

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 16 OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour,
Councillors Downey, El-Hayek, Harika, Huda, Ishac, Kuskoff, Madirazza, Raffan,
Saleh, Tuntevski, Waud, Zaman

APOLOGIES: Clrs Eisler and Zakhia

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.02 P.M.

REF: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(385) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 September 2018 be adopted.

- CARRIED

(386) CLR. MADIRAZZA:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 September 2018 be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(387) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. WAUD

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clrs Eisler and Zakhia due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

SECTION 3: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

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SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 SUPPORTING ASYLUM SEEKER FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS
(388) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council commit to the program of providing vacant childcare places at Council Child Care Centres to asylum seeker families, as a pilot, for 12 months with a review at its conclusion.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 SMART CITIES WEEK LEGACY PROJECT (HACKATHON)
(389) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council support the Smart Cities Week Legacy Project (Hackathon) and the findings be presented to Council.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.3 WILEY PARK - SAVE OUR TREES

CLR. TUNTEVSKI TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.14 PM.

(390) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. Council write to the Minister for Roads, Shadow Minister for Roads and Member for Lakemba, calling on each to support the abandonment of the Canterbury Road and King Georges Road Intersection project, an exercise in wanton environmental vandalism.
2. Council takes steps to educate the community, alerting them to this proposed project and its impacts.

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ITEM 4.4 SUPPORT FOR LGNSW MOTIONS

CLR. TUNTEVSKI RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.16 PM.

(391) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council writes to the Mayor of each council in Metropolitan NSW, requesting their support for our Council's motion seeking the introduction of an open space levy at the LGNSW Conference later this month.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.5 LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS

(392) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the request from Alfordaus College for a portion of the fees to be waived and \$401.50 be donated to cover the hire cost of Paul Keating Park.
2. Council support the request from Mirath in Mind Annual Gala Day Event, which is a celebration of Arabic and Lebanese cultures by hundreds of school children and donate \$2,000 sponsorship of the event.
3. Council support the request from K.U.D. Dance Group Vardar Bankstown to fund the purchase of costumes for the dancers and donate \$600.
4. Council support the request from St Nicholas Church, Punchbowl and donate \$3000 sponsorship of their Grand Ball, which is raising funds for the refurbishment of the Church.
5. These funds are made available from Council's Community Grants and Events Sponsorship budget.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.6 LEBANESE NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM

(393) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council support the dinner being hosted by the Lebanese National Football Team at Bankstown City Paceway on 18 November 2018, and donate \$3000 towards the purchase of tickets to attend the event, which will be given to BDAFA and CDSFA to be distributed to worthy recipients (players).

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SECTION 5: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 5.1 PLANNING PROPOSAL: 83–99 NORTH TERRACE AND 62 THE MALL IN BANKSTOWN

(394) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the planning proposal as shown in Attachment A.
2. Council adopt the planning agreement as shown in Attachment B, and give delegation to the General Manager to meet all the legal obligations to enter into and make administrative changes to the planning agreement, if required, without changing the intent.
3. Council forward the planning proposal to the Greater Sydney Commission seeking the amendments to the LEP be finalised.
4. The height and density of this proposal is supported in the Bankstown CBD, which is a strategic centre, Health & Education Precinct and Collaboration area as defined in the District Plan and this height and density is not a precedent or guide for any of the other centres in the CB LGA as part of any proposal or the new LEP work that council has commenced.

- CARRIED

For:- Ctrs Asfour, El-Hayek, Huda, Ishac, Madirazza, Raffan, Saleh, Waud and Zaman

Against:- Ctrs Downey, Harika, Kuskoff and Tuntevski

ITEM 5.2 LEP REVIEW REPORT

(395) CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. MADIRAZZA

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the LEP Review Report shown in Attachments A and B.
2. Council submit the LEP Review Report to the Department of Planning & Environment as part of the assurance process.

- CARRIED

CLR KUSKOFF REQUESTED THAT HIS NAME BE RECORDED AS HAVING VOTED AGAINST THIS ITEM.

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PUBLIC ADDRESS

(396)

CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that permission be granted to Ms Gabi Openshaw and Mr Adam St James to address Council for five minutes each in respect of Item 6.1

- CARRIED

SECTION 6:

POLICY MATTERS

ITEM 6.1

USE OF EXOTIC ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES POLICY

MS GABI OPENSAW (ANIMAL LIBERATION NSW) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

MR ADAM ST JAMES (STARDUST CIRCUS) ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

(397)

CLR. WAUD:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that an extension of two minutes be given to Mr Adam St James to address Council.

(398)

CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that Council adopt the Use of Exotic Animals in Circuses Policy.

- CARRIED

ITEM 6.2

LOCAL ORDERS POLICY

CLRS. ISHAC AND TUNTEVSKI TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.25 PM.

(399)

CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the proposed Local Orders Policy.
2. The proposed Local Orders Policy be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and that a further report be submitted to Council at the conclusion of that period, where submissions are received. In the event that no submissions are received, the policy be taken as being adopted by Council.

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ITEM 6.3 COUNCIL POLICIES

(400) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. HUDA

RESOLVED that Council rescind the former Council policies, subject to the proposed transitional provisions, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 7.1 UNAUDITED 2017/18 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

(401) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. MADIRAZZA

RESOLVED that

1. Council resolves that the attached 2017/18 Unaudited Annual Financial Reports, for the financial year ended 30 June 2018 have been prepared in accordance with the relevant sections and parts of the Local Government Act and Regulations, and are submitted to Council for its consideration.
2. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer duly sign the Statement of Council's Unaudited Annual Financial Reports on behalf of the Council.
3. Subject to Item 1 and 2, the Statement and the 2017/18 Unaudited Annual Financial Report be referred to Council's Auditor in finalising the year-end audit process.
4. The General Manager be authorised to set the date for the public meeting and give notice in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS 2017/18

(402) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. WAUD

RESOLVED that the tabling of the Disclosure of Interest Returns for 2017/18 be noted.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 7.3 **MEMBERSHIP - LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHIEF OFFICERS GROUP (LGCOG)**
(403) **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ZAMAN**
RESOLVED that Council support the ongoing membership and attendance of LGCOG meetings and/or programs, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.4 **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - 2019 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**
(404) **CLR. WAUD:/CLR. DOWNEY**
RESOLVED that the 2019 Schedule of Council Meetings be adopted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.5 **SMART CITY ROADMAP**
CLRS. ISHAC AND TUNTEVSKI RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.27 PM

(405) **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**
RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the Smart Cities Roadmap for public exhibition with an extended exhibition period to allow extensive engagement.
2. Council endorse participation in the Smart Cities Immersion Tour as outlined in the report.
3. Relevant/required funding be made available as part of the appropriate quarterly budget process.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.6 **PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR THE BANKSTOWN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB**

(406) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC**
RESOLVED that

1. In principle Council agrees to enter into a five year Licence agreement, with a five year option, with the Bankstown City Football Club subject to the outcome of the public exhibition process.

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2. If no submissions are received from the public exhibition process, that the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to sign all documents in accordance with the resolution above under the Common Seal of Council, as required.
3. A clause be included into the Licence agreement that the current annual rental fee of \$1200 P/A will be applied until the updated Community Facilities Policy is adopted. Any changes to the rental amount will be applied to the agreement as per the provisions of the updated Community Facilities Policy

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.7
(407)

LICENCE AGREEMENT WITH ACTIVE KIDS PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that in accordance with the resolution at the Ordinary Meeting on 27 March, 2018 to enter into a five year Licence agreement with Active Kids Pre-School Centre of Excellence, that the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to sign all documents in accordance with the resolution above under the Common Seal of Council, as required.

- CARRIED

ITEM 7.8
(408)

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2018
CLR. WAUD:/CLR. MADIRAZZA

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 30 September 2018 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

- CARRIED

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SECTION 8: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 ENCLOSED SWIMMING AREAS IN THE GEORGES RIVER

CLRS. WAUD AND RAFFAN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.29 PM

(409) CLR. KUSKOFF:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that Council approaches the Georges Riverkeeper Committee to take the lead in developing a river-wide strategy and campaign to achieve a swimmable Georges River.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.2 CHARGING AHEAD - ELECTRIC VEHICLES FOR COUNCIL'S POOL FLEET VEHICLES

(410) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the placement of community L2 Electric Vehicle chargers in Bankstown and Campsie, as outlined in the report.
2. Council support the community use of Council's electric vehicles pilot program for a period of up to twelve months, as outlined in this report.
3. A further report(s) be provided on the matter, as required.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.3 DRAFT BELMORE SPORTS AND RECREATION PRECINCT MASTERPLAN

(411) CLR. SALEH:/CLR. HUDA

RESOLVED that

1. Council exhibit the attached Draft Belmore Sports and Recreation Precinct Masterplan.
2. A further report to Council be made following public exhibition.

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ITEM 8.4 MOVING TO A NEW ENERGY FUTURE

(412) CLRS. WAUD AND RAFFAN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.30 PM
CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. DOWNEY
RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2018

(413) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC**
RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 9 October 2018, be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 10: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM 10.1 NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

(414) **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ZAMAN**
RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE POLICY

CLR. KUSKOFF TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.31 PM AND RETURNED AT 7.33 PM.
CLR. HARIKA TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.33 PM
(415) **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**
RESOLVED that Council:
1. Support the General Manager increasing the Domestic & Family Violence paid leave provision for Canterbury Bankstown Council employees to 10 days per year.

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2. Call on Local Government NSW to vary the Local Government (State) Award to include 10 days paid Domestic and Family Violence Leave per year for all employees working in the local government sector.
3. Call on businesses, community groups and not-for-profit organisations in the Canterbury Bankstown area to implement their own Domestic & Family Violence Policies and paid leave provisions for their employees.
4. Through our Business Advisory Service, provide support to local businesses, not-for-profit organisations and community groups who wish to implement appropriate policy, guidelines and leave provisions for employees.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.3 MOVEMBER

CLR. HARIKA RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.35 PM

(416) CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that Council supports Movember during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention, including a \$100 donation for each Councillor and \$50 for each staff member growing a 'mo' for Movember.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.4 COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF BREAST SCREENING

(417) CLR. SALEH:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that Council promotes the importance of breast screening in early detection of breast cancer through its library and knowledge centre network for four weeks in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.5 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LEBANESE INDEPENDENCE DAY**
(418) **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council acknowledge and celebrate Lebanese Independence Day by raising the Lebanese flag on 22 November 2018 and on that date each year thereafter, in a prominent and suitable location.
2. A small Ceremony be held on 22 November 2018 to acknowledge the Australian-Lebanese community.
3. Council investigate nation flag raising protocol.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.6 **BOARDING HOUSES**
(419) **CLR. SALEH:/CLR. ZAMAN**

RESOLVED that Council receive a briefing on boarding houses in the City of Canterbury Bankstown including the number of operating boarding houses and applications, relevant planning controls and the known impacts on the community.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.7 **DEFUNDING STREAMWATCH**
(420) **CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council writes to the NSW Minister for the Environment urging the NSW Government to re-establish a long term funding commitment and host organisation for the Streamwatch Program beyond June 2019 that includes schools as well as community groups.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 10.8 NATIONAL AND STATE DISABILITY SAFETY AND ACCESS STANDARDS FOR TOILET AND WASHROOM FACILITIES

(421) CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ISHAC

RESOLVED that Council investigate and evaluate if the current toilet and washroom facilities located at all council parks & reserves across the CB LGA meet both the current National & State disability safety and access standards for such facilities.

- CARRIED

SECTION 11: QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

REF: JENSEN OVAL, BIRRONG

Clr Kuskoff requested an update on the works being undertaken at Jensen Oval, Birrong and the expected completion date.

REF: TRAFFIC ISSUE - SPEED CAMERAS

Clr Kuskoff requested a report on the number of speed cameras per Local Government area.

REF: TRAFFIC ISSUE - HEAVY VEHICLES

Clr Downey requested that Council Rangers monitor heavy vehicles parking illegally in residential streets across the LGA.

REF: SMART CITIES LEGACY PROJECT (HACKATHON)

Clr Downey requested that Council invite Local schools to participate in the upcoming digital engagement strategy to be held at the Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre on 29 October 2018.

REF: LAND TITLES

Clr Downey requested advice if there has been any additional fees and charges imposed on Council regarding Land Titles matters as a result of the NSW State Governments sale and privatisation of the Land Titles Office.

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REF: TRAFFIC SIGNAGE – KOALA’S AND WILDLIFE CROSSING

Clr Tuntevski requested additional signage be installed along Henry Lawson Drive in the vicinity of Cattles Duffers Flat picnic area warning motorists of Koala’s crossing the roadway and also if overhead wildlife crossing could be investigated in the area.

REF: LIBRARY BOOKS

Clr Tuntevski requested Council consider donating disused Library Books to “Street Libraries” located in the LGA.

REF: FOX MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Clr Tuntevski requested Council investigate implementing a Fox Management Strategy.

REF: TRAFFIC ISSUE - PRINCE STREET, PICNIC POINT

Clr Waud requested that Council investigate improved traffic safety at the intersection of Prince Street and The River Road, Picnic Point.

REF: WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Clr Saleh requested Council contact the Western Sydney University and enquire if in future there will be any scholarships available to women who have been active in volunteering in local services provided in the LGA.

REF: TRAFFIC ISSUE - SIGNAGE

Clr Madirazza requested an update on parking signage proposed for Collins Street, Belmore.

SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55 P.M

Minutes confirmed 27 NOVEMBER 2018

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Mayor
