

MINUTES

Council Meeting

7 July 2020

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 7 July 2020, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6:30pm

PRESENT: Mayor Antoine Doueihi
Councillor Matthew Blackmore
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
Jenny Nascimento, Chief Financial Officer
David McQuade, Senior Governance Officer

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

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

3. **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

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

Nil.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

107/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 2 June 2020, 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

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 Angela Lyris, Queen's Birthday Honours List 2020

108/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan)

1. That Ms Angela Lyris be acknowledged for being recognised in the Queens Birthday Honours list for 2020 and congratulated on receiving an Order of Australia Medal award for her services to education.
2. That Council send flowers and a card on behalf of the Mayor, Councillors and our community to Ms Angela Lyris to acknowledge this wonderful achievement.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6.2 Acknowledgement 100th Birthday – Ms Jessipina Malta

109/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

That Council write and send flowers on 27 July, to Ms Jessipina Malta to Ms Jessipina Malta to acknowledge Ms Malta on reaching her milestone centenary birthday and congratulate her on turning 100.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

6.3 Acknowledgement of Service to Council - Mrs Jenny Nascimento, Chief Financial Officer

110/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)

On behalf of the Mayor and Councillors we thank you for your service to Strathfield Council and wish you all the very best in the future.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

7. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

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

8.1 Mayoral Minute No 9/20 Consultation for the Incorporation of areas with "Strathfield" in the geographical or suburb name in the Strathfield Council LGA

MOVED:

That Council commence consultation with Burwood Council and Canada Bay Council on possibility of incorporating into the Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA) those portions of their respective Council areas with "Strathfield" in the geographical or suburb name.

MOTION: (Doueihi)

That the Mayor invite the Mayor and General Manager of Burwood Council and the City of Canada Bay to a meeting to discuss the strategic planning of the Strathfield Town Centre as stated in the '*Strathfield 2040 Local Strategic Planning Statement (March 2020)*' Actions A61, A62 and A64.

111/20

RESOLVED: (Doueihi)

That the Mayor invite the Mayor and General Manager of Burwood Council and the City of Canada Bay to a meeting to discuss the strategic planning of the Strathfield Town Centre as stated in the '*Strathfield 2040 Local Strategic Planning Statement (March 2020)*' Actions A61, A62 and A64.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

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 16 June 2020

112/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Hall)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 16 June 2020 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

11.2 Report from Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting on 22 June 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting held on 22 June 2020 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That the minutes of the Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting held on 22 June 2020 be noted and the recommendations be adopted subject to the following amendments:

That the Minutes be corrected at **1. Attendance** to remove the notation that Councillor Vaccari arrived late and to add that Councillor Hall arrived late due to technical difficulties.

That the Minutes be corrected at **3. Declarations of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest (nature of interest to be disclosed)** to replace Councillor Vaccari with Councillor Duggan. Councillor Duggan declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest on the item on the Proposed Development at St Patricks School item in the Agenda.

113/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That the minutes of the Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting held on 22 June 2020 be noted and the recommendations be adopted subject to the following amendments:

That the Minutes be corrected at **1. Attendance** to remove the notation that Councillor Vaccari arrived late and to add that Councillor Hall arrived late due to technical difficulties.

That the Minutes be corrected at **3. Declarations of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest (nature of**

interest to be disclosed) to replace Councillor Vaccari with Councillor Duggan. Councillor Duggan declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest on the item on the Proposed Development at St Patricks School item in the Agenda.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Suspension of Standing Orders

114/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow consideration of the following matter:

CS1 Investments Report as at 31 May 2020

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1 Investments Report as at 31 May 2020

115/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Duggan)

That the record of cash investments as at 31 May 2020 be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Resumption of Standing Orders

116/20

RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Pensabene)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

12.1 Safety Improvements on Coronation Parade – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

117/20

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council prepare a report for an upcoming Traffic Committee Meeting in relation to possible safety improvements that can be achieved on Coronation Parade, Strathfield South in the area between Clement Street and Chiswick Street, Strathfield South.

That the report look at the possibility of speed cushions, line marking at these intersections or other possible options.

The report to include budgetary implications.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.2 Growers Market Strathfield Town Centre – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED:

That Council prepare a report for the next Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to the feasibility of facilitating the running of a growers market or similar at Strathfield Town Centre.

The report include frequency and any budgetary implications.

That consultation with the Strathfield Town Centre Shops in Strathfield LGA be conducted.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Hall)

That Council prepare a report for the next Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to the feasibility of facilitating the running of a growers market or similar at Strathfield Town Centre or another suitable location.

The report include frequency and any budgetary implications.

That consultation with the Strathfield Town Centre Shops in Strathfield LGA be conducted if required.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihy, Duggan, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

12.3 Homebush Ventilation Facility – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 7:16pm.

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:18pm.

118/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Strathfield Council review and report back to the August Ordinary Council Meeting on:

- a) Whether the NSW Government is complying with the Infrastructure approval contract obligations for the unfiltered ventilation facility located at Underwood Road Homebush. Items to be reviewed should include:
- air quality monitoring arrangements,
 - community communication, consultation, reporting commitments,
 - completion of an independent environmental audit (as per Part E),
 - environmental management commitments and,
- b) The advice from the NSW Government on the planning controls and building buffer zone recommended for future residential developments in the vicinity of the facility.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihy, Kokkolis and Vaccari

12.4 Council is represented at the M4 East Air Quality Committee Consultative Committee – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

MOVED:

That Council is represented at the M4 East Air Quality Community Consultative Committee (next meetings scheduled for September and December 2020) and that the Agenda and Minutes are included in the October and February Strathfield Council Ordinary Meeting business papers.

MOTION: (Duggan / Pensabene)

1. That Council is represented at the M4 East Air Quality Community Consultative Committee (next meetings scheduled for September and December 2020) and that the Agenda and Minutes are included in the October and February Strathfield Council Ordinary Meeting business papers.
2. That a report on these meetings be provided to Councillor Workshops with a summary of issues discussed and decisions made.

AMENDMENT: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

1. That Council is represented at the M4 East Air Quality Community Consultative Committee (next meetings scheduled for September and December 2020) and that the Agenda and Minutes are included in the October and February Strathfield Council Ordinary Meeting business papers.
2. That a report on these meetings be provided to Councillor Workshops with a summary of issues discussed and decisions made.
3. That Councillor Vaccari be nominated as Council's representative on the Consultative Committee.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

The Amendment was put and the Mayor declared the Amendment **Carried**.

The Amendment became the **Motion**.

MOTION: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

1. That Council is represented at the M4 East Air Quality Community Consultative Committee (next meetings scheduled for September and December 2020) and that the Agenda and Minutes are included in the October and February Strathfield Council Ordinary Meeting business papers.
2. That a report on these meetings be provided to Councillor Workshops with a summary of issues discussed and decisions made.
3. That Councillor Vaccari be nominated as Council's representative on the Consultative Committee.

FURTHER MOTION: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

1. That Council is represented at the M4 East Air Quality Community Consultative Committee (next meetings scheduled for September and December 2020) and that the Agenda and Minutes are included in the October and February Strathfield Council Ordinary Meeting business papers.
2. That a report on these meetings be provided to Councillor Workshops with a summary of issues discussed and decisions made.
3. That Councillor Vaccari be nominated as Council's representative on the Consultative Committee.
4. That Councillor Duggan also be nominated as Council's representative and that two

alternatives be selected, subject to confirmation from the Consultative Committee.

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RESOLVED: (Vaccari / Kokkolis)

1. That Council is represented at the M4 East Air Quality Community Consultative Committee (next meetings scheduled for September and December 2020) and that the Agenda and Minutes are included in the October and February Strathfield Council Ordinary Meeting business papers.
2. That a report on these meetings be provided to Councillor Workshops with a summary of issues discussed and decisions made.
3. That Councillor Vaccari be nominated as Council's representative on the Consultative Committee.
4. That Councillor Duggan will also be nominated as Council's representative and that two alternatives be selected, subject to confirmation from the Consultative Committee.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Kokkolis and Vaccari

12.5 Sporting Ground Canteens – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

Councillor Blackmore left the meeting, the time being 7:41pm.

Councillor Blackmore returned to the meeting, the time being 7:43pm.

120/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Council allow sporting clubs to operate their canteens with appropriate social distancing rules applied as per local cafes and restaurants.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.6 Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

MOVED:

That Council note implementation of Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code on 1 July 2020. Council to provide a report on any current impacts and the plan to reduce impacts for the Local

Environment Plan 2021 to the September Council meeting.

MOTION: (Duggan / Blackmore)

That Council note implementation of Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code on 1 July 2020 and also note the report previously presented to Council which prohibits low rise medium density housing development in the Strathfield LGA.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Blackmore)

That Council note implementation of Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code on 1 July 2020 and also note the report previously presented to Council which prohibits low rise medium density housing development in the Strathfield LGA.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Kokkolis and Vaccari

12.7 Local Environment Plan 2021 – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

122/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That Councillors be provided with a project plan briefing on the process, which will be followed during the development of the Local Environment Plan 2021. The presentation to include key project tasks, project timetable, key stakeholders, communication strategy and community consultation plan.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.8 Council Offer a Discount to Not for Profit Strathfield Local Community Sporting Clubs – Councillor Maryanne Duggan and Councillor Nella Hall

123/20

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Hall)

That a report be provided to the next available workshop on providing a discount for ground hire costs for all not-for profit local community sporting clubs with bookings for the 2020 winter season (including any season extensions).

The report should include:

- 1) Budget implications for offering clubs a discount for the 2020 season,
- 2) The possibility of extending hardship provisions for any sporting clubs which are struggling

financially because of COVID-19 impacts, and

- 3) The process for extending the hardship provisions contained in the Community Strategic Plan and for applying any agreed discount.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.9 Winter Homelessness Food Appeal – Councillor Karen Pensabene

Councillor Blackmore left the meeting, the time being 8:40pm.

Councillor Blackmore returned to the meeting, the time being 8:41pm.

124/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That Strathfield Council conduct a Winter Homelessness Food Appeal from July 27 - August 10 2020.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.10 Community Grants – Councillor Karen Pensabene

Councillor Hall left the meeting, the time being 8:48pm.

125/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

1. In a Councillor Workshop prior to Community Grants being put to Council for approval, all Prospective Grant recipients are reviewed.
2. A report to be produced on the previous year recipients, on how the funding was used and how it helped their Community Group.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 8:50pm.

12.11 Community Engagement Program – Councillor Nella Hall

126/20

RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

That Council prepare a report on community engagement programs that addresses:

1. A program that includes:
 - Engagement with children on the benefits of composting and maintaining a garden;
 - Encourage children to grow their own produce and have a contest where they can send pictures in of their garden etc.
 - Education around the use and benefits of compost and advertising the council composting arrangements/subsidy, and
 - Expressions of interest for people who want to run the community gardens as a not for profit and plans to increase the amount of gardens in the LGA given population increase and density increase.
2. The financial implications of this program.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

CS2 Mayoral and Councillor Annual Fees

127/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

- 1) That Council approve the annual fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors for 2020/2021 under Sections 248 and 249 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to remain the same as the previous year as per the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal dated 10 June 2020.
- 2) That the General Manager facilitate a mechanism for Councillors to voluntarily donate some or all of their Councillor fees to a nominated registered charity.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS3 Current Status of Council Resolutions

128/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Hall)

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

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

Against the Motion: Nil

DEU1 Greywater Systems

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the draft Controls be endorsed by Council for inclusion in the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005.
2. That the draft amendments be publicly exhibited for a minimum of 28 days.
3. That following the public exhibition period, a report be provided back to Council advising of the outcome of the exhibition.

MOTION: (Duggan / Doueihi)

1. That the draft Controls be endorsed by Council for inclusion in the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005.
2. That the draft amendments be publicly exhibited for a minimum of 28 days.
3. That following the public exhibition period, a report be provided back to Council advising of the outcome of the exhibition.
4. That this apply only to new dwellings and also residential flat buildings.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Doueihi)

1. That the draft Controls be endorsed by Council for inclusion in the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005.
2. That the draft amendments be publicly exhibited for a minimum of 28 days.
3. That following the public exhibition period, a report be provided back to Council advising of the outcome of the exhibition.
4. That this apply only to new dwellings and also residential flat buildings.

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

DEU2 Parramatta River Catchment Group

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider re-joining the Parramatta River Catchment Group.

MOTION: (Pensabene / Duggan)

1. That Council re-join the Parramatta River Catchment Group.
2. That Council note the correct amount for annual contribution is \$12,284.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Duggan and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Hall, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

PPC1 Inclusion of People with a Disability

130/20

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

1. That Council receive and note the Report.
2. That Council adopt the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2020-24.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

PPC2 High Street Library - Future Plans

RECOMMENDATION

Councillor Pensabene left the meeting, the time being 9:50pm.

Councillor Pensabene returned to the meeting, the time being 9:52pm.

MOTION: (Hall / Duggan)

That Council receive and note the Report.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

1. That Council note the report.
2. That Council take no further action from the report in relation to allowing access to printing, photocopying and docking stations.

For the Motion: Councillors Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Kokkolis and Vaccari

MOTION: (Hall / Duggan)

That Council receive and note the Report.

For the Motion: Councillors Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihy, Kokkolis and Vaccari

The Motion was put and the Mayor declared the Motion **Lost**.

The Foreshadowed Motion became the **Motion**.

MOTION: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

1. That Council note the report.
2. That Council take no further action from the report in relation to allowing access to printing, photocopying and docking stations.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

1. That Council note the report.
2. That Council take no further action from the report in relation to allowing access to printing, photocopying and docking stations.

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

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

Nil.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:53pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 4 August 2020.

Chairman _____

CEO _____