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## Minutes of the Council Meeting 6 September 2023

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### PRESENT

#### Councillors

Lisa Lake (Mayor)	Councillor
Suman Saha (Deputy Mayor)	Councillor
Steve Christou	Councillor
Diane Colman	Councillor
Greg Cummings	Councillor
Glenn Elmore	Councillor
Sabrin Farooqui	Councillor (arrived 6:32pm)
Paul Garrard	Councillor
Ola Hamed	Councillor
Kun Huang	Councillor (Via Audio-Visual Link)
Helen Hughes	Councillor
Mohamad Hussein	Councillor
Joseph Rahme	Councillor
Eddy Sarkis	Councillor (arrived 6:34pm)
Michael Zaiter	Councillor

#### Officers

Peter Fitzgerald	General Manager
Melissa Attia	Director Corporate Performance (Deputy General Manager)
Daniel Cavallo	Director Environment & Planning
Brendan Govers	Director City Services
Nicole Byrn	Director Community & Culture
Charlie Ayoub	Director Governance & Risk
Colin McFadzean	General Counsel
Carol Karaki	Manager Governance
Bianca Mourched	Governance Officer

The Mayor, Councillor Lake declared the meeting open at 6:30pm.

#### Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was read by Pandit Jatinkumar Bhatt from Sri Mandir Hindu Temple Auburn.

**Acknowledgement of Country**

The Mayor, Councillor Lake read the following Acknowledgement of Country:

*"I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land – the Darug People, and pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging."*

**National Anthem**

At this point in the meeting the Mayor, Councillor Lake asked all of those in attendance to stand for the playing of the Australian National Anthem.

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**Min.514      Apologies / Requests for Leave of Absence/ Requests for Attendance by Audio-Visual Link****Motion (Zaiter/Saha)**

That in accordance with Clause 5.24 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Council approve the attendance of Councillor Huang at this meeting via Audio/Visual Link due to interstate travel.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion:                      Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:              Nil.

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**Notice of Live Streaming of Council Meeting**

The Mayor, Councillor Lake advised that the Council meeting was being streamed live on Council's website and all in attendance must ensure their speech to the Council is respectful and use appropriate language.

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**Confirmation of Minutes**

**Min.515      C09/23-376 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council - 16 August 2023**

**Motion (Farooqui/Saha)**

That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 August 2023.

**Amendment (Christou/Garrard)**

Add the following to the Motion:

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Subject to the following amendment on page 10, Min.502:

Add the words “the reason for the adjournment being Councillor Hussein’s verbal outburst towards a local resident speaking during public forum so the Mayor had to call an adjournment for 15 minutes to calm matters down.”

Councillor Sarkis entered the Meeting at 6:34pm during the consideration of this item.

The Amendment on being Put was declared **LOST**.

Councillor(s) For the Amendment: Christou, Cummings, Garrard, Hughes, Rahme, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Amendment: Colman, Elmore, Farooqui, Hamed, Huang, Hussein, Lake and Saha.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Colman, Elmore, Farooqui, Hamed, Huang, Hussein, Lake and Saha.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Garrard, Hughes, Rahme, Sarkis and Zaiter.

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### **Declarations of Pecuniary & Non Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest**

Councillor Hughes declared a Less than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C09/23-384 Property Committee - Minutes of Meeting held 28 August 2023 as she is a non-executive member of the Berala Carramar Hardcourt Tennis Association. She indicated she will remain in the Chamber for the consideration of the item.

Councillor Sarkis declared a Less than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C09/23-384 Property Committee - Minutes of Meeting held 28 August 2023 as his father leases shop/s which are governed by the Goods on Display Policy, and as such, he will leave the Chamber prior to any discussion in relation to the matter.

Councillor Elmore declared a Less than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C09/23-388 Notice of Motion - Councillor Position Regarding - 109A Church Street, Lidcombe as he is on the Sydney Central Planning Panel which will determine this Development application, and as such, he will leave the Chamber prior to any discussion in relation to the matter.

Councillor Hamed declared a Less than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in relation to Item C09/23-388 Notice of Motion - Councillor Position Regarding - 109A Church Street, Lidcombe as she is on the Sydney Central Planning Panel which will determine this Development application, and as such, she will leave the Chamber prior to any discussion in relation to the matter.

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**Min. 516      MM09/23-35 - Mayoral Minute – Condolences - The Late John Thomas Devitt, AM****Motion (Lake)**

That Council:

1. Notes with sadness the passing of John Devitt;
2. Observe a minute's silence to honour the life of John Devitt and all that he contributed to the Australian Swimming Community; and
3. Frame a copy of the Mayoral Minute and provide it to the family of John Devitt.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Note: Council observed a minute of silence following the determination of this item.

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**Min.517      MM09/23-36 - Mayoral Minute - Legal Name of Cumberland Council****Motion (Lake)**

That Council write to the NSW Minister for Local Government the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP seeking that:

1. The Cumberland local government area be constituted as a city and be re-named Cumberland City; and
2. The name of the Council for this area be re-named Cumberland City Council.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Christou left the Meeting at 7:03pm and returned at 7:04pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Hughes left the Meeting at 7:09pm and returned at 7:11pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min. 518      Matter of Urgency – Councillor Sarkis**

In accordance with Clause 9.3(b) of the adopted *Code of Meeting Practice*, the Mayor ruled that the business raised without notice by Councillor Sarkis in relation to the graffiti over the mural of Arthur Todd Holroyd at Reyes Lane, Merrylands be heard by Council as a matter of urgency, as it requires a decision by the Council before the next scheduled ordinary meeting.

**Motion (Sarkis/Hamed)**

That in accordance with Clause 9.3(a) of the adopted *Code of Meeting Practice*, the business raised by Councillor Sarkis in relation to the graffiti over the mural of Arthur Todd Holroyd at Reyes Lane, Merrylands be considered at this meeting as a Matter of Urgency.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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**Min. 519      Matter of Urgency – Graffiti at Reyes Lane, Merrylands**

**Note:** Councillor Sarkis tabled an image of the graffiti over the mural of Arthur Todd Holroyd at Reyes Lane, Merrylands.

**Motion (Sarkis/Hamed)**

That Council immediately take action to clean the graffiti at Reyes Lane, Merrylands.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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**Public Forum**

Nil.

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**Min. 520      Items Resolved by Exception****Motion (Sarkis/Cummings)**

That Council adopt items C09/23-377 and C09/23-378 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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**C09/23-377 Determination of Number of Councillors for 2024-2028 Term of Office*****Resolved by Exception***

That Council determine the number of Councillors for the 2024-2028 term of office be 15 (one of whom is the Mayor) in accordance with Section 224(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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**C09/23-378 Hay Shire Council - Invitation to Visit - November 2023*****Resolved by Exception***

That Council:

1. Confirm its participation in the Hay Shire Council visit; and
2. Notify the General Manager of Councillors wishing to attend.

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**Min.521      C09/23-379 Draft Submission to Sydney Metro Independent Review****Motion (Saha/Hughes)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft submission in Attachment 1 and forward it to the Sydney Metro Independent Review.
2. Delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the draft submission, including any minor typographical or editorial changes.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

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Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Hamed left the Meeting at 7:27pm and returned at 7:28pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 7:33pm and returned at 7:44pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 7:48pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.522 C09/23-380 Draft Submission to NSW Parliament Inquiry into the Sydney Metro West Project**

**Motion (Hughes/Cummings)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft submission in Attachment 1 and forward it to the NSW Parliament Inquiry into the Sydney Metro West project.
2. Delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the draft submission, including any minor typographical or editorial changes.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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**Min.523 C09/23-381 Draft Submission to the NSW Parliament Inquiry into Current and Future Public Transport Needs in Western Sydney**

**Motion (Hamed/Elmore)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the current and future public transport needs in Western Sydney, as provided in Attachment 1, and forward to the Inquiry for consideration subject to following amendment:
  - *The current train timetable introduced in 2017 had a negative impact on some stations in Cumberland, including Auburn, Granville, Lidcombe and*

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*Merrylands. The train timetable reduced service levels and removed faster train services at these locations, increasing travel time for residents and workers.*

- *Council requests that the NSW Government's commitment to review the train timetable looks at the reinstatement of faster, more direct services at these locations and that services are reintroduced as soon as possible.*

2. Delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise draft submission, including minor typographical changes.

### **Amendment (Hughes/Garrard)**

That the following be added as a 3<sup>rd</sup> dot point to point 1 of the Motion:

Add reference to Silverwater in the 4<sup>th</sup> dot point in recommendation 2.

The proposed Amendment was accepted by the Mover and Seconder of the Motion, and was incorporated to become the substantive Motion as follows:

### **Motion (Hamed/Elmore)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the current and future public transport needs in Western Sydney, as provided in Attachment 1, and forward to the Inquiry for consideration subject to following amendment:
  - *The current train timetable introduced in 2017 had a negative impact on some stations in Cumberland, including Auburn, Granville, Lidcombe and Merrylands. The train timetable reduced service levels and removed faster train services at these locations, increasing travel time for residents and workers.*
  - *Council requests that the NSW Government's commitment to review the train timetable looks at the reinstatement of faster, more direct services at these locations and that services are reintroduced as soon as possible.*
  - *Add reference to Silverwater in the 4th dot point in recommendation 2.*
2. Delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise draft submission, including minor typographical changes.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore  
Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes,  
Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and  
Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

During the consideration of this item, Councillor Huang raised a Point of Order, advising that the amendment proposed by Councillor Hughes required the details to be displayed and a seconder to the amendment before a speech was allowed. The Mayor, Councillor Lake advised that she was reviewing the submission within the report to ascertain the appropriate placement of the amendment prior to proceeding further.



During the consideration of this item, Councillor Christou raised a Point of Order, citing an alleged breach of Clause 15.11(e) of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, advising that Councillor Huang was constantly interjecting whilst Councillor Hughes was providing details of the amendment. The Mayor did not uphold the Point of Order, and requested that Councillor Christou resume his seat.

During the consideration of this item, Councillor Saha raised a Point of Order, citing an alleged breach of Clause 7.3 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, advising that Councillors are required to adhere to the Code and reference another Councillor as 'Councillor (Name)'. The Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

Councillor Saha left the Meeting at 7:55pm and returned at 7:59pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme returned to the Meeting at 8:01pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.524      C09/23-382 Response to Notice of Motion C08/23-372 - Trial and Implementation of Heat Mitigating Strategies**

**Motion (Farooqui/Hussein)**

That Council:

1. Endorse the heat mitigating strategies and associated programs as outlined in this report.
2. Allocate funding from the Community Reserve to provide the trial initiatives for heat mitigation over the summer period as outlined in this report.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion:                      Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:              Christou and Rahme.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**8:43pm**      The Mayor, Councillor Lake adjourned the meeting.

**8:58pm**      The Mayor, Councillor Lake resumed the meeting.

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**Min.525          C09/23-383 Response to Notice of Motion C11/22-194 - Merrylands Swimming Centre****Motion (Zaiter/Hamed)**

That Council acknowledge the information contained in this report, and that the Long Term Financial Plan to 2031/2032 allocates \$22.3M towards capital expenditure at Council's swim centres, from which it has been identified that \$14.6M can be utilised for the refurbishment of Merrylands Swim Centre.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 9:02pm and returned at 9:03pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 9:17pm and returned at 9:19pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.526          Alteration of Order of Business****Motion (Sarkis/Zaiter)**

That in accordance with Clause 8.2 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, Council alter the order of business to allow Item C09/23-384 to be considered as the final item of business for the Meeting.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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**Min.527      C09/23-385 Cumberland Local Traffic Committee - Minutes of 2 August 2023 Meeting and Items Considered under Delegated Authority****Motion (Colman/Saha)**

That Council:

1. Note the items considered under delegated authority by the Cumberland Local Traffic Committee at the 2 August 2023 meeting, as provided in Attachment 1.
2. Receive and note the minutes of the Cumberland Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 2 August 2023, as provided in Attachment 2.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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**Min.528      C09/23-386 Cumberland Local Traffic Committee - 2 August 2023 - Recommendations to Council****Motion (Colman/Sarkis)**

That Council endorse the recommendations for items considered by the Cumberland Local Traffic Committee at the 2 August 2023 meeting, as provided in this report with the exception of items CTC-23-129, CTC-23-130, CTC-23-131, CTC-23-132, CTC-23-134, CTC-23-135 and CTC-23-136 which will be dealt with separately.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Zaiter left the Meeting at 9:21pm and returned at 9:22pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.529****CTC-23-129 McArthur Street, Guildford - Road Safety Concerns****Motion (Elmore/Garrard)**

That Council consult with the affected residents in the street and seek their feedback on the traffic calming devices and return the matter to the Committee.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Farooqui left the Meeting at 9:23pm and returned to the Meeting at 9:26pm during the consideration of this item.

**Min.530****CTC-23-130 Runyon Avenue, Greystanes - Road Safety Concerns****Motion (Sarkis/Cummings)**

That Council consult with the affected residents in the street and seek their feedback on the traffic calming devices and return the matter to the Committee.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

**Min.531****CTC-23-131 Tennyson Parade, Guildford West - Road Safety Concerns****Motion (Sarkis/Hussein)**

That Council consult with the affected residents in the street and seek their feedback on the traffic calming devices and return the matter to the Committee.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha and Sarkis.

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Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Zaiter left the Meeting at 9:38pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Colman left the Meeting at 9:45pm during the consideration of this item.

**Min.532**

**CTC-23-132 Dennistoun Avenue, Guildford West - Consultation Results**

**Motion (Sarkis/Cummings)**

That Council consult with the residents in the street and seek their feedback on the following:

1. Traffic calming devices and return the matter to the Committee.
2. Closure of Dennistoun Avenue to vehicle access onto Fairfield Road.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Hamed left the Meeting at 9:49pm and returned at 9:54pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Zaiter returned to the Meeting at 9:50pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 9:49pm and returned at 9:50pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 9:53pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Colman returned to the Meeting at 9:55pm during the consideration of this item.

**Min.533**

**Extension of Council Meeting**

**Motion (Elmore/Sarkis)**

That Council in accordance with clause 18.2 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, extend the meeting by 1 hour to conclude at 11:00pm, or if an item being discussed is unfinished at 11:00pm, at the conclusion of that item.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes,

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Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Huang returned to the Meeting at 9:57pm during the consideration of this item.

Following the consideration of this item, Councillor Christou raised a Point of Order, citing an alleged breach of Clause 15.11(d) and (e) of *the Code of Meeting Practice*, advising that Councillor Colman made unfavourable remarks towards him during his speech. The Mayor did not uphold this as a Point of Order, noting that the remark was not an insult.

#### **Min.534**

#### **CTC-23-134 Lockwood Street, Merrylands - Road Safety Concerns**

##### **Motion (Rahme/Christou)**

The Cumberland Traffic Committee resolved and recommends to Council that:

1. The installation of speed humps in Lockwood Street, Merrylands be approved in principle.
2. Council prepare speed hump design and undertake consultation with directly affected and adjacent residents.
3. Council report back to the Traffic Committee the outcomes of consultation on the proposal in February 2024.
4. Residents be notified of the recommendation.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 10:00pm and returned at 10:03pm during the consideration of this item.

#### **Min.535**

#### **CTC-23-135 Hawksview Street, Guildford / Merrylands - Road Safety Concerns**

##### **Motion (Rahme/Christou)**

The Cumberland Traffic Committee resolved and recommends to Council that:

1. The installation of traffic calming devices in Hawksview Street in Guildford and Merrylands, between Guildford Overpass and Chetwynd Road, be approved in principle.
2. Council prepare speed hump design and undertake consultation with directly affected and adjacent residents.
3. Council report back to the Traffic Committee the outcomes of consultation on the proposal in November 2023.
4. The Member for Granville be notified of the recommendation.
5. The State Government be requested to review the location for a speed camera.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

#### **Min.536**

#### **CTC-23-136 Redfern Street, South Granville - Road Safety Concerns**

#### **Motion (Rahme/Christou)**

The Cumberland Traffic Committee resolved and recommends to Council that:

1. The installation of speed humps at the approach to the roundabout at the intersection of Clyde Street and Redfern Street, South Granville, be approved in principle.
2. Council prepare speed hump design and undertake consultation with directly affected and adjacent residents.
3. Council report back to the Traffic Committee the outcomes of consultation on the proposal.
4. The resident be notified of the recommendation.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Rahme, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

During the consideration of this item, the Mayor requested that it be noted in the minutes that Councillor Hamed was interjecting during debate.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 10:16pm and returned at 10:19pm during the consideration of this item.

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**Min.537                      C09/23-387 Notice of Motion - Need for Female Facilities in Sporting Sites**

**Motion (Hughes/Garrard)**

In acknowledging the outstanding performance of the 'Matildas' at the recent World Football Championships, and in recognising the depleted and often non-existence of infrastructure to support women's sport participation, that:

- a) The General Manager undertake an audit of sporting provisions and provide a report outlining what female facilities, and the condition thereof, that presently exist on Council sporting grounds;
- b) Council develop a schedule of upgrades across the local government area with promotion of females facilities;
- c) In developing a future improvement programme, Council adopt a targeted position for inclusion of female facilities in at least 50% of sporting sites by 2030;
- d) The financial implications be included in the report and its implications be included in Council's Long Term Financial Plan;
- e) Council pursue opportunities for financial assistance from both state and federal sources as a matter of urgency;
- f) The report also include what immediate actions can be undertaken to accommodate the deficiencies of female facilities at existing sporting grounds; and
- g) All sporting groups within the Cumberland local government area be informed accordingly and that they be engaged in a consultation process as part of the planning phase.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion:                      Christou, Colman, Cummings, Elmore  
Farooqui, Garrard, Hamed, Huang, Hughes,  
Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion:                      Nil.

Councillor Hussein left the Meeting at 10:23pm and returned at 10:27pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 10:27pm and returned at 10:34pm during the consideration of this item.



Councillor Huang left the Meeting at 10:41pm and returned at 10:45pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 10:45pm and returned at 10:46pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 10:47pm and returned at 10:48pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Sarkis left the Meeting at 10:49pm and returned at 10:50pm during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Rahme left the Meeting at 10:50pm during the consideration of this item and did not return.

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**Min.538      C09/23-388 Notice of Motion - Councillor Position Regarding - 109A Church Street, Lidcombe**

**Note:** Councillors Elmore and Hamed exited the Chamber at 10:53pm prior to the consideration of this item as they had declared a Less than Significant, Non-Pecuniary interest in this item. They subsequently did not return to the meeting.

**Motion (Garrard/Christou)**

That, based on the requests by residents present at the public meeting held at Lidcombe on 13 August 2023 regarding 109A Church Street, Lidcombe, and with available information presently stated within the Environmental Impact Statement provided as part of the DA documentation, and other professional information available to Councillors, that Councillors indicate their support, opposition, or otherwise, to the development proposal presently submitted to Council.

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED** Unanimously.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Farooqui, Garrard, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

During the consideration of this item, the Mayor noted that Councillor Huang used inappropriate language during his speech, and asked him to withdraw and apologise. Councillor Huang apologised accordingly.

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The Mayor, Councillor Lake advised that Item C09/23-384 could not be considered due to the time limit of the Council meeting being reached in accordance with the adopted *Code of Meeting Practice*, and advised that consideration of this item would be deferred to the next Ordinary meeting of Council being 27 September 2023 at 6.30pm.

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**Min.539      Request for Attendance by Audio-Visual Link – Councillor Sarkis**

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**Motion (Colman/Christou)**

That in accordance with Clause 5.24 of the *Code of Meeting Practice*, Council approve the attendance of Councillor Sarkis via Audio/Visual Link for all Council meetings until the end of October 2023 due to overseas travel (Meetings scheduled as 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.)

The Motion on being Put was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Christou, Colman, Cummings, Farooqui, Garrard, Huang, Hughes, Hussein, Lake, Saha, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Nil.

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**Other/General Business**

Nil.

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The Mayor, Councillor Lake closed the meeting at 11:20pm.

Chairperson



General Manager

