

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 22 JULY 2025

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

APOLOGIES Councillors Coorey and Zakhia

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.14 PM.

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

(249) CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. STAVRINOS

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Councillors Coorey and Zakhia due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting the Mayor advised Council of the passing of Clr Coorey's mother Mrs Tammam Coorey.

Council observed a minutes silence in memory of Mrs Tammam Coorey.

SECTION 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(250) CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. WALSH

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 June 2025 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 4.2 – Local Community Based Donations, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given that a close family member is part of the East Hills Charity Car Show organising Committee and as such she will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

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In respect to Item 4.2 – Local Community Based Donations, Councillor Lindsay declared a non-pecuniary non-significant conflict of interest given she is a volunteer at the East Hills Charity Car Show. Councillor Lindsay advised that it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she will remain in the Chamber.

In respect to Item 6.4 – Draft Canterbury Local Centre Development Control Plan Post Exhibition Report, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her working relationship with persons who are affected by the matter and as such she will vacate the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.4 – Draft Canterbury Local Centre Development Control Plan Post Exhibition Report, Councillor Stavrinou declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he has an acquaintance who is directly affected by the matter. Councillor Stavrinou advised the acquaintance is not a close relationship and as such it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he will remain in the Chamber.

SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS FC 50TH
(251) CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS

In respect to Item 4.2 – Local Community Based Donations, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given that a close family member is part of the East Hills Charity Car Show organising Committee and as such she vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 4.2 – Local Community Based Donations, Councillor Lindsay declared a non-pecuniary non-significant conflict of interest given she is a volunteer at the East Hills Charity Car Show. Councillor Lindsay advised that it will not affect her consideration of the matter and she remained in the Chamber.

CLR WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.22 PM.

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(252)

CLR. EL-HAYEK

RESOLVED that

1. Council supports a fee waiver of \$313.00 to Metro Assist towards their Football Family Fun Day.
2. Council support a fee waiver of \$661.00 and \$400 Works in Kind donation to The East Hills Charity Car Show.
3. These funds be made available from the Local Community Based Donations Budget.

- CARRIED

CLR WALTHER RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.23 PM.

SECTION 5:

ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

(253)

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY

1. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of Items 6.2, 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 11.1, 11.4 and 11.5.
2. Standing Orders be suspended and the above items be dealt with now.
3. Standing Orders then be resumed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 6.2

REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR, CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATIONS APPROVED FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR, PLANNING RELATED LEGAL APPEALS, AND THE STATUS OF CURRENT PLANNING PROPOSALS

(254)

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 8.1
(255) **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**
CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that

1. In accordance with Section 333 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council notes the adopted resources, consultation undertaken and redetermination of Council's Organisational Structure, as outlined in the report.
2. Council notes the amendment to the *Local Government Act 1993* on 31 May 2024, in relation to the determination of "senior staff positions".

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.2
(256) **CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - AMENDMENT TO 2025 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**
CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that

1. The 2025 Schedule of Council Meetings be amended – whereby the September 2025 Ordinary Meeting of the Council be rescheduled from Tuesday 23 September 2025 to Tuesday 16 September 2025.
2. Council agree to the temporary administrative changes, as outlined in the report.

- CARRIED

ITEM 8.4
(257) **NAMING OF A NEW PUBLIC ROAD AT RIVERLANDS GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT**
(56 PRESCOT PARADE, MILPERRA)
CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that

1. Council approves the name Crispin Crescent for the remaining new road within the Riverlands Golf Course development and;
2. An application be made to the Geographic Names Board for the naming of the road in accordance with the *Geographical Names Act 1996*.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 8.5 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**
(258) **CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 30 June 2025 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.1 **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18**
(259) **JUNE 2025**
CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 18 June 2025 be endorsed.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**
(260) **25 JUNE 2025**
CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that

1. The recommendations contained in the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 25 June 2025, be adopted.
2. Council notes the membership of council's new four-year term of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.
3. Having regard to the Committee's recommendation, Ms Ferguson be appointed as chairperson of the ARIC for the new four-year term.
4. The CEO finalises the appointment of the Chairperson of the ARIC as outlined in the report.

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5. Council adopts the revised Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Charter.
6. Council adopts the four-year strategic internal audit and fraud and corruption plans.

- CARRIED

ITEM 10.3
(261)

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2025

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 8 July 2025, be adopted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.1
(262)

STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - JULY 2025

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4
(263)

LAMBETH STREET AND DORIS STREET, PICNIC POINT

CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY

RESOLVED that the traffic team consider safety options for the intersection of Lambeth Street and Doris Street, Picnic Point.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 11.5 **RETURN & EARN - PUBLIC ACCESS TO YELLOW BIN IN THE ROAD RESERVE**
(264) **CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. LINDSAY**

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Acknowledges the importance of the return and earn scheme as a way to recycle plastic, and reduce pollution and plastic waste into landfill.
2. Acknowledges the right to privacy within the boundaries of one's home.
3. Recognises there is an existing legal grey area as to whether councils own the contents of a bin once it is placed on the street for collection.
4. Assesses the feasibility of creating a policy framework regarding access to bins, with a goal to permit individuals to take return and earn eligible items out of bins once they are placed on public property for collection.

- CARRIED

SECTION 6: PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 6.1 **ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN LOCAL**
(265) **ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN - PLANNING PROPOSAL POST EXHIBITION (PP-2024-847)**
CLR. WALSH:/CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that

1. Council submits the planning proposal PP-2024-847 to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation as set out in this report.
2. Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make administrative and minor changes during the finalisation process with the Department.
3. Council continues to work with DCCEEW, SES, and the proponent for 30 and 31 Webster Street, Milperra to resolve outstanding flooding issues, and submit a separate planning proposal to the Department at a later date.

- CARRIED

For:- Clrs Asfour, Cahill, El-Hayek, Harika, Saleh OAM, Raffan, Blood, Stavrinou, Akther, Walther, Lindsay, Abu-Samen and Walsh

Against:- Nil

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ITEM 6.2 **REPORT ON COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR, CLAUSE 4.6 VARIATIONS APPROVED FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR, PLANNING RELATED LEGAL APPEALS, AND THE STATUS OF CURRENT PLANNING PROPOSALS**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 254 ON PAGE THREE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 6.3 **EXHIBITION OF DRAFT HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS TO THE CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN DCP 2023, COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN AND CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN**

(266) **CLR. ABU-SAMEN:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that Council

1. Adopt the amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023, as outlined in Attachment 1.
2. Adopt the amendments to the Community Participation Plan, as outlined in Attachment 2.
3. Adopt the amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2022, as outlined in Attachment 3.
4. Apply the amendments to the CB DCP 2023 to applications lodged on or after the date the amendments come into effect.

- CARRIED

For:- Clrs Asfour, Cahill, El-Hayek, Harika, Saleh OAM, Raffan, Blood, Stavrinis, Akther, Walther, Lindsay, Abu-Samen and Walsh

Against:- Nil

ITEM 6.4 **DRAFT CANTERBURY LOCAL CENTRE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN POST EXHIBITION REPORT**

In respect to Item 6.4 – Draft Canterbury Local Centre Development Control Plan Post Exhibition Report, Councillor Walther declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given her working relationship with persons who are affected by

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the matter and as such she vacated the Chamber, taking no part in debate or the decision on the matter.

In respect to Item 6.4 – Draft Canterbury Local Centre Development Control Plan Post Exhibition Report, Councillor Stavrinou declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he has an acquaintance who is affected by the matter. Cllr Stavrinou advised the acquaintance is not a close relationship and as such it will not affect his consideration of the matter and he remained in the Chamber.

CLR WALTHER TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.26 PM.

(267)

CLR. WALSH:/CLR. CAHILL

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023, as provided in Attachment 1.
2. The draft amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023 will apply to development applications lodged on or after the date that the DCP amendments are adopted.

- CARRIED

For:-

Clrs Asfour, Cahill, El-Hayek, Harika, Saleh OAM, Raffan, Blood, Stavrinou, Akther, Abu-Samen and Walsh

Against:-

Cllr Lindsay

CLR WALTHER RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.34 PM.

ITEM 6.5

HOUSING DELIVERY AUTHORITY AND STATE LED DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

(268)

CLR. BLOOD:/CLR. RAFFAN

RESOLVED that

1. Council notes the current list of 'declared' projects by the Housing Delivery Authority.
2. Council writes to the NSW Minister for Planning requesting more genuine engagement with Councils and communities, and ensuring that strategic planning frameworks—established by Councils and supported by the NSW Government—provide the basis for decision making in the HDA process, while recognising the need to maintain community trust and a social licence for growth.

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3. In the correspondence to the Minister, Council also notes its objection to the proposed reduction in public exhibition time for State significant developments from 28 to 14 days as it limits community participation and conflicts with section 2.23(2) of the Act .
4. Council report quarterly on HDA declared projects and associated State Significant Development Applications.

- CARRIED

SECTION 7: POLICY MATTERS

Nil

SECTION 8: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 255 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.2 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - AMENDMENT TO 2025 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 256 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.3 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT GUIDELINE - FREE SPEECH IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(269) CLR. WALSH:/CLR. ASFOUR

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred for a Councillor Briefing.

- CARRIED

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ITEM 8.4 **NAMING OF A NEW PUBLIC ROAD AT RIVERLANDS GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT (56 PRESCOT PARADE, MILPERRA)**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 257 ON PAGE FOUR OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.5 **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 258 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 8.6 **TRANSITIONAL FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2025 LEBANESE FILM FESTIVAL AND PADSTOW CAROLS IN THE PARK**

(270) **CLR. ASFOUR:/CLR. SALEH OAM**

RESOLVED that

1. Council approves cash support from the City of Canterbury Bankstown's Community Grants allocation for \$20,000 for the 2025 Lebanese Film Festival (LFF), and \$17,000 for Padstow Carols by Candlelight (PCC).
2. The funding be allocated from Council's Community Grants Allocation.

- CARRIED

SECTION 9: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Nil

SECTION 10: COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 10.1 **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 259 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

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ITEM 10.2 **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 25 JUNE 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 260 ON PAGE FIVE OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 10.3 **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 261 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 11: **NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

ITEM 11.1 **STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - JULY 2025**

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 262 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

ITEM 11.2 **REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL AND GRANT ASSISTANCE TO INCREASE PARKING AVAILABILITY ALONG THE NEW METRO TRAIN LINE**

(271) **CLR. STAVRINOS:/CLR. AKTHER**

RESOLVED that Council writes to the NSW Minister for Transport Honourable John Graham MLC requesting greater investment and grants to increase and improve public and active transport connection to metro stations and if necessary increasing parking availability along the metro line.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.3 **TRUCK PARKING ON HENRY LAWSON DRIVE**

(272) **CLR. WALTHER:/CLR. LINDSAY**

RESOLVED that Council:

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1. Notes the ongoing and increasing issue of heavy vehicles parking along Henry Lawson Drive at Little Salt Pan Creek (between The River Road and the Alford's Point Bridge underpass), where trucks are frequently parked bumper to bumper and at times side by side - turning the roadside into a de facto depot;
2. Notes that this activity presents significant safety risks for motorists and pedestrians, contributes to environmental degradation, and has created a site vulnerable to illegal dumping, with rubbish regularly accumulating behind and around the trucks;
3. Acknowledges that while the NSW Government's Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy committed \$356 million over five years to prevent illegal dumping, Councils continue to collectively contribute over \$500 million each year to the NSW Waste Levy - with minimal reinvestment to address local-level impacts;
4. Calls on the Mayor to write to the NSW Minister for Roads, the NSW Minister for the Environment and the NSW Minister for Local Government requesting that:
 - a) A greater share of revenue collected from the Waste Levy be returned to Councils for the direct prevention and clean-up of illegal dumping, particularly in known hot spots along Henry Lawson Drive;
 - b) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) conduct proactive surveillance and enforcement in the area;
 - c) Transport for NSW review the current permissibility and safety of truck parking along Henry Lawson Drive at this location, and consider appropriate signage, barriers, or alternate solutions to prevent misuse of the site.

- CARRIED

ITEM 11.4

LAMBETH STREET AND DORIS STREET, PICNIC POINT

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 263 ON PAGE SIX OF THESE MINUTES.

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ITEM 11.5

RETURN & EARN - PUBLIC ACCESS TO YELLOW BIN IN THE ROAD RESERVE

THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH PREVIOUSLY. SEE RESOLUTION NO. 264 ON PAGE SEVEN OF THESE MINUTES.

SECTION 12:

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.43 PM.

Minutes confirmed 26 AUGUST 2025

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Mayor