

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 27 OCTOBER 2020

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour
Councillors El-Hayek, Ishac, Zakhia, Waud, Downey, Eisler, Huda, Saleh,
Madirazza, Harika and Tuntevski

PRESENT BY AUDIO

VISUAL LINK: Councillors Kuskoff and Raffan

APOLOGIES Nil

COUNCILLOR TUNTEVSKI WAS NOT PRESENT IN THE MEETING AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.03 PM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

THE MAYOR, ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) AND THE EORA PEOPLES, AND PAID RESPECT TO THEIR ANCIENT CULTURE AND THEIR ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT.

REF: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(1099) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2020 be adopted

- CARRIED

(1100) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. DOWNEY

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 28 September 2020 be adopted

- CARRIED

SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

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

In respect of Item 4.8 – Local Community Based Donations, Councillor El-Hayek declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to his working association with the Lebanese Muslim Association and advised that he will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

In respect of Item 6.1 – Community Gardens Policy and Nature Strip Gardens Policy, Councillor Saleh declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to her working association with Riverwood Community Centre who operate a community garden and advised that she will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 WOMENS REFUGE
(1101) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. Council opens discussions with the Revesby Workers Club and explore opportunities with the club to seek State and Federal Government grants.
2. Donations from the next Mayoral Ball go towards the costs of running the shelter.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS
(1102) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council seek nominations for the following Australia Day Honours categories.

- Citizen of the Year;
- Young Citizen of the Year;
- Volunteer of the Year; and
- Community Organisation of the Year
- Jack Munday Environment and Heritage Award.

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COUNCILLOR TUNTEVSKI ARRIVED AT 6.17 PM.

ITEM 4.3 PARKING PASSES

(1103) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. Council extend the period of the current parking passes for healthcare workers to park in time zones around Canterbury and Bankstown-Lidcombe hospitals by six months until 31 March 2021.
2. Council to write to the General Managers of both hospitals, to inform them of our decision and thank them and their staff for their service to the community.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.4 BOOMTOWN SUMMIT

(1104) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council get behind this summit and join others to sponsor this initiative which will undoubtedly and deservedly, elevate our City, create exposure, create opportunities and give us a loud voice at the table.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.5 OZ HARVEST

(1105) CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that Council waives the hire cost of the Lakemba Senior Citizens Centre of \$2,929.50 for the 31 weeks.

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ITEM 4.6 **HOUSING NUMBERS**
(1106) **CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council continues its campaign to inform residents about our housing strategy and tackles any misinformation or mistruths about planning that are being spread throughout the community.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.7 **STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND**
(1107) **CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that

1. Council write to aggrieved councils, those who missed out on vital funding, and LGNSW, with the intention of gaining their support and financial assistance to pursue the matter, collectively, so we can fight for all our communities.
2. The General Manager report back to Council on the legal advice when received, and on the likely financial commitment to pursue legal action and the willingness of other councils and the wider industry to support us.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.8 **LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**

In respect of Item 4.8 – Local Community Based Donations, Councillor El-Hayek declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to his working association with the Lebanese Muslim Association and vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

CLR EL HAYEK TEMPORARILY LEFT THE MEETING AT 6.32 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.33 PM.

(1108) **CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the request from Zia Forum Australia to support the Bangladesh community through a \$1,000 donation, to run their Women

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Mindful and Relaxation Program which will be held at Parry Park Hall on 14 November 2020, and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.

2. Council support the request from Mirath in Mind through a \$1,000 donation, who will be staging a mini concert event entitled "Beirut mon Amour" which translates to "Beirut my beloved" and will officially mark their 10th Anniversary, and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.
3. Council support the request from Lebanese Muslim Association (LMA) through waiving the fees for the use of Parry Park associated with overflow carparking of \$310, and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.
4. Council support the request from Padstow Community Care through a \$500 donation to assist the community through their annual Spring Fundraiser.
5. These funds to be made available from Council's Community Grants and Events Sponsorship budget.

- CARRIED

SECTION 5: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 5.1 BELFIELD SMALL VILLAGE MASTER PLAN - PILOT PROJECT
(1109) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. MADIRAZZA

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorses the undertaking of the Belfield Small Village Centre Master Plan as a Pilot Project as outlined in this report.
2. Council note that as part of the master planning process for Belfield, targeted engagement with the local residents and businesses in the form of community voice panels (or similar) will be undertaken to inform the master plan.
3. Council support the allocation of resources to deliver the pilot masterplan for Belfield as outlined in this report which will also be reported through the budget quarterly review process.

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4. Council considers the implementation of a small centres master planning program and resourcing implications upon completion of the pilot project.

- CARRIED

For:- Crs Asfour, Downey, Eisler, El-Hayek, Harika, Huda, Ishac, Kuskoff, Madirazza, Raffan, Saleh, Tuntevski, Waud and Zakhia

Against:- Nil

SECTION 6: POLICY MATTERS

ITEM 6.1 COMMUNITY GARDENS POLICY AND NATURE STRIP GARDENS POLICY

In respect of Item 6.1 – Community Gardens Policy and Nature Strip Gardens Policy, Councillor Saleh declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to her working association with Riverwood Community Centre who operate a community garden and vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

CLR SALEH TEMPORARILY LEFT THE MEETING AT 6.35 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.37 PM.

(1110) CLR. EISLER:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that Council adopt the Nature Strip Gardens Policy and Community Gardens Policy and their associated guidelines.

- CARRIED

SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 7.1 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS 2019/20

(1111) CLR. WAUD:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that the tabling of the Disclosure of interest Returns for 2019/20 be noted.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 7.2 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**
(1112) **CLR. WAUD:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 30 September 2020 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

- CARRIED

SECTION 8: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 **JACK MUNDEY/GREEN BANS PARK**
(1113) **CLR. EISLER:/CLR. MADIRAZZA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council undertake community consultation on the proposal to name the future Park at 15 Close Street the 'Jack Munday Park'.
2. Council undertake community consultation to seek input into the future design for the community space at 15 Close Street.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.2 **REVIEW OF STREET TREE REMOVAL - 172 NORTHAM AVENUE, BANKSTOWN**
(1114) **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that

1. Notes the report on the street tree at 172 Northam Avenue, Bankstown including the measures implemented to address the fruit and nut fall from the street tree and the arborist's advice.
2. Retains the healthy *Lophostemon conertus* (Brush Box) outside 172 Northam Avenue Bankstown.
3. MoW volunteers continue to monitor path conditions, brush if safe to do so and advise Council staff of any concerns.

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ITEM 8.3 **T42-20 CARES FACILITY IN BASS HILL**
(1115) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes that no tenders were received to operate the CARES Facility in Bass Hill.
2. Council endorse a trial for this outdoor space to be promoted as a hireable facility for the public for a 12-month period.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.4 **SUMMER SERIES OF MAJOR EVENTS AMID COVID**
(1116) **CLR. SALEH:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1. Council supports the proposed changes to the Summer Series of Events as outlined in this report
2. A further report be prepared for the Council meeting on 24 November 2020 to investigate the Christmas activities in order to ensure that the spirit of Christmas continues to be celebrated across our City.

- CARRIED

SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1 **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2020**
(1117) **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 13 October 2020, be adopted.

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SECTION 10: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

(1118) CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. HUDA

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of the Notice of Motions and Questions with Notice with the exception of Items 10.3 and 10.4.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.1 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

(1119) CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. HUDA

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 MOVEMBER

(1120) CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. HUDA

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 10.3 POPULATION PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES

(1121) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. HARIKA

RESOLVED that

1. Council write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Minister Rob Stokes MP seeking an urgent review of population projections to 2040 and that these revised projections be used to trigger a review of the District Plans across metropolitan Sydney.

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2. Council investigate the possible impact of COVID on the future of jobs and the need for commercial space in our centres to inform the future review of our Employment Lands Strategy.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.4 **SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS**
(1122) **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council investigates incorporating school-based apprenticeships and traineeships into its annual trainee, apprenticeship and graduate program.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.5 **HIGHLAND AVENUE, BANKSTOWN**
(1123) **CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. HUDA**

RESOLVED that Council reports to the Local Traffic Committee possible options to address resident concerns about on-street parking in Highland Avenue, Bankstown.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.6 **SENIOR SAFETY**
(1124) **CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. HUDA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council writes to the Australian Governments, seeking greater promotion and awareness of the safety of seniors, including elder abuse and encourage community members to be aware of and report suspected cases of elder abuse to protect and improve the safety and well-being of our elders, and
2. Council promotes, through its own communication channels, awareness of Senior Safety.

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ITEM 10.7
(1125)

DAVIES ROAD, PADSTOW

CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. HUDA

RESOLVED that Council writes to Transport for NSW, requesting that Davies Road, Padstow, between Watson Road and the Alford's Point Bridge be widened.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.8
(1126)

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. HUDA

RESOLVED that Council promotes, in support of International Day Against Violence Against Women, the importance of preventing men's violence against women.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.9
(1127)

NEIGHBOUR DAY 2021

CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. HUDA

RESOLVED that Council, as part of the national Neighbour Day in March 2021, considers a media campaign, including social media, highlighting the year's theme of "Every day is Neighbour Day" and how this can support the creation of connections within our community.

- CARRIED

SECTION 11:

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

(1128)

CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. TUNTEVSKI

RESOLVED that

In accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Public and the Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine Items 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, and 11.4 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

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Item 11.1 Property Matter - 13 Carlingford Street, Regents Park

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

Item 11.2 Property Matter - 131 Biloela Street, Villawood

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

Item 11.3 T24-21 Request for Tender Lead Consultant (Design) Canterbury and Max Parker Leisure & Aquatic Centres

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Item 11.4 Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrade - The Appian Way, Bankstown

This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 6.57PM AND
REVERTED BACK INTO OPEN COUNCIL AT 7.19PM**

**ITEM 11.1
(1129)**

**PROPERTY MATTER - 13 CARLINGFORD STREET, REGENTS PARK
CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council agree to the proposed approach regarding the matter, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 11.2 **PROPERTY MATTER - 131 BILOELA STREET, VILLAWOOD**
(1130) **CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council agree to the proposed approach regarding this matter, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.3 **T24-21 REQUEST FOR TENDER LEAD CONSULTANT (DESIGN)**
(1131) **CANTERBURY AND MAX PARKER LEISURE & AQUATIC CENTRES**
CLR. TUNTEVSKI:/CLR. ZAKHIA

RESOLVED that

1. Council accepts the tender received from William Ross Architects Pty Ltd for an amount of \$2,433.390.00 (excluding GST) for the design development of Canterbury and Max Parker Leisure and Aquatic Centres.
2. The General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council's resolution, as required.
3. Council notifies the unsuccessful tenderers in writing and thank them for tendering.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4 **STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE - THE APPIAN WAY, BANKSTOWN**
(1132) **CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council agree to the proposed approach regarding the matter, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.20 PM

Minutes confirmed 24 NOVEMBER 2020

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Mayor