

MINUTES

Council Meeting
5 November 2019

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 5 November 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 Gulian Vaccari
Councillor Stephanie Kokkolis

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, Executive Manager, Financial Service and 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**

Councillor Karen Pensabene.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Mrs Bozica Despotov addressed the meeting to discuss an unresolved complaint regarding a Council tree.

Dr Robyn Pogmore addressed the meeting to discuss Development Application procedures.

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

Councillor Hall declared a conflict of interest, non-significant non-pecuniary, in item 13.9 *Cycle Infrastructure – Draft Strathfield Strategic Planning Statement*.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

154/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 1 October 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 Mr Colandavelu Narayanasuwami Book Launch – Managing Development; People, Policies and Institutions

155/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That Council acknowledge and congratulate long term Strathfield Council resident Mr Colandavelu Narayanasuwami's successful book launch of *'Managing Development; People, Policies and Institutions'*.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

8. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT

Nil.

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2018/2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY THE NSW
AUDIT OFFICE**

CS2 2018/19 Financial Statements

156/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That the 2018/19 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Ms Reiky Jiang, Director, Financial Office of NSW addressed the meeting to summarise the findings of the audit and Council's financial performance.

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

9.1 Mayoral Minute No 10/19 Change of Meeting Date

The Mayor **withdrew** the Mayor Minute.

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 23 October 2019

157/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 October 2019 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

13.1 Moratorium on New Residential Planning Proposals – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

That Council write to the Minister for Planning and request a moratorium on planning proposals for the Strathfield Local Government Area until the completion of the adoption of the Local Environmental Plan due to be completed in 2021.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.2 Popularly Elected Mayor Referendum - Councillor Nella Hall

Councillor Hall **withdrew** the Notice of Motion.

13.3 Possible New Greenspace Loftus Lane, Homebush – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED:

That a report be prepared for the February 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to a possible new greenspace where Loftus Lane, Homebush currently exists (between Crane Street and Loftus Crescent, Homebush).

The report to include an implementation plan, budgetary implications, benefit to the community and possible designs.

159/19

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.4 Bridge Road Safety Improvements – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED:

1. That a report be prepared for the next Traffic Committee in relation to the intersection of Bridge Road, Smallwood Avenue and Loftus Crescent, Homebush.
2. That the report investigates the following:
 - Possibility of a roundabout
 - Improvements to the pedestrian safety on Smallwood Avenue and Loftus Crescent informal crossings
 - Improvements to visibility due to rise upon entry and exit of the railway bridge
 - Budget implication
 - Possible grant funding available
3. That Council write to the State Member for Strathfield The Hon. Jodi McKay MP and the Minister for Transport and Roads The Hon. Andrew Constance MP to request assistance in funding these necessary safety upgrades.

160/19

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.5 Strathfield Connector Belfield Route Reinstatement – Councillor Matthew Blackmore

MOVED:

1. That Strathfield Council reinstate a Belfield Route in the Strathfield Connector bus route before the end of November 2019.
2. That the route as a minimum travel along a loop within a close vicinity of Cooke Park Belfield.
3. That Council review the connector route with a view of increasing patronage.

161/19

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

Against the Motion: Nil

13.6 Diwali Celebrations – Councillor Nella Hall

I MOVE:

That Council wish the Hindu, Jain, Sikh and other communities a “Happy Diwali”.

162/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Duggan)

That Council wish the Hindu, Jain, Sikh and other communities a “Happy Diwali”.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Mr Ashwani Jain addressed the meeting.

13.7 Strathfield Shows Solace to the Lebanese Community in Strathfield – Councillor Nella Hall

MOVED:

That Council convey its solace to the Lebanese community in Strathfield for the current unrest in Lebanon. The Lebanese protesters have come together across sectarian lines to symbolise a newfound national unit.

163/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Doueih)

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Miss Samantha Jabbout addressed the meeting.

13.8 Climate Change Policy – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

Councillor Duggan **withdrew** the Notice of Motion.

13.9 Cycle Infrastructure - Draft Strathfield Strategic Planning Statement – Councillor Maryanne Duggan

MOVED:

That:

1. Due to community feedback in 2017 when the *'Active Travel Plan'* was exhibited, that Council remove references to the *'Active Travel Plan 2016'* (this includes Homebush Road and Arthur Street routes) in the *'Draft Strathfield Strategic Planning Statement'*.
2. Council prepare a report to a workshop in June 2020 (prepared with appropriate stakeholders e.g. RMS, Transport NSW, Bicycle NSW and any other relevant authority) on safe bicycle routes in the Strathfield LGA.

164/19

RESOLVED: (Duggan / Kokkolis)

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2. Council prepare a report to a workshop (prepared with appropriate stakeholders e.g. RMS, Transport NSW, Bicycle NSW and any other relevant authority) on safe bicycle routes in the Strathfield LGA.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

Councillor Hall having declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant interest in item *13.9 Cycle Infrastructure – Draft Strathfield Strategic Planning Statement* left the Chamber at 7.37pm and took no part in the discussion or voting on the matter.

Councillor Nella Hall returned to the meeting, the time being 7:44 PM.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

CS1 Investment Report as at 30 September 2019

165/19

RESOLVED: (Blackmore / Kokkolis)

That the record of cash investments as at 30 September 2019 be received and noted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS3 Quarterly Budget Review as at 30 September 2019

166/19

RESOLVED: (Kokkolis / Blackmore)

That the Budget Review Statement as at 30 September 2019 be received and adopted.

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

Against the Motion: Nil

CS4 Current Status of Council Resolutions

167/19

RESOLVED: (Hall / Kokkolis)

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

For the Motion: Councillors Blackmore, Doueihi, Duggan, Hall, Kokkolis 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 7:46pm.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield on 3 December 2019.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____