

Council Meeting 7 November 2017

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

- COMMENCING:
 7.00pm

 PRESENT:
 Councillor Nella Hall (Chairperson) Councillor Matthew Blackmore Councillor Antoine Doueihi Councillor Maryanne Duggan Councillor Stephanie Kokkolis Councillor Karen Pensabene

 STAFF:
 Henry Wong, General Manager Anthony Hewton, Director Corporate and Human Services Stephen Clements, Director Infrastructure Development and Environment James Ng, Corporate Services Manager Kathie John, Acting Governance Coordinator
- 1. **OPENING:** The Prayer was read.
- 2. RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS: The Recognition was read.
- 3. PECUNIARY INTEREST /CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

- 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
- 167/17 RESOLVED: (Doueihi / Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 3 October 2017, 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 Chairperson and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

5.1 100th Birthday - Mr Cecil Dass

168/17

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That Council write to Mr Cecil Dass to congratulate him on his 100th birthday.

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

Against the Motion: Nil



6. APOLOGIES

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

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RESOLVED: (Doueihi / Kokkolis)

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

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

7. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Nil

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

Nil

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

Nil

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11.1 Report from Audit Committee Meeting held on 16 October 2017

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 16 October 2017 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.



11.2 Report from Traffic Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2017

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RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Duggan)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 17 October 2017 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

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

12. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

12.1 Improvements to Strathfield Park

I MOVE:

That:

- 1. A report be provided to Council regarding the installation of:
 - a) appropriate level of lighting around the paths in Strathfield Park;
 - b) additional signage around the new Playground area at Strathfield Park directing users of the Park to the Amenities block; and
 - c) a Child Safety fence at Strathfield Park around the Infant Play Area at the western end of Strathfield Park.

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

That:

- 1. A report be provided to Council regarding the installation of:
 - a) appropriate level of solar lighting around the paths in Strathfield Park;
 - b) additional signage around the new Playground area at Strathfield Park directing users of the Park to the Amenities block;
 - c) a Child Safety fence at Strathfield Park around the Infant Play Area at the western end of Strathfield Park; and
 - d) appropriate consultation in regards to additional lighting be carried out with local residents; and
 - e) additional seating around the playground area.



12.2 Recognising All Seniors

I MOVE:

That a report be provided to Council on the Pensioner Discount on Rates Notices from Strathfield Council be extended to include all Senior Card Holders in the Strathfield LGA who pay Rates.

AMENDMENT: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

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

The Deputy Mayor declared this motion Lost.

12.3 Cricket Practice Nets

I MOVE:

That a report be provided to Council regarding the installation of Cricket Practice Nets (a set of two) at the following locations:

- a) Bressington Park (at the north-western end adjacent to the Underwood Road and Centenary Drive roundabout)
- b) Cooke Park
- c) Freshwater Park
- d) Strathfield Park

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RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

That Council conduct community consultation regarding the installation of Cricket Practice Nets (a set of two) at the following locations and then a report be provided to Council by April 2018:

- a) Bressington Park (at the north-western end adjacent to the Underwood Road and Centenary Drive roundabout)
- b) Cooke Park
- c) Freshwater Park

12.4 Ausgrid Inappropriate Tree Pruning

I MOVE:

That Council write to Ausgrid to request for an update on its promised better pruning practice of street tree planted under wires.

174/17

RESOLVED: (Doueihi / Kokkolis)

That Council write to Ausgrid to request for an update on its promised better pruning practice of street tree planted under wires.

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

12.5 Notice of Motion Withdrawn

12.6 Catering for Council Meetings

I MOVE:

That:

- 1. Council purchase refreshments for meetings locally.
- 2. A review of catering for Council meetings be discussed at the next Councillors Workshop.

175/17

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

That:

- 1. Council purchase refreshments for meetings within the Strathfield LGA.
- 2. A review of catering for Council meetings be discussed at the next Councillors Workshop.



12.7 Strathfield Leisure Centre Feedback

I MOVE:

That:

- 1. Council seek feedback from the residents and ratepayers on their support for Council to construct a Leisure Centre in the Strathfield Council Area.
- 2. Residents are to be notified that Council is seeking feedback via the Council's weekly enews and on Council's web site.
- 3. The deadline for Feedback is 17 February 2018.
- 4. The feedback is to seek answers to:
 - a) Do you support Council building a Leisure Centre in the Strathfield Council Area? YES/NO?
 - b) In which area of Strathfield LGA do you think the Leisure Centre should be built?
- 5. A Report on the Feedback received to be presented at the March 2018 Meeting.
- 6. The Report to include, but not limited to, the total number of responses, the number in support or against a Leisure Centre and the suggested locations.

AMENDMENT: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

That:

- 1. Council seek feedback from the residents and ratepayers on their support for Council to construct a Leisure Centre in the Strathfield Council Area.
- 2. Residents are to be notified that Council is seeking feedback via the Council's weekly enews and on Council's web site.
- 3. The deadline for Feedback is 30 June 2018.
- 4. The feedback is to seek answers to questions as agreed to by Councillors at a Councillor workshop in February 2018.
- 5. A Report on the Feedback received to be presented at the August 2018 Meeting.
- 6. The Report to include, but not limited to, the total number of responses, the number in support or against a Leisure Centre and the suggested locations.
- 7. A survey to include a description of usual facilities at an indoor sports centre/leisure centre and an option to choose which sports they would like there.

For the Motion: Councillors Hall and Kokkolis

Against the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan and Pensabene

The Motion when put was Lost.



176/17

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

That:

- 1. Council seek feedback from the residents and ratepayers on their support for Council to construct a Leisure Centre in the Strathfield Council Area.
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- 3. The deadline for Feedback is 30 June 2018.
- 4. The feedback is to seek answers to:
 - a) Do you support Council building a Leisure Centre in the Strathfield Council Area? YES/NO?
 - b) In which area of Strathfield LGA do you think the Leisure Centre should be built?
- 5. A Report on the Feedback received to be presented at the August 2018 Workshop Meeting.
- 6. The Report to include, but not limited to, the total number of responses, the number in support or against a Leisure Centre and the suggested locations.
- 7. A survey to include a description of usual facilities at an indoor sports centre/leisure centre and an option to choose which sports they would like there.

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

12.8 Outstanding Council Resolutions

I MOVE:

That Council prepare and present an 'Outstanding Council Resolution' progress report with the each Council Meeting Agenda and associated business papers commencing from December 2017.

This report should list any action item arising from Councillor motions or Mayoral minutes. The report should provide an update on these outstanding/pending actions and note the outcome of any actions completed.

The report should be modelled on the report presented at the 3 October 2017 meeting – Item CS4 – Attachment 1 with the 'Comments' column changed to Progress/Outcome and an additional column to indicate which Council employee is responsible for progressing or resolving the item.

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RESOLVED: (Duggan / Pensabene)

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report should provide an update on these outstanding/pending actions and note the outcome of any actions completed.

The report should be modelled on the report presented at the 3 October 2017 meeting – Item CS4 – Attachment 1 with the 'Comments' column changed to Progress/Outcome and an additional column to indicate which Council employee is responsible for progressing or resolving the item.

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

12.9 Share the Dignity

I MOVE:

That:

- 1. Council supports the Share the Dignity Christmas Campaign by becoming a collection point for local resident to drop new and used handbags with appropriate products.
- 2. Council undertakes appropriate community notification of our participation in the Share the Dignity Campaign and collection point information.

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That:

- 1. Council supports the Share the Dignity Christmas Campaign being conducted from 18 November to 2 December 2017 by becoming a collection point for local resident to drop new and used handbags with appropriate products.
- 2. Council undertakes appropriate community notification of our participation in the Share the Dignity Campaign and collection point information.

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

12.10 Office of the Mayor

I MOVE:

That Councillors be advised by the General Manager in writing when the Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function of Mayor.

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RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Blackmore)

That Councillors be advised by the General Manager in writing when the Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function of Mayor.

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Doueihi)



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

12.11 Support for Diwali Festival

I MOVE:

That:

- 1. Strathfield Council, in conjunction with the Hindu Council of Australia, support the annual event of Diwali through promoting the celebration as a local cultural event of significance via Council's communications.
- 2. Strathfield Council review its fees and charges for local community groups utilising local parks as part of the development of the new CSP.

180/17

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Duggan)

That:

- 1. Strathfield Council, in conjunction with the Hindu Council of Australia, support the annual event of Diwali through promoting the celebration as a local cultural event of significance via Council's communications.
- 2. Strathfield Council review its fees and charges for local community groups utilising local parks as part of the development of the new CSP.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.12 Confirmation of Advocacy Funding Beyond July 2018

I MOVE:

That Strathfield Council write to the Premier, Minister for Disability Services, Federal Member Craig Laundy and State Member Jodie McKay to continue to fund the advocacy funding to the NDIS scheme beyond July 2018.

181/17

RESOLVED: (Pensabene / Kokkolis)

That Strathfield Council write to the Premier, Minister for Disability Services, Federal Member Craig Laundy and State Member Jodie McKay to continue to fund the advocacy funding to the NDIS scheme beyond July 2018.

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

Against the Motion: Nil



182/17

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Pensabene)

Councillor Hall to step down from the chair during her motions.

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

183/17

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Duggan)

Councillor Doueihi to temporarily take the chair.

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

12.13 Australian Catholic University (Strathfield) Green Travel Plan & Australian Catholic University Limited v Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and Anor [2014] NSWLEC 1238 (18 November 2014)

I MOVE:

That:

- 1. Council confirm that the Green Travel Plan & CTMP of December 2015 and November 2016 respectively have been prepared in consultation with Council;
- Council confirm whether the Green Travel Plan & the Campus Travel and Monitoring Plan has been approved by the Secretary of the Department of Planning required by Clause A6(a) of the judgement;
- 3. Council prepare a report on the framework council has adopted with regards to the monitoring, policing and compliance of the GTP and the CTMP (Clause A6(b));
- 4. Council review the judgement of Australian Catholic University Limited v Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and Anor [2014] NSWLEC 1238 (18 November 2014) to ensure that the GTP and the CTMP are consistent with the Orders made by the Court:
- 5. Council investigate the accuracy and reliability of the GTP and CTMP to establish whether in accordance with *paragraph 135* of the Judgement, the GTP and the CTMP requires updating and amending. The GTP refers to the Active Travel Plan and the Draft Town Centre Masterplan as part of the Existing Policy Framework. The Active Travel Plan has not been adopted by council and the Town Centre Masterplan is still in its infancy and should therefore not form part of the GTP nor be considered as part of the framework for Mode Share Targets.
- 6. A copy of the monitoring and reporting framework and results be provided to council for the 2017 year for review by the ACU and the Consultant.
- 7. In accordance with CTMP 4.1 Mode Share and Modal Share Targets, Council together with



the Traffic Committee investigates the introduction of restricted / timed parking in nearby streets in an effort to assist in the reduction in car driver mode share and the encouragement of alternatives modes.

184/17

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That:

- 1. Council confirm that the Green Travel Plan & CTMP of December 2015 and November 2016 respectively have been prepared in consultation with Council;
- 2. Council confirm whether the Green Travel Plan & the Campus Travel and Monitoring Plan has been approved by the Secretary of the Department of Planning required by Clause A6(a) of the judgement;
- 3. Council prepare a report on the framework council has adopted with regards to the monitoring, policing and compliance of the GTP and the CTMP (Clause A6(b));
- 4. Council review the judgement of Australian Catholic University Limited v Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and Anor [2014] NSWLEC 1238 (18 November 2014) to ensure that the GTP and the CTMP are consistent with the Orders made by the Court;
- 5. Council investigate the accuracy and reliability of the GTP and CTMP to establish whether in accordance with *paragraph 135* of the Judgement, the GTP and the CTMP requires updating and amending, for example. The GTP refers to the Active Travel Plan and the Draft Town Centre Masterplan as part of the Existing Policy Framework. The Active Travel Plan has not been adopted by council and the Town Centre Masterplan is still in its infancy and should therefore not form part of the GTP nor be considered as part of the framework for Mode Share Targets.
- 6. A copy of the monitoring and reporting framework and results be provided to council for the 2017 year for review by the ACU and the Consultant.
- 7. In accordance with CTMP 4.1 Mode Share and Modal Share Targets, Council together with the Traffic Committee investigates the introduction of restricted / timed parking in nearby streets in an effort to assist in the reduction in car driver mode share and the encouragement of alternatives modes in conjunction with the residents parking scheme.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.14 Priority Precinct and Draft District Plan Residents Information Forum

I MOVE:

That Council requests the Department of Planning and the Greater Sydney Commission to jointly hold a community information session in Strathfield in November on the proposed Priority Precinct and the Draft City East District Plan.



185/17

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That Council requests the Department of Planning and the Greater Sydney Commission and the Better Planning Network and the Total Environment Centre to hold a community information session in Strathfield in November on the proposed Priority Precinct and the Draft City East District Plan.

That residents are informed by the Council's e-news, the Mayoral Column and by letterbox drop.

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

12.15 Shared Internal Audit Services

I MOVE:

That Council investigate and prepare a report to Council and the Audit Committee into the synergies and cost savings available to Council on the sharing of the Internal Audit function via collaborative arrangements with other councils.

Reference is made to The OLG internal audit guidelines September 2010 at 2.4.3.

Currently Kuring-Gai, Mosman, Lane Cove, Hunters Hill and North Sydney councils have a sharing arrangement and note that all of these councils fought amalgamation.

186/17

RESOLVED: (Hall / Blackmore)

That Council investigate and prepare a report to Council and the Audit Committee by March 2018 into the synergies and cost savings available to Council on the sharing of the Internal Audit function via collaborative arrangements with other councils.

Reference is made to The OLG internal audit guidelines September 2010 at 2.4.3.

Currently Kuring-Gai, Mosman, Lane Cove, Hunters Hill and North Sydney councils have a sharing arrangement and note that all of these councils fought amalgamation.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

12.16 Asset Management Internal Audit Report

I MOVE:

That Finding 4 (page 10), Recommendation No. 4.1 "Council should consider whether Asset management plans should be developed for other categories of council assets such as the golf course, sporting fields, open space, trees and other environmental assets" of the 'Internal Audit Report – Asset Management", currently at 'Medium' be re assessed to "High".

The Risk identified: "asset management plans may not exist for all program areas which may lead



to inefficient resources allocation for asset development and maintenance" and the Finding: "Asset Management Plans have not been developed for open space, sporting grounds, public trees and other environmental assets", sufficiently warrant the Priority to be increased from Medium to High.

187/17

RESOLVED: (Hall / Pensabene)

That Finding 4 (page 10), Recommendation No. 4.1 "Council should consider whether Asset management plans should be developed for other categories of council assets such as the golf course, sporting fields, open space, trees and other environmental assets" of the 'Internal Audit Report – Asset Management", currently at 'Medium' be re assessed to "High".

The Risk identified: "asset management plans may not exist for all program areas which may lead to inefficient resources allocation for asset development and maintenance" and the Finding: "Asset Management Plans have not been developed for open space, sporting grounds, public trees and other environmental assets", sufficiently warrant the Priority to be increased from Medium to High.

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

12.17 Pomeroy Street - Former Bowling Club Site

I MOVE:

- 1. That staff provide a report to the next Councillors Workshop on the history and use of the former bowling club site.
- 2. That staff provide a report on the repairs needed for the Men's Shed building.

188/17

RESOLVED: (Hall / Kokkolis)

- 1. That staff provide a report to the next Councillors Workshop on the history and use of the former bowling club site and associated Men's Shed building.
- 2. That staff provide a report on the repairs needed for the Men's Shed building.

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

Councillor Hall resumed the chair.

12.18 Chess Board in Strathfield Square

I MOVE:

That:

1. A report be provided to Council on the installation of a Giant Chess Board in Strathfield



Square;

- 2. The preferred location of the Chess Board is the western side boundary behind the bus shelter; and
- The Chess Pieces to be left in Strathfield Square between 8am till 4:30pm Monday to Friday and during the appropriate daytime hours on the Week-ends depending on council staffs working hours for people who want to play chess.

AMENDMENT: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

That:

- 1. A report be provided to Council on the installation of a Giant Chess Board in Strathfield Square;
- 2. The preferred location of the Chess Board is the western side boundary behind the bus shelter; and
- 3. The Chess Pieces to be left in Strathfield Square between 8am till 4:30pm Monday to Friday and during the appropriate daytime hours on the Week-ends depending on council staffs working hours for people who want to play chess.

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore and Kokkolis

Against the Motion: Councillors Doueihi, Duggan, Hall and Pensabene

The Deputy Mayor declared the motion Lost.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

GM1 Delivery Program and Operational Plan Six-Monthly Progress Report

189/17

RESOLVED: (Doueihi / Kokkolis)

That the Delivery Program six-monthly progress report for January to June 2017 be noted.

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

CS1 Investment Report as at 30 September 2017

190/17

RESOLVED: (Doueihi / Kokkolis)

That the record of cash investments as at 30 September 2017 noted.



CS2 Quarterly Budget Review as at 30 September 2017

191/17

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Pensabene)

That the Budget Review Statement as at 30 September 2017 be received and adopted.

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

CS3 Council Committees 2017/2018

192/17

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Pensabene)

That the report be received and noted.

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

ID1 Planning Proposal/Noise Attenuation Methods

193/17

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

That Council note and support the methods and legislation available pertaining to noise attenuation.

That the report be made available to residents at the street meeting on 2 December 2017.

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

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

That pursuant to Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the following matter be dealt with as it is considered to be of great urgency.

The Chairperson ruled that the matter was of great urgency.

194/17

RESOLVED: (Pensabene)



That a report be provided to Council on a strategy to manage hire bicycles left in the Strathfield LGA.

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

15. CLOSED SESSION

Nil

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.16pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 5 December 2017.

Chairperson

General Manager

Council Meeting Minutes

