

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 March 2023 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 (attended via audio-visual link)
Dylan Griffiths	Councillor
Mathew Howard	Councillor
Justine Langford	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Kobi Shetty	Councillor
Chloe Smith	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Timothy Stephens	Councillor
Zoi Tsardoulis	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Ryann Midei	Director Infrastructure
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Kelly Loveridge	Director Corporate
Beau-Jane De Costa	Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Lisa Murphy	Urban Forest Manager
Heidi Webb	Tree Contract Supervisor
Daniel East	Acting Senior Manager Strategic Planning
Scott Mullen	Strategic Investments and Property Manager
Daryl Jackson	Chief Financial Officer
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Darcie Huisman	Business Paper Officer

APOLOGIES:

Motion: (Scott/Howard)

That Council accept Councillor Drury's request to attend tonight's Council meeting via audio-visual link due to family commitments.

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Councillor Scott declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in *Item 4 Draft Development Control Plan - 122-130 Pyrmont Bridge Road and 206 Parramatta Road Annandale*, as she is a Council delegate to the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel (SECPP) which will be asked to provide a final determination on the planning matter. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting for this item.

Councillor Byrne declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in *Item 4 Draft Development Control Plan - 122-130 Pyrmont Bridge Road and 206 Parramatta Road Annandale*, as he is a Council delegate of the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel (SECPP). He will leave the meeting during discussion and voting for this item.

Councillor Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in *Item 7 Local Traffic Committee Meeting – February 2023* as he works in the Office of the State Member who has a representative on the Local Traffic Committee. He will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting as the vote of the State Member is exercised through a representative.

Motion: (Stephens/Smith)

That Council note the disclosures of interest.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Griffiths/Shetty)

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 29 November 2022 and the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 14 February 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

PUBLIC FORUM

The registered speakers were asked to address the meeting. The list of speakers is available on the last page of these minutes.

Procedural Motion: (Griffiths/Scott)

That Council allow Gisele Mesnage to speak for 1 additional minute in Item 19.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0323(1) Item 1 Condolence Motion: Passing of Australian Poet Antigone Kefala

Motion: (Da Cruz/Atkins)

1. That Council note the passing of Antigone Kefala.
2. That Council plant a tree in her memory in Annandale.
3. That Council ensure we have all her books in our library collection.
4. That Council support an exhibition at Leichhardt Library curated by her friend Beth Hatton.

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/D'Arienzo)

That Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward the following items to be dealt with at this time:

1. Item 7 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - February 2023
2. Item 12 Pedestrianisation of Main Streets
3. Item 13 Complying development in Inner West Council under the Low- Rise Housing Diversity Code
4. Item 22 Notice of Motion: Motion for the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government: Preventing greenwashing and promoting ethical and climate positive investments in Local Government Super Fund

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/D'Arienzo)

That the following items be moved in globo and the recommendations contained within the report be adopted.

1. Item 7 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - February 2023
2. Item 12 Pedestrianisation of Main Streets
3. Item 13 Complying development in Inner West Council under the Low- Rise Housing Diversity Code
4. Item 22 Notice of Motion: Motion for the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government: Preventing greenwashing and promoting ethical and climate positive investments in Local Government Super Fund

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

C0323(1) Item 7 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - February 2023**Motion: (Scott/D'Arienzo)**

- 1. That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 20 February 2023 be received and the recommendations be adopted.**
- 2. That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 28 February 2023 be received and the recommendations be adopted.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias**Against Motion:** Nil**C0323(1) Item 12 Pedestrianisation of Main Streets****Motion: (Scott/D'Arienzo)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias**Against Motion:** Nil**C0323(1) Item 13 Complying development in Inner West Council under the Low-Rise Housing Diversity Code****Motion: (Scott/D'Arienzo)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, Da Cruz, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulias**Against Motion:** Nil**C0323(1) Item 22 Notice of Motion: Motion for the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government: Preventing greenwashing and promoting ethical and climate positive investments in Local Government Super Funds****Motion: (Scott/D'Arienzo)****That Council endorses the following motion to be submitted to the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government:**

This National General Assembly of Local Government calls on the Australian Government to:

- 1. Actively encourage local government super funds to divest from companies engaging in the extraction of fossil fuels, native forest logging, gambling, weapons manufacturers, and tobacco;**
- 2. Take immediate action to ensure the integrity and accountability of carbon offset programs, while supporting and funding councils to directly reduce operational and community emissions through the roll out of local renewable energy infrastructure and other greenhouse gas reducing initiatives;**
- 3. Ban the practice of ‘greenwashing’ in local government super funds, ensuring that local government super funds that invest in companies engaging in the extraction of fossil fuels, native forest logging, gambling, weapons manufacturers, and tobacco are not able to promote their funds as being environmentally friendly or ethical investors.**

National Objective

This motion addresses the following key questions in the 2023 discussion paper:

- 1. Climate Change and Renewable Energy: Noting the Government’s commitment to reducing emissions, are there programs and initiatives that the Commonwealth Government could develop to assist councils in their work to address climate change and reduce emissions?**

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: (Howard/D'Arienzo)

That Council allow Councillor Smith to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 2.

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

C0323(1) Item 2 Tree Management DCP 2023

Motion: (Smith/Atkins)

- 1. That Council adopt the Development Control Plan (Tree Management DCP 2023) to commence on 1 April 2023.**
- 2. That Council exhibit a new tree application fee structure based on the cost of works (\$154 for works proposed less than \$5000 and \$243.20 for works proposed greater than \$5000), as a part of the 2023/2024 Fees and Charges.**
- 3. That Council note that staff are developing a plan to strengthen compliance activities, including activities to ensure planting of replacement trees, and seek a report back to the June 2023 meeting of Council.**

4. That Council ask staff to provide the 2022 tree canopy data to the June 2023 meeting of Council.

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: (Stamolis)

That Council prepare a half-yearly report detailing the statistical performance of the Tree Policy.

The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.

C0323(1) Item 3 Memorandum of Understanding Greater Sydney Parklands and Inner West Council

Motion: (Shetty/Byrne)

1. That Council endorses the negotiation and future signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Council, the Greater Sydney Parklands and NSW Health (the parties) in recognition of the regional importance of Callan Park and delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the MOU and any associated documentation.
2. That Council request the Terms of Reference of the Callan Park Site Manager's Working Group be changed so that the proceedings of meetings are not confidential and members of the meetings are not bound by confidentiality, and request that the minutes of all Callan Park Site Manager's Working Group meetings be made available to the public and are published on both the Greater Sydney Parklands and Inner West Council websites.

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 Deputy Mayor, Councillor Scott left the meeting at 7:29pm as she is a Council delegate to the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel (SECPP) which will be asked to provide a final determination on the planning matter.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the meeting at 7:30pm and vacated the chair as he is a Council delegate to the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel (SECPP) which will be asked to provide a final determination on the planning matter.

Election of Chairperson

The General Manager asked for nominations for a chairperson for *Item 4 Draft Development Control Plan - 122-130 Pyrmont Bridge Road and 206 Parramatta Road Annandale.*

Nominations were received for Councillor Griffiths.

The General Manager declared that Councillor Griffiths to be elected Chairperson for Item 4. Councillor Griffiths assumed the chair.

C0323(1) Item 4 Draft Development Control Plan - 122-130 Pymont Bridge Road and 206 Parramatta Road Annandale

Motion: (Drury/Da Cruz)

That Council place the draft site-specific Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013 amendment for 122-130 Pymont Bridge Road and 206 Parramatta Road, Annandale on public exhibition in accordance with requirements of Council’s Community Engagement Framework, *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Assessment Regulation 2021*.

Motion Carried

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

Amendment: (Da Cruz/Stamolis)

- 1. That a 300m radius letter notification of this significant exhibitions.**
- 2. That a face-to-face forum at Annandale Neighbourhood Centre about the proposal be scheduled and be included in the notification.**
- 3. That clarity about how to make a submission be included in a notification letter and on Council’s Your Say website.**

Motion Lost

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

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the Meeting at 7:41pm. Councillor Griffiths vacated the chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the chair.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Scott returned to the Meeting at 7:41pm.

Procedural Motion: (Byrne/Howard)

That Council allow Councillor Smith to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 5.

Motion Carried

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

C0323(1) Item 5 Planning Proposal - Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct

Motion: (Smith/Byrne)

1. That Council supports the Planning Proposal to designate Enmore Road as Special Entertainment Precinct on a permanent basis and submit it to the Minister for Planning seeking a Gateway Determination under section 3.33 and 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
2. That Council place the Planning Proposal and draft DCP amendments on community consultation in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Framework to meet the requirements of the Gateway Determination, *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*, should the Planning Proposal receive a favourable Gateway Determination.
3. That Council request delegation from the Minister for Planning to manage the plan making functions of the Planning Proposal.
4. That Council authorise the General Manager to make minor/technical modifications to the Planning proposal, Development Control Plan, and Special Entertainment Precinct Management Plan, prior to exhibition.
5. That Council commit to bringing forward a parking review for the precinct area from 2026 to 2023, which will consider impacts of the SEP to kerbside and residential parking and mitigation actions Council can take, including encouraging greater use of public and active transport.
6. That Council increase ranger patrols of the precinct area and surrounding streets in peak times (evenings and weekends) to ensure greater compliance with parking restrictions.
7. That Council engage with businesses within the precinct area to implement a 'good neighbour' management strategy, including:
 - a) crowd management for major events where queues may impact onto residential streets;
 - b) a public awareness campaign encouraging visitors to be considerate of noise when arriving at or leaving venues at night;
 - c) wayfinding signs and other measures to guide visitors from venues to public transport stops; and
 - d) an investigation of streetscape accessibility to ensure the precinct area is accessible to all visitors.
8. That Council reviews the zone in and around Enmore Road for any additional street cleaning required, and informs Councillors on the outcome of this review.

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

C0323(1) Item 6 Little Villages Signage**Motion: (Howard/Da Cruz)**

That Council defer consideration of the Report until the May 2023 Meeting and hold a briefing session in the meantime, with the inclusion of additional information including:

1. Updated designs of Wayfinding and Gateway signage incorporating community language and recognition of First Nations traditional ownership of land;
2. Options for and advice around the inclusion of accessibility measures in Wayfinding and Gateway signage, including braille;
3. Options and budget implications for the development of giant lettering signs in each of the little villages (Little Greece, Little Vietnam, Little Italy and Little Portugal);
4. An update on the feasibility of installing a large scale artwork on the Petersham Water Tower following more detailed conversations with Sydney Water; and
5. Any additional options for large scale signage for Little Villages.

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

C0323(1) Item 8 1 - 13 Parramatta Road, Annandale - VPA Approval to notify**Motion: (Scott/D'Arienzo)**

That the amended Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for 1-13 Parramatta Road, Annandale be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days and reported back to Council after public exhibition.

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: (Da Cruz/Stamolis)

1. That a 300m radius letter notification of this significant exhibitions.
2. That a face-to-face forum at Annandale Neighbourhood Centre about the

proposal be scheduled and be included in the notification.

3. That clarity about how to make a submission be included in a notification letter and on Council’s Your Say website.

Motion Lost

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

C0323(1) Item 9 Internal Ombudsman Renewal of Contract

Motion: (Byrne/Scott)

That Council endorse the renewal of the Internal Ombudsman Shared Service arrangement.

Motion Carried

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

C0323(1) Item 10 Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy

Motion: (Byrne/Scott)

1. That Council place the draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy, as attached to the report, be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, subject to the following amendment being made to Clause 5.7:

- a) The General Manager or the staff member authorised to manage a councillor request will provide a response within a maximum of ten business days, or sooner where possible or necessary, or proactively advise if the request will exceed the ten business days. Where a response cannot be provided within that timeframe, the councillor will be advised, and the information will be provided as soon as practicable.

2. That Council consider the results of the public exhibition process when adopting the final Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy.

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: (Griffiths/Shetty)

That Clause 5.15 be deleted and re-numbered accordingly.

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

C0323(1) Item 11 Rescheduling of June 2023 Council Meeting**Motion: (Scott/Stephens)**

1. That Council reschedule the Ordinary Council meeting on 13 June 2023 to 20 June 2023 and publish these changes to the Meeting Schedule on Council's website.
2. That Council reschedule the Ordinary Council meeting on 14 November 2023 to 21 November 2023 and publish these changes to the Meeting Schedule on Council's website.

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**C0323(1) Item 14 Update Report on The Implementation of Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021****Motion: (D'Arienzo/Byrne)**

1. That Council receive and note the report and receive a report on the plan for compliance action on the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 by the June 2023 meeting.
2. That Council prepares an FAQ for the public about the new Policy, to be viewed by councillors first at a councillor workshop.

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**C0323(1) Item 15 Investment Report at 28 February 2023****Motion: (Drury/Scott)****That Council receive and note the report.****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: (Byrne/Howard)

That the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes.

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 meeting was adjourned at 8.36pm

The meeting recommenced at 8.46pm

C0323(1) Item 16 Notice of Motion: Returning Planning Powers to Local Councils

Motion: (Da Cruz/Atkins)

1. That Council requests the Mayor to write to the Premier, Dominic Perrottet, the Leader of the Opposition, Chris Minns, and the leaders of the Greens NSW, the National Party, the Shooters and Fishers Party as well as all candidates contesting the seats of Balmain, Summer Hill, Heffron, Strathfield and Newtown in the 2023 NSW election, seeking their commitment to:

- a) the principle of returning local planning powers to metropolitan local governments; and**
- b) commits in the next term of NSW Parliament to work towards developing criteria by which the Minister for Planning may exempt metropolitan local governments from the requirements for local planning panels and in turn return DA determination powers to elected councillors.**

2. That Council requests the General Manager to publish responses received on Council's website prior to the 2023 NSW State election.

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

C0323(1) Item 17 Notice of Motion: Haberfield District Celebrates 93rd Anniversary

Motion: (Da Cruz/Stephens)

That Council write to Haberfield Girl Guides congratulating them on their 90th Anniversary and inviting them to curate an exhibition about their history preferably at the Haberfield Library.

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

C0323(1) Item 18 Notice of Motion: South Australia: First Nations Voice to Parliament

Motion: (Stamolis/Lockie)

1. That Council note that South Australia will be the first place in Australia to introduce an Aboriginal Voice to Parliament.
2. That Council utilise any work done in South Australia which can assist Council in providing public information about a Voice to Parliament.
3. That Council write to the Premier and Opposition leader, after the NSW election, to seek information about a Voice to Parliament for NSW.

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

C0323(1) Item 19 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Safety at Cardinal Freeman Village

Motion: (Drury/Scott)

1. That Council urgently investigate installing pedestrian crossings on Victoria Street and Queen Street, Ashfield, adjacent to Cardinal Freeman to improve pedestrian safety and better facilitate the use of adjoining bus stops.
2. That Council report to the Local Traffic Committee on these investigations as a matter of priority.
3. That Council consult Cardinal Freeman residents to identify further pedestrian safety improvements in the streets surrounding the village. The results of this consultation will be reported to Council.

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: (Da Cruz/Stamolis)

That the visual impairment requirements be looked at and specified in the Motion.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Da Cruz and Stamolis

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stephens and Tsardoulis

C0323(1) Item 20 Notice of Motion: Town Hall Open Days and Activations

Motion: (Howard/Langford)

1. That Council acknowledge the expertise and hard work of staff working to facilitate open days as part of the plan to activate our town halls for use by artists and creative industries.
2. That Council note the success of the recent open day at Marrickville Town Hall and implement feedback from the Marrickville Town Hall Reference Group in future open days, including:
 - a) Hiring performers or buskers to perform in the forecourt;
 - b) Printing and posting corflutes at the front of town halls, advertising the creative use of venues EOI process and linking to information about the project to activate town halls;
 - c) Providing printed materials and fliers advertising the creative use of venues EOI process and providing information about the project to activate the use of town halls; and
 - d) Creating a visual presence at the front of town halls during open days, including banners.
3. That Council note work to establish three residency spaces at Marrickville Town Hall, including the provision of small risers, a lighting tree, sound mixing desk and other minor works and that funding.
4. That Council note the proposal by the Pride Centre Steering Committee to establish temporary exhibition space in the front windows of the Newtown Town Hall while construction work is underway.
5. That Council note that all Town Hall open days are to be completed by June 2023.
6. That Council investigate permanent activations at the street entrance of Marrickville Town Hall on Marrickville Road to make the entry more inviting and accessible. Activations could include Council signage on the bus shelter and bin and flags and street art. The signage could include a QR code that links to Council’s website where residents can submit an Expression of Interest for an artist residency at the Town Hall.
7. That the funding required, approximately \$20,000, to implement the above recommendations be sourced from the Economic Development budget and also underspend in the Community Directorate.

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

C0323(1) Item 21 Notice of Motion: Pride Inner West and Mardi Gras**Motion: (D'Arienzo/Atkins)**

1. That Council notes the successful Pride Inner West festival held from 11 February to 5 March 2023, which celebrated our local LGBTQ+ community as part of Sydney WorldPride.
2. That Council commends the work of staff, members of Council's World Pride Committee and LGBTQ Working Group, in developing and implementing the festival, which included more than 70 inclusive and accessible events across the Inner West.
3. That Council notes Council's longstanding 'Feel the Love' Mardi Gras reception and the success of the inaugural Pride Inner West Festival and prepares a report to detail an annual program of events, including a Mardi Gras Parade screening, in celebration of our LGBTQ+ community.

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 Councillor Langford to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 23.

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

C0323(1) Item 23 Notice of Motion: Urgent Maintenance and Improvement of Pedestrian Safety on Bayview Avenue Bridge, Tempe**Motion: (Langford/Da Cruz)**

1. That Council notes that the pedestrian pathway on the bridge crossing the Cooks River at Bayview Avenue, Tempe is too narrow, and unsafe for pedestrians, cyclists, prams, wheelchairs and dog walkers.
2. That Council notes that recently a local resident cut her hand on some wire that is protruding from the handrail on the bridge.
3. That Council writes to the NSW Minister for Transport to request a new bridge to cater for active transport and to request urgent maintenance to address the immediate safety issues of rotten boards and sharp wire.
4. That Council writes to the NSW Shadow Minister for Transport, asking them to commit to upgrading the bridge if they are elected.

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**Foreshadowed Motion: (Byrne/D'Arienzo)****That safety issues on the Bayview Avenue bridge be referred to the Local Traffic Committee for investigation.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Byrne, D'Arienzo, Drury, Griffiths, Howard, Langford, Lockie, Scott, Shetty, Smith, Stamolis, Stephens and Tsardoulis**Against Motion:** Cr Da Cruz**C0323(1) Item 24 Notice of Motion: Improving Pedestrian Safety on Wardell Road Bridge, Marrickville****Motion: (Langford/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council notes that the pedestrian pathway on either side of the Wardell Road bridge, crossing the Cooks River in Marrickville, is narrow, unfenced and unsafe for pedestrians, cyclists, prams, dog walkers and wheelchairs.**
- 2. That Council notes that there is no zebra crossing on Wardell Road, Marrickville before the start of the bridge. This is a popular place for pedestrians and golfers from Marrickville Golf Club to cross. Crossing can be dangerous, especially during peak hour when traffic is heavy.**
- 3. That Council urgently repairs the damaged pedestrian refuge on Wardell Road, Marrickville to improve pedestrian safety.**
- 4. That Council investigates installing traffic calming measures within the area to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists and encourage active transport. Measures to be investigated could include:**
 - a) A zebra crossing on Wardell Road, Marrickville at the start of the bridge;**
 - b) Reducing speed limits;**
 - c) Safety fencing on either side of the bridge;**
 - d) Dedicating one of the paths to pedestrians and the other path to cyclists;
and**
 - e) The results of the investigation be referred to the Traffic Committee.**

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

Procedural Motion: (Langford/Shetty)

That a motion of dissent be moved in the chairperson’s ruling on the point of order raised by Councillor Shetty that the mayor’s comments were not relevant to the motion.

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

The Mayor’s ruling was upheld.

Foreshadowed Motion: (Byrne/Howard)

That safety issues on Wardell Road bridge be referred to the Local Traffic Committee for investigation.

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

C0323(1) Item 25 Notice of Motion: Motion for the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government - Banks to offer more investment products

Motion: (Drury/Smith)

That Council endorses the following motion to be submitted to the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with ALGA and the Australian Banker's Association to convince all banks to offer investment products to Local Government that will not contribute to further climate change. Reasons for this include:

1. Local governments across Australia often hold significant funds that have been allocated for future use, but may struggle to identify sustainable and ethical investment options that align with community values and meet permitted forms of investment set by state and territory governments.
2. Many councils are particularly interested in identifying investment opportunities that will not contribute to climate change.
3. In NSW, LGNSW has raised this matter with the NSW Minister for Local Government, who encouraged councils to prioritise sustainable investments that are in accordance with the NSW Ministerial Investment Order.
4. LGNSW has also written to the Australian Banking Association (ABA) seeking to encourage banks to offer more investment products to councils to meet this objective.
5. The ABA has now sought a meeting with LGNSW which is expected to

take place shortly.

6. Given this is a common issue for councils in all states and territories and that banks operate nationally, ALGA may consider adding their voice to this advocacy.

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: (D'Arienzo/Howard)

That Council enter into Confidential session.

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

Confidential Session

That in accordance with Section 10A(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the following matters be considered in Closed Session of Council for the reasons provided:

C0323(1) Item 33 Update on the Acquisition of Investment Properties (Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

C0323(1) Item 34 Panel Member Appointment - Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel (SECPP) (Section 10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) as it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

C0323(1) Item 35 FOGO Processing Contract Update (Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Procedural Motion: (Howard/Scott)

That Council move back into the Open Session of the 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

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION

C0323(1) Item 33 Update on the Acquisition of Investment Properties

Motion: (Drury/Stamolis)

That Council receive and note the report.

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: (Da Cruz)

That Council provide the community with the context and progress for these Investments, i.e., \$80 million received from Transport for NSW, Investment amount and estimated return and that we are looking for properties to invest in with an estimated return of that which was lost when the Tempe Lands which returned \$4 million were compulsorily acquired by Transport for NSW, on our website and in our newsletter.

The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.

C0323(1) Item 34 Panel Member Appointment - Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel (SECPP)

Motion: (Scott/Byrne)

That Council defer this matter to the April 2023 Ordinary 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

C0323(1) Item 35 FOGO Processing Contract Update

Motion: (Howard/Byrne)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council request that officers provide a further report to the next council meeting detailing the communications strategy for the FOGO roll-out, with specific reference to the progress of Part 2 of Motion C1022(1) Item 33 from the meeting held on October 25 2022, which stated:

2. As part of this program, contract trusted local organisations, businesses or notable individuals to develop and deliver targeted programs to engage residents, schools, organisations and clubs to better understand the benefits and processes around FOGO and how households will participate in the FOGO program.

3. That as part of this report, Council provide information regarding the Budget for this component of work and the proposed timeline for an expression of interest or tender process, as appropriate.

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 10.04pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 1:	Pip Griffin	Leichhardt
	Beth Hatton	Annandale
Item 2:	Rene Holmes	Ashfield
	Robert Mayer	Stanmore
Item 5:	Nick Rippon	Newtown
Item 17:	Kerrin Alamango	Leichhardt
	Eliza Dawson	Ashfield
	Isabella Ramirra	Haberfield
Item 19:	Gisele Mesnage	Ashfield
	Lynn Booth	Ashfield
	Crisetta MacLeod	Ashfield
Item 23:	Anne Cooper	Earlwood
Item 24:	Kylie Cochrane	Dulwich Hill