

**CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON 18 APRIL 2023**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor, Councillor Asfour  
Councillors Abouraad, Akter, Cahill, Coorey, Downey, El-Hayek, Harika, Ishac,  
Nguyen, Raffan, Saleh OAM, Waiba, Walsh and Zakhia

**APOLOGIES** Nil

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**HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 6.43 P.M.**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

THE MAYOR, ACKNOWLEDGED THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND WHERE WE ARE MEETING TODAY THE DARUG (DARAG, DHARUG, DARUK AND DHARUK) AND THE EORA PEOPLES, AND PAID RESPECT TO THEIR ANCIENT CULTURE AND THEIR ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT.

**SECTION 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**(399)**

**CLR. ZAKHIA:/CLR. CAHILL**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 March 2023 be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

**SECTION 2: LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

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

In respect of Item 4.3 – Local Community Based Donations, Clr El-Hayek declared a Non Pecuniary, Non-significant Conflict of Interest due to a previous working relationship with one grant recipient, and as such, he will vacate the chamber taking no part in debate.

In respect of Item 4.3 – Local Community Based Donations, Clr Asfour declared a Non Pecuniary, Non-significant Conflict of Interest due to a relationship with one of the grant recipients, and as such, he will vacate the chamber taking no part in debate.

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**SECTION 4: MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ITEM 4.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMIT**  
**(400) CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council write to the recently appointed Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, congratulating him on his appointment and calling on him to convene a Local Government Summit, to examine the sustainable funding of the Local Government sector to ensure its viability and future.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.2 DUNC GRAY VELODROME, BASS HILL**  
**(401) CLR. ASFOUR**

RESOLVED that Council write to the newly appointed Minister for Sport, The Hon. Steve Kamper MP, congratulating him on his appointment and asking him for whatever assistance he can give in relation to funding and the future of the Velodrome site.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 4.3 LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS**

IN RESPECT OF ITEM 4.3 – LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS, CLR EL-HAYEK DECLARED A NON PECUNIARY, NON-SIGNIFICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST DUE TO A PREVIOUS WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE GRANT RECIPIENT, AND AS SUCH, HE VACATED THE CHAMBER TAKING NO PART IN DEBATE.

IN RESPECT OF ITEM 4.3 – LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED DONATIONS, CLR ASFOUR DECLARED A NON PECUNIARY, NON-SIGNIFICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST DUE TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE OF THE GRANT RECIPIENTS, AND AS SUCH, HE VACATED THE CHAMBER TAKING NO PART IN DEBATE.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR CLR ASFOUR AND CLR EL-HAYEK TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.50 PM.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR CLR RAFFEN ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

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**(402)**

**CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that

1. Council support a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Bankstown Sports Little Athletics Centre Incorporated to support Filtomas Finekifolau's representation at the 2023 Chemist Warehouse Australian Junior Athletics Championships.
2. Council support a donation of \$2,200.00 towards the Australian International Multicultural (AIM) Association Business Awards on the 19 May 2023.
3. Council support a fee waiver for AusRelief for the ground hire of Parry Park on the 19 May 2023 of \$508.00.
4. Council support a fee waiver for Community Minds Inc. for the hire of 'Courthouse Reserve' on 20 April 2023, of \$156.00.

- CARRIED

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CLR EL-HAYEK RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.52PM.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR RESUMED THE CHAIR.

**SECTION 5: PLANNING MATTERS**

Nil

**SECTION 6: POLICY MATTERS**

Nil

**SECTION 7: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**ITEM 7.1 CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

**(403) CLR. WALSH:/CLR. ABOURAAD**

RESOLVED that

1. The Cash and Investment Report as at 31 March 2023 be received and noted.

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2. The Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer incorporated in this report, be adopted.

- CARRIED

CLR RAFFAN TEMPORARILY VACATED THE CHAMBER AT 6.52 PM AND RETURNED AT 6.54 PM.

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING (6.54 PM), IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 15.4 OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ISSUED A FIRST WARNING TO CLR COOREY FOR AN ACT OF DISORDER.

**SECTION 8: SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

Nil

**SECTION 9: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(404) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting practice, Council adopts all the recommendations of the Committee Reports; 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.1 MINUTES OF THE ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2023**

**(405) CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 March 2023 be endorsed.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 9.2**                    **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2023**  
**(406)**                    **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ZAKHIA**  
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 March 2023 be endorsed.  
- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.3**                    **MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2023**  
**(407)**                    **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ZAKHIA**  
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 20 March 2023 be endorsed.  
- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.4**                    **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2023**  
**(408)**                    **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ZAKHIA**  
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 22 March 2023 be endorsed.  
- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.5**                    **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 29 MARCH 2023**  
**(409)**                    **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ZAKHIA**  
RESOLVED that  

1. The recommendations contained within the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 29 March 2023, be adopted;
2. The revised ARIC Charter be adopted by Council;

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3. The ARIC's annual work plan be noted.
4. The ARIC'S annual work plan be endorsed by Council;
5. The ARIC's strategic work plan be noted.
6. The ARIC's strategic work plan by endorsed by Council; and
7. The contents of the ARIC's annual report to Council be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 9.6**                      **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 APRIL 2023**  
**(410)**                              **CLR. HARIKA:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Traffic Committee meeting held on 11 April 2023, be adopted.

- CARRIED

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

**ITEM 10.1**                      **STATUS OF PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION - APRIL 2023**  
**(411)**                              **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.2**                      **INTERIM HERITAGE ORDER - ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH - CHAPEL ROAD,**  
**BANKSTOWN**  
**(412)**                              **CLR. COOREY:/CLR. ZAKHIA**

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred for onsite inspection and briefing and a further report be provided to the Council meeting on 27 June 2023.

- CARRIED

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**ITEM 10.3**                      **PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR UNWIN STREET PROPERTIES**  
**(413)**                              **CLR. COOREY:/CLR. ISHAC**

RESOLVED that Council ask the Minister to initiate an emergency Planning Proposal to rezone the following lands (and their associated lots) from Low Density Residential (R2) to Public Recreation (RE1):

- 14, 16 & 18 Unwin Street Earlwood;
- 16 - 18 Bayview Avenue, Earlwood;
- 2 Unwin Street, Earlwood.

- CARRIED

**ITEM 10.4**                      **TARAWIH - RAMADAN NIGHTS LAKEMBA 2023**  
**(414)**                              **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. SALEH OAM**

RESOLVED that Council assists the local community to hold Tarawih (Ramadan Prayers) in Haldon Street on Wednesday 19 April 2023.

- CARRIED

**SECTION 11:**                      **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**(415)**                              **CLR. ISHAC:/CLR. DOWNEY**

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 Item 11.1 in confidential session for the reasons indicated:

Item 11.1 T44-23 Paul Keating Park Playground

*This report is considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

- CARRIED

**COUNCIL RESOLVED INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 7.13 PM AND  
REVERTED BACK TO OPEN COUNCIL AT 7.30 PM.**

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**ITEM 11.1**                    **T44-23 PAUL KEATING PARK PLAYGROUND**  
**(416)**                        **CLR. EL-HAYEK:/CLR. RAFFAN**

RESOLVED that

1. Council accepts the tender received from Regal Innovations Pty Ltd for an amount of \$5,383,800.00 (excluding GST) for the Paul Keating Park Playground.
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to enter into a contract and sign all documentation in accordance with Council’s resolution, as required.
3. Council notifies the unsuccessful tenderers in writing and thank them for tendering.

- CARRIED

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.32 P.M.**

Minutes confirmed 23 MAY 2023

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Mayor