

MINUTES

Council Meeting
7 February 2017

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 7 February 2017, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6.31pm

PRESENT: Mayor Councillor A Soulos (Chairman)
Councillor D Bott
Councillor R Datta
Councillor S Kokkolis
Councillor S Ok
Councillor G Vaccari

STAFF: A/General Manager
A/Director Corporate Services
A/Director Infrastructure and Development
Governance Coordinator
Personal Assistant to Director Corporate Services

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

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

3. PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Bott declared a non significant non pecuniary interest in item 10.3 - Traffic Committee Meeting 20 December 2016 items 5.2, 5.7 and 5.8 as he owns a property in Burlington Road and advised that as it was a non-significant non pecuniary interest he intends to remain in the meeting room and participate in discussion on this matter.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

01/17

RESOLVED: (Bott/Vaccari)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 December 2016, 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 Soulos, Kokkolis, Bott, Vaccari, Datta and Ok

Against the Motion: Nil

5. APOLOGIES

An apology was tendered on behalf of Councillor McLucas for non attendance.

02/17

RESOLVED: (Bott/Soulos)

That the apology tendered on behalf of Councillor McLucas for non attendance be accepted and leave of absence granted.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Kokkolis, Bott, Vaccari, Datta and Ok

Against the Motion: Nil

6. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

1. DA2015/120 – 2-4 Mintaro Avenue Strathfield

Noted.

2. DA2016/123 – 387 Liverpool Road Strathfield

Noted.

7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Nil.

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

1. Signage in Bressington Park/Notification

I MOVE:

That Council notify users of Bressington Park and residents within two kilometre of Bressington Park, at least via email and letter, of the changed proposed position of the Australian-Korean Memorial Gardens (from mound to front of park).

03/17

RESOLVED: (Soulos)

That Council notify users of Bressington Park and Strathfield LGA residents as far as Parramatta Road (or within a 2km radius, whichever is the lesser) by letterbox drop and users via email and letter of the changed proposed position of the Australian-Korean Memorial Gardens (from mound to front of park).

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Kokkolis, Datta and Soulos

Against the Motion: Councillors Bott and Ok

The Mayor declared the Motion Carried.

9. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

Nil.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. Report for Youth Engagement Advisory Committee held on 7 September 2016

04/17

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/Vaccari)

That the minutes of the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee held on 7 September 2016 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Kokkolis, Bott, Vaccari, Datta and Ok

Against the Motion: Nil

2. Report for Youth Engagement Advisory Committee held on 7 December 2016

05/17

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/Vaccari)

That the minutes of the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee held on 7 December 2016 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Kokkolis, Bott, Vaccari, Datta and Ok

Against the Motion: Nil

3. Report of Strathfield Traffic Committee Meeting held on 20 December 2016

06/17

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/Vaccari)

1. That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 20 December 2016 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted with the following amendment:

"The apology from Councillor Vaccari for non attendance be noted in the minutes."

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Kokkolis, Bott, Vaccari, Datta and Ok

Against the Motion: Nil

11. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

A. Notice of Motions submitted by Councillor Bott

1. Amalgamation

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council writes to the new Premier and new Minister for Local Government and requests the immediate removal of the proposal to amalgamate our Council.

07/17

RESOLVED: (Bott/Soulos)

That Council write to Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister Gabrielle Upton expressing congratulations on their appointments and confirming that:

1. Council opposes any amalgamation of our Council and request that the current proposal be immediately withdrawn.
2. Council will continue to represent the Strathfield community in their unwillingness to be forcibly amalgamated as shown in the results of various recent community surveys (attached).
3. Council is financially viable.
4. Council passed all possible fit-for-the-future criteria.
5. Council is willing to exhaust all measures to ensure that the expressed will of its community is carried out.
6. Council intends to work constructively with the government on genuine reforms (i.e. not amalgamation) which serve the Strathfield community.
7. Council requests that the state government consider plebiscites in forcibly amalgamated councils at upcoming local government elections to determine the desire of their community for de-amalgamation.
8. Council extends an invitation to meet at a mutually suitable time to discuss the government's understanding of the above.

For the Motion: Councillor, Soulos, Bott and Datta

Against the Motion: Councillors Ok, Vaccari and Kokkolis

The Motion when Put with voting equal, the Mayor exercised his casting vote in Favour of the Motion and declared in Carried.

2. Local Government

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council welcomes the removal of Mr Paul Toole from the Local Government portfolio.

08/17

RESOLVED: (Bott/Datta)

That Strathfield Council welcomes the removal of Mr Paul Toole from the Local Government portfolio.

For the Motion: Councillor, Soulos, Bott and Datta

Against the Motion: Councillors Ok, Vaccari and Kokkolis

The Motion when Put with voting equal, the Mayor exercised his casting vote in Favour of the Motion and declared in Carried.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

GM1. HSC Art Exhibition 2017

09/17

RESOLVED: (Vaccari/Kokkolis)

1. That Council note the success of the HSC Art Exhibition 2016.
2. That Council endorse continuation of the HSC Art Exhibition in 2017 to be held from 30 November - 5 December 2017 including continued participation by Gapyeong High School and Seorak High School South Korea, and a high school from western NSW with a large indigenous student base.
3. That funds of \$15,000 be considered for allocation in the 2017/18 budget for this purpose.
4. That Council thanks all volunteers and Council employees, including Gapyeong County who have assisted in putting the initiative together, and in particular Ms Kati Angelides.
5. That Council provide certificate of participation to all students who participated in the Art Exhibition.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Kokkolis, Bott, Vaccari, Datta and Ok

Against the Motion: Nil

CS1. Investment Report as at 30 November and 31 December 2016

10/17

RESOLVED: (Vaccari/Bott)

That the record of cash investments as at 30 November 2016 and 31 December 2016 be noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Kokkolis, Bott, Vaccari, Datta and Ok

Against the Motion: Nil

ID1. Bicycle NSW International Women's Day Event - "Gear Up Girl" 2017

11/17

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis/Datta)

That Council support the 'Gear Up Girl' 2017 event run by Bicycle NSW by waiving \$3,295.00 being 100% of the usage fees associated with the hire of Ford Park.

For the Motion: Councillors Soulos, Kokkolis, Bott, Vaccari, Datta and Ok

Against the Motion: Nil

13. MATTERS OF URGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 241 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 2005

Nil.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.36 PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield held on 21 February 2017.

Chairman_____ General Manager_____