

**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 3 DECEMBER 2024**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor, Councillor El-Hayek  
Councillors Abu-Samen, Akther, Asfour, Blood, Cahill, Coorey, Harika, Lindsay,  
Raffan, Saleh OAM, Stavrinis, Walsh, Walther, Zakhia

**APOLOGIES** Nil

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**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.11PM.**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

THE MAYOR ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND, WATER AND SKIES OF WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) PEOPLE AND PAID RESPECT TO DARUG CULTURAL HERITAGE, BELIEFS AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND. THE MAYOR ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED FIRST PEOPLES' CONTINUING IMPORTANCE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

**SECTION 1: LEAVE OF ABSENCE**  
Nil

**SECTION 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
**(60) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 November 2024 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 10.1 – Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2024, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his affiliation and close working relationship with an applicant who is affected by the matter and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 10.1 – Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2024, Clr Asfour declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his close working relationship with an applicant with regards to the matter and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

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In respect to Item 12.2 – Property Matter – 571-577 Punchbowl Road, Lakemba, Mayor El-Hayek declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given his previous and ongoing working relationship with the Australian National Sports Club and as such he will vacate the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

**SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM 4.1 RCC 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**(61) CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that Council congratulate and thank the Riverwood Community Centre on their 50-year milestone, and present the Chairperson of the Board, Ms Pauline Gallagher OAM, with this Mayoral Minute on behalf of our City.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.2 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2024**

**(62) CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that a safe and Merry Christmas is wished to our residents, our businesses, all Councillors, their families and to the Executive and staff at Council.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.3 LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**

**(63) CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support a donation of \$1,000 towards Fitness for Purpose towards the cost of venue hire for the Documentary Launch and associated activities.
2. These funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

- CARRIED

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**SECTION 5: ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**

Nil

**SECTION 6: PLANNING MATTERS**

Nil

**SECTION 7: POLICY MATTERS**

**ITEM 7.1 DRAFT FOOTPATH BARBECUE POLICY**

**(64)**

**CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. WALSH**

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the Footpath Barbecue Policy and fees and charges, as provided in Attachment 1.
2. The Footpath Barbecue Policy be supported for a 12-month trial.
3. A further report be provided at the end of the trial.

- CARRIED

CLR SALEH OAM ARRIVED AT THE MEETING AT 6.26PM.

**ITEM 7.2 CAR SHARE POLICY AND ASSOCIATED FEES AND CHARGES**

**(65)**

**CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council adopt the draft Car Share Policy (Attachment 1) and associated fees and charges.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 7.3**                      **COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY**  
**(66)**                              **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that Council adopts the Councillor Expenses and Facilities policy.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 8:**                      **GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**ITEM 8.1**                      **PROPERTY MATTER - ICE SKATING CLUB LICENCE FOR PART OF 17 PHILLIPS**  
**(67)**                              **AVENUE, CANTERBURY**  
**CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. BLOOD**

RESOLVED that

1. Council agree in-principle to grant a three-year licence to the Ice Skating Club of NSW Co-operative Limited (ISC) for part of 17 Phillips Avenue, Canterbury.
2. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with the ISC and determine the terms of the licence of Council's land located at 17 Phillips Avenue Canterbury – as outlined in the report.
3. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the proposed licence be publicly exhibited.
4. Following the exhibition process, a further report be provided to Council for its consideration and decision.

- CARRIED

CLR COOREY REQUESTED THAT HER NAME BE RECORDED AS HAVING VOTED AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION.

**ITEM 8.2**                      **COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES**  
**(68)**                              **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that

1. Council approve the Advisory Committee structure as detailed in the report.

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2. Council adopt the draft Community Advisory Committee and Working Group Guidelines and Charters, as attached; and
3. Expressions of Interest be sought from community representatives for membership of Advisory Committees, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 8.3                      ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT URBAN BUSHLAND AND BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

**(69)                              CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that Council adopt the draft Urban Bushland and Biodiversity Strategic Plan (Attachment 1).

- CARRIED

**SECTION 9:                      SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

Nil

**SECTION 10:                    COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM 10.1                      MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2024**

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In respect to Item 10.1 – Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2024, Clr Saleh OAM declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of

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interest given his affiliation and close working relationship with an applicant who is affected by the matter and as such he vacated the chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK AND CLRS ASFOUR AND SALEH OAM TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.45PM.

The Chief Executive Officer conducted an election for Chairperson in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice.

COUNCILLOR COOREY WAS ELECTED CHAIRPERSON.

COUNCILLOR COOREY ASSUMED THE CHAIR AT 6.46PM.

**(70)**

**CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. HARIKA**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 26 November 2024, be adopted.

- CARRIED

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.47PM AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

CLRS ASFOUR AND SALEH OAM RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.47PM.

**SECTION 11:**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - DECEMBER 2024**

**ITEM 11.1**

**(71)**

**CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 11.2**

**SUPPORTING DV SAFE PHONE**

**(72)**

**CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that Council investigate;

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1. The feasibility of partnering with DV Safe Phone, a charity that repurposes de-commissioned mobile phones for those escaping domestic violence.
2. Identifying and assessing opportunities for Council to donate its de-commissioned mobile phones to DV Safe Phone for repurposing and distribution through frontline domestic violence services and shelters.
3. Ways to raise community awareness about DV Safe Phone, encouraging local residents and businesses to contribute to the initiative by donating their unused or old mobile phones.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 12: CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**(73) CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. CAHILL**

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 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 12.1 Property Matter - Acquisition of Bike Path Adjacent to Belfield Bowling Club

*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.*

Item 12.2 Property Matter - 571-577 Punchbowl Road, Lakemba

*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.*

Item 12.3 Grant Opportunity - Public Domain Improvements

*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*

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*would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.*

- CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 6.56PM AND REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 7.27PM.**

**ITEM 12.1**                    **PROPERTY MATTER - ACQUISITION OF BIKE PATH ADJACENT TO BELFIELD BOWLING CLUB**

**(74)**                         **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. STAVRINOS**

RESOLVED that the recommended approach regarding the matter, as outlined in the report, be approved.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 12.2**                    **PROPERTY MATTER - 571-577 PUNCHBOWL ROAD, LAKEMBA**

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HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 7.01PM.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR CLR SALEH OAM ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

**(75)**                         **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that

1. Council conduct an Expression of Interest /Selective Tender Process seeking submissions from suitable entities to operate the clubhouse/facility located at 571-577 Punchbowl Road Lakemba, as outlined in the report.
2. A further report be provided to Council following the Expression of Interest process.

- CARRIED

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.26PM AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.



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**ITEM 12.3**  
**(76)**

**GRANT OPPORTUNITY - PUBLIC DOMAIN IMPROVEMENTS**

**CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. WALSH**

RESOLVED that Council endorse the recommended approach, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.27PM.**

Minutes confirmed 25 FEBRUARY 2025

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Mayor