

MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

27 May 2014

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 27 May 2014, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

COMMENCING: 6.31pm

PRESENT: Mayor Councillor D Bott (Chairman)
Councillor R Datta
Councillor S Kokkolis
Councillor H McLucas
Councillor S Ok
Councillor A Soulos
Councillor G Vaccari

STAFF: General Manager
Acting Director Corporate Services (Manager Community Services)
Director Operations
Director Technical Services
Communications and Cultural Services Coordinator
Governance Coordinator

- 1. OPENING:** The prayer was read.
- 2. RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS:** The Recognition was read.
- 3. PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Vaccari declared a non significant non pecuniary interest in Item 7 – Draft Delivery Program 2014-18 and Operational Plan 2014-15 in relation to the Australian Catholic University (ACU) line item in the report as he lives in the vicinity of the ACU and advised that he will remain in the meeting room and take part in discussion on this matter.

Councillor Vaccari also declared a significant non pecuniary interest in the late report item concerning the Australian Catholic University Precinct Resident Parking Scheme as he lives in the vicinity of the University and advised that he will vacate the meeting room and not take part in discussion on this matter.

Councillor McLucas declared a significant pecuniary interest in Item 7 – Draft Delivery Program 2014-18 and Operational Plan 2014-15 in relation to the Australian Catholic University (ACU) line item as she is employed by University and advised that she will vacate the meeting room and not take part in discussion on this matter in relation to the ACU line item.

Councillor McLucas also declared a significant pecuniary interest in the late report item concerning the Australian Catholic University Precinct Resident Parking Scheme as she is employed by the University and advised that she will vacate the meeting room and not take part in discussion on this matter.

Councillor Soulos declared a non significant non pecuniary interest in Item 7 – Draft Delivery Program 2014-18 and Operational Plan 2014-15 as his family owns property in the Strathfield Town Centre and advised that he will remain in the meeting room and take part in discussion on this matter.

4. APOLOGIES

Nil.

5. GAPYEONG COUNTY COUNCIL SISTER CITY DELEGATION VISIT

108/14

RESOLVED: (Ok/Datta)

1. That Council approve the proposed Sister City Delegation visit from Gapyeong County Council, Republic of Korea.
2. That Council approve the recommended proposed costs of the delegation visit.
3. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager be delegated to investigate a suitable venue in the local area to host the delegation dinner.

For the Motion: Councillors Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, McLucas, Ok, Soulos and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil.

6. REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS OF COUNCIL

109/14

RESOLVED: (McLucas/Kokkolis)

1. That the information concerning the Regional Organisation of Councils (ROCS) be noted.
2. That Council defer its decision whether to become a member of a Regional Organisation of Councils pending the response by the NSW Government to the Local Government Review Panel's Final Report.

For the Motion: Councillors Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, McLucas, Ok, Soulos and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil.

7. DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2014-18 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2014-15

110/14

RESOLVED: (Bott/Datta)

That the draft Delivery Program 2014-2018, incorporating the 2014-2015 Operational Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days excluding the Australian Catholic University Line Item.

For the Motion: Councillors Bott, Kokkolis, McLucas, Ok, Soulos and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Councillor Datta

Councillor McLucas having previously declared a conflict of interest in this matter vacated the meeting room.

111/14

RESOLVED: (Bott/Kokkolis)

That the Australian Catholic University Line Item of the draft Delivery Program 2014-2018, incorporating the 2014-2015 Operational Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days

For the Motion: Councillors Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok, Soulos and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil.

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

112/14

RESOLVED: (Bott/Kokkolis)

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.

Australian Catholic University Residents Parking Scheme

The Chairman ruled that the matter was of great urgency.

For the Motion: Councillors Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok, Soulos and Vaccari

Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Vaccari having previously declared a conflict of interest in the following matter vacated the meeting room.

Councillor McLucas declared a conflict of interest in the following matter and had previously vacated the meeting room.

113/14

RESOLVED: (Bott/Kokkolis)

That the matter be considered in Closed Session as it relates to advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege and on balance, the public interest in preserving confidentiality of legal information provided outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting.

For the Motion: Councillors Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil.

The meeting proceeded into Closed Session with the press and public excluded.

Urgent Business – Australian Catholic University Residents Parking Scheme

114/14

RESOLVED: (Datta/Kokkolis)

That Council not support the introduction of a resident parking scheme in the residential area surrounding the Australian Catholic University.

For the Motion: Councillors Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil.

Open Council resumed and the Chairperson advised details of the resolution made in Closed Session.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.18PM.

The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield held on 3 June 2014.

Chairman_____

General Manager_____