

**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 23 MARCH 2021**

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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Asfour  
Councillors Kuskoff, El-Hayek, Ishac, Waud, Downey, Eisler, Saleh, Madirazza,  
Harika

**PRESENT BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK:** Councillors Huda and Zakhia

**APOLOGIES** Councillors Raffan and Tuntevski

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**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.05 P.M.**

**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**

**(1230)**

**CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 February 2021 be adopted.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**(1231)**

**CLR. EISLER:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clr Raffan and Tuntevski due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

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

In respect of Item 4.7 – Local Community Based Donations, I Clr Saleh declare a significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given I participated as a judge at the International Women’s Day Fashion Event and advise that I will vacate the chamber and take no part in debate on the matter.

In respect of Item 4.7 – Local Community Based Donations, I Clr Harika declare a significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given I participated as a judge at the International Women’s Day Fashion Event and advise that I will vacate the chamber and take no part in debate on the matter.

In respect of Item 5.2 – Draft Bankstown City Centre Master Plan, I Clr El-Hayek declare a significant Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given a reportable donation was made to my election campaign and the donor as well as my employer have property which is the subject of this report and indicate I will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 5.2 – Draft Bankstown City Centre Master Plan, I Clr Asfour declare a significant Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given my role on the Board of Bankstown RSL and a reportable donation was made to my election campaign where both the Bankstown RSL and the donor have property which is the subject of this report and indicate I will vacate the Chamber taking no part in debate.

**SECTION 4:           MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM 4.1               RATES**  
**(1232)                 CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that

1. Council write to residents and produce fact-based materials, so our residents can make values-based judgements on truths, not half-truths about the proposed Rate Harmonisation.
2. Council again write to the NSW Premier calling on her Government to increase the \$250 pensioner rebate – a rebate that has not been changed since 1993.

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3. Council further write to the State Member for East Hills Wendy Lindsay and invite her to be briefed on the proposal before IPART.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.2**                      **HOSPITAL PASSES EXTENSION**  
**(1233)**                         **CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council write to the CEO's of Bankstown-Lidcombe and Canterbury hospitals advising them of our decision to extend the parking passes by a further six months until 31 August 2021 and thanking staff for their tireless work in the community.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.3**                      **RAMADAN**  
**(1234)**                         **CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support Recipes for Ramadan by becoming a bronze sponsor for the amount of \$1500 and that these funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.
2. Council continue to support the hosting of a Mayoral Iftar Dinner, to be held on Wednesday, 28 April 2021 at the Highline Venue, and that the required cost to fund the dinner be reflected in the next quarterly budget review process.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.4**                      **STOP RACISM**  
**(1235)**                         **CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council joins other Councils in supporting the #RACISMNOTWELCOME campaign by adopting the following proposals

- Fly Racism Not Welcome banners in key locations across our City.
- Promote and develop supporting messaging through our Social media channels.
- Instigate a Racism Not Welcome petition on our corporate website.

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- Continue working with the community and social networking groups and develop programs focussed on building harmony, awareness and understanding of cultural diversity.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.5**                      **GREEK INDEPENDENCE**  
**(1236)**                              **CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council acknowledge Greek Independence Day on 25 March and fly the Greek Flag in Homer Street, Earlwood.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.6**                      **JORDANIAN CENTENARY**  
**(1237)**                              **CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council acknowledge the 100 year anniversary of Jordan by raising the Jordanian flag in Paul Keating Park on 27 March to celebrate the centenary of the Hashemite Kingdom.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.7**                      **LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**

In respect of Item 4.7 – Local Community Based Donations, Clr Saleh declared a significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given she participated as a judge at the International Women’s Day Fashion Event and vacated the chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

In respect of Item 4.7 – Local Community Based Donations, Clr Harika declared a significant, Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given she participated as a judge at the International Women’s Day Fashion Event and vacated the chamber taking no part in debate on the matter.

CLR SALEH AND HARIKA TEMPORARILY RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 6.38 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.39 PM.

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**(1238)**

**CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the request from Sydney Community Connect by way of a \$1,000 donation and that any future requests for assistance be made through Council's Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program.
2. These funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 5:**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

**(1239)**

**CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that permission be granted to the person who has made the necessary application to address Council for five minutes.

- CARRIED

AT THIS STAGE, MR DENNIS MARKOU ADVISED HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR THAT IN RESPECT OF ITEM 5.1 HE WOULD DEFER HIS ADDRESS TO COUNCIL TO THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL.

**ITEM 5.1**

**DRAFT CAMPSIE TOWN CENTRE MASTER PLAN**

**(1240)**

**CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred until the next Council Meeting.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 5.2**

**DRAFT BANKSTOWN CITY CENTRE MASTER PLAN**

In respect of Item 5.2 – Draft Bankstown City Centre Master Plan, Clr El-Hayek declared a significant Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given a reportable donation was made to his election campaign and the donor as well as his employer have property which is the subject of this report and vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate.

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In respect of Item 5.2 – Draft Bankstown City Centre Master Plan, Clr Asfour declared a significant Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest given his role on the Board of Bankstown RSL and a reportable donation was made to his election campaign where both the Bankstown RSL and the donor have property which is the subject of this report and vacated the Chamber taking no part in debate.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR ASFOUR AND CLR EL-HAYEK TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.55 PM.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR CLR HARIKA ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

**(1241) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. EISLER**

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred until the next Council meeting

- CARRIED

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR ASFOUR AND CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.57 PM.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR ASFOUR ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

**ITEM 5.3 REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR, CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATIONS APPROVED FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR, PLANNING RELATED LEGAL APPEALS AND PLANNING PROPOSAL UPDATE**

**(1242) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 6: POLICY MATTERS**

Nil

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**SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**ITEM 7.1 2021 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE -  
CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS**

**(1243) CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that

1. Council endorse the draft motions as detailed in the report.
2. The Mayor or his delegate be Council's voting delegate at the conference.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 7.2 STRONGER COMMUNITY FUND - QUARTERLY REPORT**

**(1244) CLR. HUDA:/CLR. MADIRAZZA**

RESOLVED that Council note the progress of the implementation of projects funded through the Stronger Communities Fund.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 7.3 GENERIC PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY LAND AND CROWN LAND**

**(1245) CLR. KUSKOFF:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that Council adopt the amended Generic Plan of Management for Community Land and Crown Land.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 7.4 ROAD RENAMING - SECTION OF WARREN AVENUE, BANKSTOWN**

**(1246) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council not proceed with the proposed renaming of the eastern section of Warren Avenue, Bankstown extending from the Fairford Road overpass to the Canterbury Road intersection.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 7.5**                      **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021**  
**(1247)**                         **CLR. WAUD:/CLR. MADIRAZZA**

RESOLVED that

1.     The Cash and Investment Report as at 28 February 2021 be received and noted.
2.     The amended Investment Policy attached to this report be adopted.
3.     The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 8:                      SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

**ITEM 8.1**                      **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN 2036**  
**(1248)**                         **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. EISLER**

RESOLVED that Council endorse the draft Economic Development Strategic Plan 2036 for public exhibition, with a further report back to Council following exhibition.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 8.2**                      **NIGHT TIME ECONOMY ACTION PLAN 2021-2026**  
**(1249)**                         **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council endorse the draft Night Time Economy Action Plan 2021-26 for public exhibition, with a further report back to Council following exhibition.

- CARRIED



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**ITEM 8.3**                      **ADOPTION OF OFF-LEASH DOG PARK ACTION PLAN**  
**(1250)**                        **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. WAUD**

RESOLVED that Council adopt the Off-leash Dog Park Action Plan and begin implementing the priority actions.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 9:**                      **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM 9.1**                      **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2021**  
**(1251)**                        **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 9 March 2021, be adopted.

- CARRIED

CLR ZAKHIA RETIRED FROM THE MEETING AT 7.00PM

**SECTION 10:**                      **NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**(1252)**                        **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**

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.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.1**                      **NOTICE OF MOTIONS -**  
**(1253)**                        **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 10.2**                    **SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS**  
**(1254)**                        **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that Council:

1.     Writes to the NSW Premier urging her to support our community by considering relaxing Covid-19 restrictions which will allow more people to attend the upcoming Easter, Anzac Day and Ramadan celebrations.
  
2.     If relaxing Covid-19 restrictions is not possible, I call on her to set very clear guidelines which will provide both certainty and safety for the community and those policing these gatherings.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.3**                    **FUNDING FOR OUR TOWN CENTRES**  
**(1255)**                        **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that Council write to the NSW Government requesting they set up a long-term funding program allocated to Town Centre Regeneration.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.4**                    **MAHA ABDO**  
**(1256)**                        **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that Council;

1.     Acknowledge and thank Maha Abdo, the retiring Chief Executive of the Muslim Women's Association for her outstanding contribution and her life-time dedication to the advancement of not only Muslim women here in our city but all women across the Country.
  
2.     In appreciation for her contributions, Council arrange a small civic reception as a token of appreciation.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 10.5**                      **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY**  
**(1257)**                              **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that in acknowledgment of International Women’s Day, we pay tribute to the many women who live and work in our City, in particular special mention to the women who are employed here at Council, female Councillors and the many women leading our community organisations.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.6**                      **ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS**  
**(1258)**                              **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Council again write to the Premier of NSW and Minister for Planning & Public Places and Minister for Energy and Environment seeking:
  - a. A response to our letters previously sent to the Minister for Planning & Public Places and Minister for Energy and Environment dated 28 August 2019.
  - b. A Change to the Impounding Act, 1993 to place greater responsibility on commercial retailers in preventing the abandonment of shopping trolleys on public land.
  - c. Mandating trolley management systems (such as coin operated trolleys or wheel-lock mechanisms) to all retail operators that supply trolleys by 31 December 2022.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.7**                      **BANKSTOWN ARTS CENTRE**  
**(1259)**                              **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that Council commence the implementation of the action identified in the Creative City Strategic Plan (explore opportunities for future development of Bankstown Arts Centre including a gallery and café) by:

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1. Undertaking a more detailed assessment for a café and better utilisation of the two spaces directly adjacent to the main entrance foyer.
2. Preparing a concept design based on the above preferred option to inform future grant funding opportunities.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.8**  
**(1260)**

**COUNCIL CLEAN-UPS**

**CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that Council reintroduce a clean-up identification system to clearly identify booked clean ups which would both promote this free community service to residents and help Council clearly identify illegal dumpers.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.9**  
**(1261)**

**HEALTH CONCERNS ABOUT VAPING**

**CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Writes to the NSW Health Minister urging them to expedite the completion of Government campaigns against “vaping”;
2. That Government campaigns include education and awareness programs specifically targeting school-aged children, not only in our area, but part of a state-wide response to this growing health concern;
3. Once the campaigns have been completed, Council should utilise its social media platforms to promote this material to our community.

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**SECTION 11: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**(1262) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ISHAC**

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 , and 11.2 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 11.1 T54-20- Provision of Electrical Services

*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 11.2 T31-21 Online Bulky Waste Clean Up Tender

*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.*

- CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 7.03 PM AND REVERTED BACK INTO OPEN COUNCIL AT 7.11 PM.**

**ITEM 11.1 T54-20- PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES**

**(1263) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that

1. Council accepts the tender received from following contractors for each separable work portion for an initial term of three years, with the option to extend for two, one year periods subject to satisfactory performance of the contractors and approval under the delegation of the General Manager.
  - *Separable Portion 1* - Inspection, Testing and Tagging, Reporting of Items of Various Plug in Type Electrical Equipment:

Preferred: ESS Holdings Pty Ltd T/as ATTS Facilities Maintenance

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- *Separable Portion 2* - Inspection, Testing, Fault Finding, Repairing and Reporting on Residual Current Devices (RCDs)

Preferred: The Sydney Electricals Pty Ltd

- *Separable Portion 3* - Inspection and Testing, Repairing and Reporting for Exit and Emergency Lighting:

Preferred: The Sydney Electricals Pty Ltd

- *Separable Portion 4* - Thermal Imaging and Telecommunication Cabling:

Preferred: ESS Holdings Pty Ltd T/as ATTS Facilities Maintenance

2. Council accepts the tender received from the following three companies to make up the Panel of Contractors for General Electrical Services -Repairs and Maintenance for an initial term of three years, with the option to extend for two, one year periods subject to satisfactory performance of the contractors:
  - ESS Holdings Pty Ltd T/as ATTS Facilities Maintenance;
  - The Sydney Electricals Pty Ltd; and
  - Ron Bateman Pty Ltd. T/as RB Electrical & Communications.
3. The General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council's resolution, as required.
4. Council notifies the unsuccessful tenderers in writing and thank them for tendering.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.2**  
**(1264)**

**T31-21 ONLINE BULKY WASTE CLEAN UP TENDER**  
**CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Clause 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council declines to accept any of the tenders received to build a Household Clean Up service website.
2. In accordance with Clause 178(3)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council postpones the proposal for the contract, given the reasons as outlined in the report.

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3. Council adopt the proposed approach regarding the service, as outlined in the report.
4. Council notifies all tenders of its decision and thank them for tendering.  
- CARRIED

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.12 P.M**

Minutes confirmed 27 APRIL 2021

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Mayor