

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 23 JULY, 2001, CIVIC CENTRE, OXLEY STREET
CAMDEN – 8.00PM**

Present: Cr E Campbell (Mayor/Chairperson), Crs F Anderson, C Patterson, G Corrigan, S Winn, B Batros, S Fekete, N McFadden, S Senise,

Staff: General Manager, Director Development & Environment, Acting Director Works & Services (Manager Assets), Acting Director Governance & Outcomes (Manager Administration), Manager Outcomes, Manager Community Services, Manager Engineering

GENERAL PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Mrs Elston on behalf of Bobby Elston, addressed the Council in relation to safety and security issues surrounding the gazebo at the Cascades.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Corrigan that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 25 June, 2001, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

062/01

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

MAYORAL MINUTE

1. **Badgerys Creek Airport** (TC/3320)

On Thursday July 19 2001, I attended the meeting of the Western Sydney Alliance with Council Officer Chris Lalor, at Holroyd Council, particularly to ascertain the Alliance's response to recent developments on the Badgerys Creek Airport Issue.

A briefing paper on a speech "Sydney Airport In The Next Ten Years" by the Hon John Anderson MP was presented to the meeting however, the legislation the Minister makes reference to had apparently not been identified. In his speech delivered on June 13, 2001 at the Sydney Basin Airports National Briefing Forum the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services said, "the Badgerys Creek site would remain in Commonwealth ownership", that "the lessee of Sydney Airport will be given the first right of refusal by the Commonwealth to build and operate a second major airport within 100 kilometres of the Sydney CBD" and that he "intends to introduce legislation in the Spring sitting of Parliament to protect the site from incompatible development in the surrounding areas".

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I was able to advise the Alliance the legislation in question would appear to be the Badgerys Creek Airport Site Environs Planning Bill which seeks to provide for mechanism, additional to State planning controls, to enable the Commonwealth to protect the site from incompatible development in surrounding areas and to specify those areas to be affected by the Commonwealth planning measures. The Alliance has indicated the Technical Committee will research this information.

I again drew to the Alliance's attention to Camden's opposition to the NSW State Government legislation of December 20, 1995 which established the Sydney West Airport Growth Centre under the Growth Centres (Development Corporation) Act, 1974. The boundary of the Sydney West Airport Corporation includes Camden Airport, Cobbitty, Bringelly, Catherine Field, Leppington and Rossmore and the Act gives this Corporation the power to obtain property by voluntary agreement or compulsory acquisition.

My concern remains with the proposed Commonwealth legislation, to be introduced in the Parliamentary sitting after August 6, 2001, and its implications. If this legislation is adopted it would appear to coincide with and reinforce, the existing State legislation and is likely to effectively ensure a second international airport does go at Badgerys Creek in the future and that development compatible with the airport will be facilitated in a huge area between Camden, Penrith and Liverpool.

Recommended: That Camden Council urgently write to the Member for Macarthur, Hon John Fahey MP:

1. Expressing concern about Minister Anderson's comments.
2. Advising Minister Fahey of our strong opposition to the proposed legislation.
3. Seeking an immediate meeting with Minister Fahey and requesting a full briefing be provided on this matter to a delegation from Camden Council.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Winn that Camden Council urgently write to the Member for Macarthur, Hon John Fahey MP:

1. *Expressing concern about Minister Anderson's comments.*
2. *Advising Minister Fahey of our strong opposition to the proposed legislation.*

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3. *Seeking an immediate meeting with Minister Fahey and requesting a full briefing be provided on this matter to a delegation from Camden Council.*

4. *Copy of the correspondence be forwarded to the Opposition Spokesperson, ALP Senator John Faulkner.*

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2. **Abolition of the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust** (TC/3573)

I have received a letter from the Hon Richard Amery, MP, Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Land and Water Conservation advising of arrangements regarding the formation of a Local Government Advisory Group for the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment.

The Minister states he is looking to greater involvement in catchment management by local government and requests we submit a nomination from Council to be part of a Hawkesbury Nepean Local Government Advisory Group together with the name of a second person to act as an alternative representative. The letter says that ideally nominations will be of either councillors or council employees.

Councillor Robert Bell of Gosford City Council will chair the Group and his first duty will be to establish the Terms of Reference.

The letter states the "Group will be established with an advisory capacity concerning:

- the implementation of the Statement of Joint Intent guiding local government in natural resource management within the Hawkesbury Nepean catchment, and
- determination of priority projects for implementation and funding as defined through Hawkesbury Nepean (Catchment Management Trust) Strategic Plan, Hawkesbury Nepean Healthy Rivers Commission recommendations and a future Upper Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Plan."

A copy of Minister Amery's letter is attached.

Recommended: That Council nominate a representative and an alternative representative to the Hawkesbury Nepean Local Government Advisory Group.

MOTION

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Winn that Cr Batros be nominated as Council's representative on the Hawkesbury Nepean Local Government Advisory Group.

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FURTHER MOTION

Moved Cr Winn, seconded Cr Campbell that the Manager Environmental Services be nominated as Council's alternate representative to the Hawkesbury Nepean Local Government Advisory Group.

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1. **2001 Local Government Association Conference – Motions**
(1998/11)(Director, Governance and Outcomes)

Council has received notification the Local Government Association Annual Conference will be held from 27-31 October 2001 hosted by Wollongong City Council. The Conference is the main forum for discussion and debate on issues affecting Local Government in New South Wales.

The Conference theme will be “The Future is Now”. During the Conference, keynote addresses will be delivered as well as consideration of Motions submitted by Councils. A copy of the draft program has been **forwarded to Councillors separately**.

Any motions which Council wishes to be put to the Conference must be received by the Local Government Association by Friday, 31 August 2001.

In order to comply with the Association’s request and consider any suggested motions, Councillors should submit motions to the Manager Administration by Friday 3 August, 2001 for inclusion in the Resources and Services Committee Agenda for 13 August, 2001.

Registrations for Conference delegates and observers are not required at this stage and a further report will be submitted at a later date.

Recommended: Council consider any Motions to be submitted to the 2001 Local Government Association Conference, at the Resources and Services Committee Meeting on 13 August, 2001.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Corrigan Council consider any Motions to be submitted to the 2001 Local Government Association Conference, at the Resources and Services Committee Meeting on 13 August, 2001.

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2. **Narellan Art Project** (File 4381)(Director Governance & Outcomes)

Background

In January 2001 Councillors received a memo notifying them of Councils successful submission to the Ministry for the Arts, Public Art Fund.

\$6,000 has been received to commission artists to prepare designs for improvements to the exterior of the Narellan Council building. The process involves selecting three artists to prepare concept designs. One of the three artists is then selected to develop the designs further.

Expressions of Interest have been called, with seven professional artists making submissions. A group of Council officers has met to prepare a short list of suitable applicants for consideration by a Committee of Council officers, a Councillor and a community delegate. It is expected that the Committee will meet up to 4 times in the following 6 to 8 months.

Final designs will be reported to Council for consideration.

No funds have been allocated for the construction and installation of the artwork. Some State and Federal funding opportunities exist to assist Council in this regard and will be considered in due course.

This report requests that Council nominate a delegate to the selection committee.

Recommended: That

- (i) The information be noted.
- (ii) A Councillor be nominated to the Committee.

MOTION

Moved Cr Fekete, seconded Cr Winn that

- (i) *The information be noted.*
- (ii) *A Councillor be nominated to the Committee.*

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FURTHER MOTION

Moved Cr Patterson, seconded Cr Winn that Cr Corrigan be nominated as Council's delegate to the Narellan Art Project Selection Committee.

068/01 *THE FURTHER MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.*

MINUTES OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Corrigan, that the Minutes of the Delegated Committees held 25 June, 2001 and 9 July, 2001, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and the recommendations adopted.

069/01 *THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.*

OTHER COMMITTEES

Resolved on the Motion of Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Senise, that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held 9 July, 2001, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and the recommendations be adopted.

070/01 *THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.*

RECOMMITTAL

MOTION

Moved Cr Batros, seconded Cr Corrigan that Council reconsider the adoption of the recommendation in relation to Item 5 of the Traffic Committee.

071/01 *THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.*

FURTHER MOTION

Moved Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Senise, that the recommendation in relation to Item 5 be adopted.

072/01 *THE FURTHER MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.*

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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

**Winter Show Jumping Competition – Bicentennial
Equestrian Park** (PF1500.660)

Cr Campbell drew attention to the Winter Show Jumping Competition held at Bicentennial Equestrian Park 21 – 22 July, 2001 which was an outstanding success.

The organisation of the event and attendance was outstanding which shows the true potential of this site.

The Mayor congratulated all those involved.

No. 130 Argyle Street, Camden (PF350.560)

Cr Campbell drew attention to the former IMB premises in Argyle Street and requested to be advised at a later date the reasons for the alterations to the disabled access on the front doors. Has the policy been amended and under what delegation were the alterations approved.

The Director Development & Environment stated a reply will be provided.

Winter Show Jumping Competition (PF1500.660)

Cr Corrigan requested to be advised of the number of people who attended the show jumping competition and the amount of money collected by the Section 355 Committee. It was understood the entry fee was \$5.00 per person.

The Mayor, Cr Campbell stated it was understood the entry fee varied according to conditions and events. However, it was also understood the entry fee was \$5.00 per horse per event. Approximately 150 – 200 entries were received for each of the days. Approximately 300 – 400 were present at any one time over the weekend. Several Olympic riders and their horses attended over the weekend.

B-Doubles – Cobbitty Road, Cobbitty (TC/708)

Cr Corrigan advised of a complaint concerning the number of B-Double Trucks using Cobbitty Road carting shale through Cobbitty. Are there any restrictions on using Cobbitty Road for this purpose, what is the status of the road. Are there any restrictions on operators outside the Local Government area and using this road as to hours.

The Manager, Engineering stated that Cobbitty Road was a local road and as such had no weight limits. The other

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question in relation to restrictions will be investigated and a response provided.

Carrington Hospital (TC/598)

Cr Winn requested the Traffic Committee consider the erection of 60km/hr speed signs to be erected around Carrington Hospital. This relates especially to outside the Hospital from the roundabout to Ellis Lane.

The General Manager stated the matter will be investigated.

Mount Annan Aquatic Centre (TC/4140)

Cr Winn requested to be advised of the opening date of the Mount Annan Aquatic Centre.

The General Manager stated the exact opening date is not known at this stage. Council will be issuing an Interim Occupancy Certificate shortly. However, there are still a few issues to be resolved. When the Interim Occupancy Certificate is issued, the Company will be able to commence business. However, it is up to the Company to open. Several contract issues are still to be finalised, however these will not stop the commencement of the business.

Graffiti (TC/4149)

Cr Winn requested what actions are available to Council to stop graffiti on the gateways to new Estates.

The Acting Director Works & Services (Manager Assets) stated Council, in conjunction with the Police will endeavour to identify the “Tags” and locate the offenders. In the meantime, the graffiti will be cleaned up.

Birriwa Skate Park (TC/3102)

Cr McFadden referred to the letters which have been issued to residents regarding the Skate Park and the resulting responses. When will Council be receiving a report on the matter.

The General Manager stated the plan is on exhibition to the public for two (2) months. Approximately 5000 letters have been issued to local residents. When the exhibition period closes a full report will be submitted to Council.

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Birriwa Skate Park (TC/3102)

Cr Senise referred to procedures for people outside the target zone for the letters and requested a Council phone number or officer for these people to contact to obtain further information or make a submission.

The General Manager stated the contact officer would be the Manager, Engineering or one of his staff. Any resident may phone Council to obtain details of the exhibition. Residents outside the target zone are quite entitled to make a submission in the normal manner.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm