffic onto The Boulevard and any solutions to assist in avoiding future car accidents at this intersection.

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Doueihi)

That Council through the Traffic Committee investigate the intersection of The Boulevard and Albyn Road to ascertain:

1. The number of accidents at the intersection in the last 12 months
2. The possible solutions to help ease the flow of traffic onto The Boulevard and any solutions to assist in avoiding future car accidents at this intersection.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.9 Advocacy for the Reform of the Private Certifier Industry – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

I MOVE:

1. That a report be prepared for the August 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to Council taking appropriate action to tackle local residents concerns with the private certification industry.

The report to include, but not limited to, residents concern regarding:

- Lack of notification prior to commencement of works
- Privacy Issues

- Loss of amenity
 - Builders selecting their own certifiers
 - Common Complaints received from neighbours in relation to privately certified building works being commenced on neighbouring properties
2. That council approach neighbouring councils seeking their support for reforming the current laws on Private Certifiers to addresses resident concerns.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Duggan)

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2. That council approach neighbouring councils seeking their support for reforming the current laws on Private Certifiers to addresses resident concerns.
3. That the relevant NSW Government body be contacted regarding changes to NSW legislation on private certifiers.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Duggan)

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3. That the relevant NSW Government body be contacted regarding changes to NSW legislation on private certifiers.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

CS1 Investments Report 30 April 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

That the record of cash investments as at 30 April 2019 noted.

MOTION: (Hall / Kokkolis)

1. That the record of cash investments as at 30 April 2019 noted.
2. That a report be provided to Councillors in this Friday's Councillors Bulletin on the unexpended grants (from CS1 Investment Report 30 April 2019).

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RESOLVED: (Hall / Kokkolis)

1. That the record of cash investments as at 30 April 2019 noted.
2. That a report be provided to Councillors in this Friday's Councillors Bulletin on the unexpended grants (from CS1 Investment Report 30 April 2019).

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS2 Current Status of Council Resolutions

80/19

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Doueihi)

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

CS3 Mayoral and Councillor Annual Fees

81/19

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Pensabene)

That Council approve an increase of 2.5% in the annual fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors for 2019/2020 under Sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act 1993 as per the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal in this regard.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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

Nil.

16. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:19pm.

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

Chairman_____

General Manager_____