

**Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 20 September 2022 at Ashfield Service Centre**

**Meeting commenced at 6.32PM**

**Present:**

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Philippa Scott	Deputy Mayor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Dylan Griffiths	Councillor
Mathew Howard	Councillor
Justine Langford	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Kobi Shetty	Councillor
Chloe Smith	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Timothy Stephens	Councillor
Zoi Tsardoulis	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Manod Wickramasinghe	Acting Director Infrastructure
Kelly Loveridge	Director Corporate
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Beau-Jane De Costa	Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Caroline McLeod	Senior Manager Libraries and Community Facilities
Katherine Paixao	Governance Coordinator

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:** Nil

**C0922(2) Item 1 Notice of Motion: Visit of Toyanath Ghimire to the Footprints Festival**

**Motion: (Da Cruz/Howard)**

**That:**

- 1. Note the attendance of Toyanath Ghimire Chair and Citizen Scientist of the Saptakoshi Environment Centre in Nepal at the Footprints Eco Festival in White's Creek Valley on 3 September; and**
- 2. Receive a report on the framework for a community to community relationship with Barahkshetra Municipality 3.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0922(2) Item 2 Notice of Motion: Cooks River Corridor Masterplan****Motion: (Langford/D'Arienzo)****That Council:**

- 1. Investigates developing a Cooks River Corridor Masterplan for the Inner West LGA, in consultation with the Cooks River Alliance, with complementary actions to the CBC Plan, prepared in collaboration with key stakeholders, including other members of the Alliance, residents and other stakeholders;**
- 2. Approach Cooks River Alliance about developing a catchment-wide Cooks River Corridor Masterplan for the entire Cooks River catchment, involving all Councils within the catchment and other key stakeholders including Sydney Water, Transport for NSW and residents;**
- 3. Notes the recent public exhibition of the Cooks River Corridor Masterplan (draft) prepared by Canterbury-Bankstown Council (CBC);**
- 4. Notes the Cooks River Corridor Masterplan (draft) includes areas within the Inner West Council LGA, bordering along the Cooks River; and**
- 5. Investigates entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Canterbury-Bankstown Council to identify and implement the Cooks River Corridor Masterplan across the Inner West LGA.**

**Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**Procedural Motion (Scott/Stephens)****That Council allow an extension of time of 2 minutes for Clr Drury on Item 3.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**Procedural Motion (Drury/Stephens)****That Council allow an extension of time of 2 minutes for Clr Scott on Item 3.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**Procedural Motion (Shetty/Griffiths)****That Council allow an extension of time of 2 minutes for Clr Stamolis on Item 3.**

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis  
**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**C0922(2) Item 3 Notice of Motion: Cootamundra-Gundagai Council Demerger Success**

**Motion: (Langford/Atkins)**

**That Council:**

1. Notes that on 24 August 2022, NSW Minister for Local Government, Wendy Tuckerman, announced her decision to demerge Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council;
2. Notes that the demerger was considered under section 218CC of the NSW Local Government Act;
3. Notes that Section 218CC (6) in part states *“The Minister is required to abide by the following clause by making grants under [section 620](#) or using money otherwise appropriated by Parliament for the purpose, to ensure that the cost of any de-amalgamation of the new area resulting from a business case submitted under this section is fully funded”*;
4. Writes to the Mayor or Cootamundra- Gundagai Regional Council congratulating Mayor Sheahan for the success of the demerger case and the reinstatement of the local government areas of Cootamundra and Gundagai in line with community wishes;
5. Writes to the Minister for Local Government, Wendy Tuckerman, congratulating her on her decision to support the demerger of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, and reminding her that 62.5% of the voters in the poll at the local government election held in the Inner West LGA in December 2021 supported the demerger of Inner West Council; and
6. Prior to submitting the Inner West Council Deamalgamation Business Case to the Minister for Local Government, Council organises for the document to be reviewed and analysed by independent external local government academic expert/s who specialise in preparing local government demerger business cases.

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis  
**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**C0922(2) Item 4 Notice of Motion: Tempe Train Station Accessibility****Motion: (Langford/Howard)****That Council:**

1. Note that the stairs leading from the Tempe Railway Station car park, located on Richardson's Crescent, to the concourse, have been closed for at least 18 months;
2. Note the temporary access to Tempe Railway Station from the car park via platform one is not well lit, has more trip hazards, is located in the middle of the car park, and anecdotally is not favoured by local residents;
3. Understands that the issue is the need to repair and resurface a small area of the concourse at the top of the stairs;
4. Expresses the view that it is not acceptable for the regular access to be closed for such a long period of time;
5. Writes to the Premier of NSW, The Hon. Dominic Perrottet, The Minister for Transport, The Hon. David Elliott, The Member for Summer Hill and Shadow Minister for Transport, Jo Haylen, and The Greens Spokesperson for Transport Ms Abigail Boyd, expressing Inner West Councils request that immediate action be taken by the NSW Government to complete the maintenance work on the concourse at Tempe Railway Station, and the usual entrance be reopened as soon as possible; and
6. Acknowledges the longstanding campaign by Tempe residents to improve accessibility at Tempe Station under the NSW Transport Access Program.

**Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Nil**C0922(2) Item 5 Notice of Motion: Support for Wolli Creek Regional Park****Motion: (Langford/Howard)****That Council:**

1. Recognises the Wolli Creek Regional Park (WCRP) as a regional resource warranting major support from all councils in the region; and
2. Calls on the State Government to take the steps necessary to:
  - a) expedite the acquisition of the remaining lands necessary to complete WCRP after decades of slow progress; and
  - b) ensure that WCRP is supported by increased funding and staffing to provide for its continued protection and enhancement.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0922(2) Item 6 Notice of Motion: Parking****Motion: (Atkins/Smith)****That Council:**

1. **Notes an increase in reports of illegal and/or dangerous parking on residential streets across the Inner West;**
2. **As soon as possible, undertakes a comprehensive and targeted education campaign to tackle illegal parking on streets across the Inner West - with information on a prominent page in the Inner West News, local media, social media and on the council website; and**
3. **Requests staff to prepare a report on the extent of illegal and dangerous parking and possible solutions before the end of this calendar year.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**Against Motion:** Nil

**C0922(2) Item 7 Notice of Motion: Balmain Town Hall and Civic Precinct Planning****Motion: (Byrne/Scott)****That Council:**

1. **Endorse the formation of a Balmain Town Hall and Civic Precinct Community working group; and**
2. **Officers to develop draft Terms of Reference and an Expression of Interest process for interested residents who may wish to be members.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**Against Motion:** Nil

**Amendment (Shetty/Stamolis)**

**Amendment to point 2 to 'That Council Officers to develop draft Terms of Reference and the process to engage interested residents who wish to be members of the working group'.**

**Motion Lost**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Da Cruz, Griffiths, Langford, Lockie, Shetty and Stamolis  
**Against Motion:** Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Howard, Scott, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**C0922(2) Item 8 Notice of Motion: Balmain Sailing Club Pontoon Upgrade****Motion: (Byrne/Scott)****That Council:**

- 1. Allocate \$50,000 funding on a 50:50 basis for the upgrade of the Balmain Sailing Club pontoon, to provide safer publicly accessible facilities for small craft and junior sailing; and**
- 2. Enter into an appropriate funding agreement with Balmain Sailing Club to assist administration of the funding.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis  
**Against Motion:** Nil

**Procedural Motion (Atkins/Griffiths)**

**That an Urgency motion on LGNSW 2022 Annual Conference – Survey of Urgency Motion: Bullying and Harassment in the Local Government Sector be considered at this Council meeting.**

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis  
**Against Motion:** Nil

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne ruled this matter urgent.

**Urgency Motion: LGNSW 2022 Annual Conference – Survey of Bullying and Harassment in the Local Government Sector****Motion: (Atkins/Da Cruz)****That:**

- 1. Council endorses the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government NSW 2022 Annual Conference:**
  - That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW State Government to:**
    - a) undertake a state-wide survey of elected councillors and local government staff on bullying, harassment and intimidation as soon as practicable or in the 2023/24 financial year, to improve workplace and councillor safety; and**
    - b) that the results of the survey and review be reported back to LGNSW and all**

councils for further action if required.

2. The General Manager be delegated the authority to make any minor amendments to the wording of this motion if requested by LGNSW and agreed to by the mover of the motion.

**Motion Carried**

**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis

**Against Motion:** Nil

Meeting closed at 7.29pm.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 2	Peter Munro	Marrickville
	Jenny Saleeba	Strathfield South
Item 3	Glen Moore	Gundagai
	Kate Murphy	Tempe
Item 6	Bob Honeybrook	Ashfield