

**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 26 MARCH 2024**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor, Councillor El-Hayek  
Councillors Asfour, Cahill, Downey, Harika, Ishac, Nguyen, Raffan, Waiba, Walsh

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Abouraad, Akter, Coorey, Saleh OAM, Zakhia

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**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.31 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:** **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
**(692)** **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 February 2024 be adopted.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 2:** **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**  
**(693)** **CLR. RAFFAN:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Leave of Absence be granted to Clrs Abouraad, Akter, Coorey, Saleh OAM and Zakhia due to personal reasons.

- CARRIED

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

In respect to Item 4.2 – 50<sup>th</sup> Maronite Jubilee, Clr Harika declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is on the organising committee and as such will vacate the chamber taking no part in the debate or decision in the matter.

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In respect to Item 4.2 – 50<sup>th</sup> Maronite Jubilee, Clr Ishac declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a parishioner at St Charbel's Parish. Clr Ishac advised that it will not affect his consideration of the item and he will remain in the Chamber.

**SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM 4.1 COMMUNITY CABINET**  
**(694) CLR. EL-HAYEK**

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.2 50TH MARONITE JUBILEE**

In respect to Item 4.2 – 50<sup>th</sup> Maronite Jubilee, Clr Harika declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given she is on the organising committee and as such will vacate the chamber taking no part in the debate or decision in the matter.

In respect to Item 4.2 – 50<sup>th</sup> Maronite Jubilee, Clr Ishac declared a non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest given he is a parishioner at St Charbel's Parish. Clr Ishac advised that it will not affect his consideration of the item and he will remain in the Chamber.

CLR HARIKA TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.37 PM.

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

RESOLVED that

1. Council support the Maronite Order by purchasing a table at their Gala Dinner on 18 October 2024 for an expected cost of \$3,000.00.
2. These funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 4.3                      LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**

CLR HARIKA RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.40 PM.

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

RESOLVED that:

1. Council support a donation of \$500.00 for the Bankstown Community Church production of Heaven's Gate and Hell's Flames, towards the hire of the Bryan Brown Theatre.
2. These funds be made available from the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program Budget.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.4                      KEVIN WHITEHOUSE**

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

RESOLVED that the Mayoral Minute be noted.

- CARRIED

COUNCIL OBSERVED A MINUTE'S SILENCE IN MEMORY OF KEVIN WHITEHOUSE

**SECTION 5:                      PLANNING MATTERS**

**ITEM 5.1                      CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2022 (AMENDMENT NO. 1) – PUBLIC EXHIBITION OUTCOMES**

**(698)                      CLR. WALSH:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that

1. Council adopt the amended *Canterbury-Bankstown Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2022*, as provided in Attachment A.
2. A notice be published on Council's website advising of the adoption of the amended Plan and the date on which the amendments will come into effect.

- CARRIED

**For:-**                      Clrs Asfour, Cahill, Downey, El-Hayek, Harika, Ishac, Nguyen, Raffan, Waiba and Walsh

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**Against:-** Nil

**ITEM 5.2**                      **PLANNING PROPOSAL – NEW EMPLOYMENT ZONES**  
**(699)**                              **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. WALSH**

RESOLVED that

1. The planning proposal to amend the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2023, as provided in Attachment A, proceed to Gateway and exhibition.
2. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make necessary changes to the planning proposal and maps to ensure consistency with the Gateway determination and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's mapping guideline prior to the exhibition.
3. The planning proposal be reported to Council following the exhibition.
4. Council prepare and exhibit draft amendments to the Canterbury-Bankstown Development Control Plan 2023 and other planning policies to support the planning proposal (if required), and the matter be reported to Council following the exhibition.
5. Council seek authority from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to exercise the delegation in relation to the plan making functions under section 3.36(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

- CARRIED

**For:-** Ctrs Asfour, Cahill, Downey, El-Hayek, Harika, Ishac, Nguyen, Raffan, Waiba and Walsh

**Against:-** Nil

**SECTION 6:**                      **POLICY MATTERS**  
  
Nil

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**SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**ITEM 7.1 CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024**  
**(700) CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 29 February 2024 be received and noted.
2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 8: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

**ITEM 8.1 WESTERN SYDNEY LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE - 2024 EAST LONDON STUDY TOUR**  
**MOTION CLR. NGUYEN:/CLR. RAFFAN**

That Council agree to participate in the Western Sydney Dialogues Tour, as outlined in the report.

**AMENDMENT CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. CAHILL**

1. That Council agree to participate in the Western Sydney Dialogues Tour, as outlined in the report.
2. The CEO seeks Councillor interest in participating in the Western Sydney Dialogue and a further report be brought to Council if required.

**THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.**

**(701) CLR. NGUYEN:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that:

1. Council agree to participate in the Western Sydney Dialogues Tour, as outlined in the report.
2. The CEO seeks Councillor interest in participating in the Western Sydney Dialogue and a further report be brought to Council if required.

- CARRIED

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**SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(702) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations in the Committee Reports.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.1 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2024**

**(703) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 21 February 2024 be endorsed.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.2 MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2024**

**(704) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Universal Access Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 March 2024 be endorsed.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.3 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2024**

**(705) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 12 March 2024, be adopted.

- CARRIED

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**SECTION 10: NOTICE OF MOTIONS & QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

**(706) CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of the Notice of Motion and Questions with Notice with the exception of 10.5.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.1 STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - MARCH 2024**

**(707) CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.2 NUISANCE CATS**

**(708) CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that Council writes to the Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig urging him to empower Councils by introducing a tougher and more streamlined approach when it comes to dealing with nuisance domestic cats.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.3 CAMPSIE ADMIN**

**(709) CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. DOWNEY**

RESOLVED that Council include a further option for the design of the new Campsie Cultural Hub that considers the entire Council owned land within the Campsie civic precinct.

- CARRIED

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- ITEM 10.4**                      **SYDNEY METRO BANKSTOWN STATION STAGING REPORT AND TEMPORARY  
TRANSPORT PLAN FOR FINAL 12 MONTH SHUTDOWN FROM MID-2024**
- (710)**                              **CLR. CAHILL:/CLR. DOWNEY**
- RESOLVED that Council write to the Minister for Transport and the Secretary of the NSW Department of Transport outlining the concerns as detailed in the Motion.
- CARRIED
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- ITEM 10.5**                      **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**
- (711)**                              **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. RAFFAN**
- RESOLVED that the matter be deferred to a future Meeting of Council.
- CARRIED
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- (712)**                              **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ISHAC**
- RESOLVED that for procedural reasons, the confidential matters 11.1 and 11.2 be deferred to be considered at the April Meeting of Council.
- CARRIED
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- ITEM 11.1**                      **CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REPORT**
- (713)**                              **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ISHAC**
- RESOLVED that for procedural reasons, the confidential matter 11.1 be deferred to be considered at the April Meeting of Council.
- CARRIED
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- ITEM 11.2**                      **CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REPORT**
- (714)**                              **CLR. DOWNEY:/CLR. ISHAC**

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RESOLVED that for procedural reasons, the confidential matter 11.2 be deferred to be considered at the April Meeting of Council.

- CARRIED

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.47 PM**

Minutes confirmed 30 APRIL 2024

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Mayor