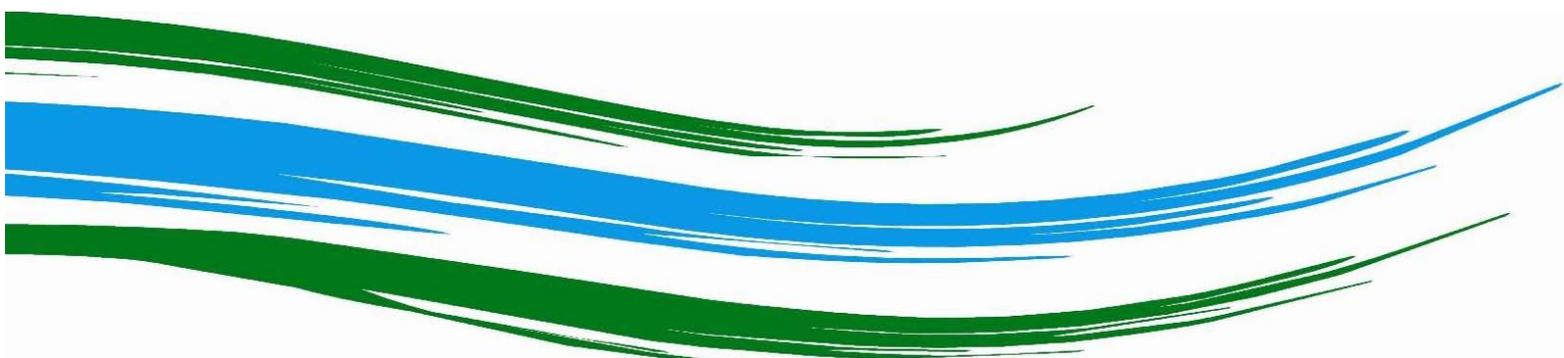




Camden Council Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting
11 September 2018

**Camden Council
Administration Centre
70 Central Avenue
Oran Park**



ORDINARY COUNCIL

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PRESENT

Cr Sidgreaves (Mayor/Chairperson), Cr A Cagney, Cr C Cagney, Cr Farrow, Cr Fedeli, Cr Mills, Cr Morrison, Cr Symkowiak.

STAFF

General Manager, Acting Director Customer & Corporate Strategy, Director Planning & Environment, Acting Director Community Assets, Acting Director Sport, Community & Recreation, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Chief People Officer, Acting Chief Information Officer, Manager Governance & Risk, Manager Corporate Performance & Customer Service, Manager Growth & Advocacy, Manager Development Certification, Manager Waste & Compliance, Manager Statutory Planning, Manager Strategic Planning, Manager Assets & Design Services, Manager Major Projects, Manager Civil, Construction & Maintenance, Acting Manager Traffic, Depot & Building Services, Acting Manager Communications & Events, Manager Community Development, Media Officer, Executive Services Coordinator, Senior Governance Officer, Governance Officer, Governance Administration Officer.

APOLOGY

Resolution: Moved Councillor Farrow, Seconded Councillor A Cagney that Councillor Campbell be granted leave of absence.

ORD167/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations to be noted.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were no public addresses to be noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor A Cagney that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 28 August 2018, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

ORD168/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

MAYOR'S SPEECH

Before I vacate the chair for the next item which is the mayoral vote, I'd like to take the opportunity to address council for a few minutes.

After much consideration, I've decided not to nominate for Mayor again at this stage. My third baby is due in a couple of weeks and it's now the right time to take some maternity leave and step back. I was back at work within 3 weeks after the birth of my previous two children and I'm now looking forward to being able to spend more time with this baby. Being Mayor of a growth council is a full-time job, there are so many parts to it that people don't see, it definitely is a huge responsibility and a very busy work environment!

As a snapshot, when I became Mayor in 2012, we had 57,000 residents, 338 staff, \$417 million in DAs that year and a gross budget of \$106 million. Now in 2018, we have 98,000 residents, 504 staff, DAs lodged this year so far totalling \$1.3 billion and a gross budget of \$302 million. With this growth have come challenges but also opportunities for some great projects!

It has been a true honour and privilege to serve the people of the Camden LGA as Mayor for the last 6 years. It's an honour to be in this role at all, let alone for 6 years. I have been very blessed with the support and the people I've had around me during this time. It's been a pleasure to meet so many people and help wherever I could. This has been the best part of it.

Nothing is ever achieved by just one person. I have been the head of a great team of people at council and there are several people I'd like to acknowledge.

Firstly, I'd like to thank my council colleagues who have supported me as Mayor this term of Council. Deputy Mayor Theresa Fedeli has been invaluable over the last couple of years, especially around the birth of my other two children. Theresa has been a huge support both professionally and personally and I can't thank her enough for everything she has done for me. Thank you to councillors Peter Sidgreaves, Michael Morrison and Robert Mills. I have truly valued your support, I haven't taken it for granted and look forward to continuing to work with you over the next two years as well.

A huge thank you goes to all those residents, volunteers and community members who have supported me as Mayor over the last 6 years. There have been some tough and challenging times and I am so grateful to everyone who has backed me.

Chris Patterson MP has been a great friend and mentor to me over the years. I served with Chris on Council from 2008-2012 and he has provided me with great advice and guidance and helped me take a deep breath or two many times before I've gotten myself into trouble. Chris, as a former Mayor, has experienced the highs and lows you go through and I have sincerely valued his support and friendship.

To the staff at Council I've worked closely with over the years, thank you for going above and beyond to support my team and I in achieving our strategic goals for our residents. During the last 6 years, I've worked closely with Directors, especially Vince and Nicole for the majority of that time and Nicole as acting General Manager several times. I appreciate all your hard work and assistance you've given me so I can do my job well.

Thanks to Paul Rofe, our CFO, who has been integral in achieving fantastic financial results for council. Thank you to Noleen Jessup and in more recent times, Sandra and Cas in their roles. Thank you to the people who have worked in the executive office over the last 6 years, Sam Sharkey, Chloe Morris, Casey Halliday, Megan Gellel and Hayley Halliday. Working together so closely each day has been wonderful and I'm very appreciative of all your hard work.

And to Ron. What can I say? I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you over the last five and a half years and can honestly say the organisation would not be as strong as it is now, without you. When I think back to where Council was 6 years ago, it was completely under-resourced and under-prepared for the tsunami of growth about to explode on its doorstep. Whilst it's never going to be perfect, we've come leaps and bounds into turning the organisation into a modern, professional, customer-focused, efficient council. I have never once regretted bringing Ron on board and what I had to go through to get him here. We've had an extremely successful partnership together and I think I've spent more time with Ron over the last five and a half years than I have my own husband. Ron has been a huge support professionally but also personally, with us being together through the passing of my father, sickness and the birth of my children. Camden Council is very lucky to have Ron as its General Manager and I have learnt a lot from him and look up to him.

Lastly, to my long-suffering husband Andrew, thank you for supporting me through the challenging times, especially with the growth of social media over my time as Mayor and having to see some of the personal attacks. It comes with the job, that's to be expected but I'm still grateful for the support nonetheless!

There are so many things I'm proud of that my team and I have achieved together over the last 6 years. Some that come to mind are:

- Narellan Sports Hub
- Birriwa Outdoor Youth Space
- Oran Park Library
- Mount Annan Leisure Centre extension
- Converting Macaria into the Alan Baker Gallery
- Oxley Street Car Park extension
- Argyle Street Improvement works
- Funding and construction commencement of the Water Play park at Elderslie and two new large recreation spaces at Harrington Park Lake and Currans Hill
- Companion Animal initiatives such as being a No Kill Council, Paws in the Park, free microchipping, subsidised de-sexing, rangers school talks
- Masterplan and funding for Kirkham Park to be re-developed and expanded
- Masterplan and funding for Ferguson Land to be a cricket centre
- Camden Council receiving a 'Fit for the Future' financial assessment (only 7 out of 42 metro Sydney councils got this rating). It was a huge achievement proving we are managing our ratepayers money appropriately and sustainably. This is shown through the fact we didn't need to sell any council assets in order to build our new admin centre here at Oran Park. Our ratepayers are receiving around \$800K per year by council renting the old Camden and Narellan offices
- Increased mowing, public space maintenance, footpath improvements and street beautification
- Establishment of the Camden Region Economic Taskforce
- Signing of the City Deal.

Over the time there have been some big wins achieved by advocating for our residents against proposals such as:

- Main Street Mt Annan development – where council backed residents to object to overdevelopment of the site and saw large style apartment blocks abandoned by the developer

- Hot Dip Galvanising Plant in Smeaton Grange, which backed onto Currans Hill residents
- South West Rail Link in 2015 – advocating for our residents to the State Govt to underground the link so residents in Harrington Park wouldn't have their homes demolished
- M9 Orbital 2018 – advocating for residents to the State Govt to underground route so majority of our LGA is not affected.

There are also some major projects in the planning stage which will come to fruition over the next couple of years which we've been working on:

- Narellan Sports Hub Stage 2 – athletics, rugby and connection roads
- Synthetic fields
- Oran Park Leisure Centre
- Oran Park Water Play Park.

Overall, I feel very honoured to have had the privilege of being Mayor, I am very blessed and grateful for the wonderful opportunity.

I'm extremely proud of the work that my team and I have achieved over the last 6 years, I truly believe that the Camden Council area is the best place to live, work and play.

This isn't goodbye, I will still be a councillor and working hard in that role but it's goodbye for now as Mayor, it's been an honour.

Thank you.

ORD01 ELECTION OF MAYOR - 2018/2020

The Mayor, Councillor Lara Symkowiak, vacated the Chair for the Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and the General Manager assumed the role of the Chairperson – the time being 6.19pm.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, stated that two valid nominations had been received for the position of Mayor, being Councillor Farrow and Councillor Sidgreaves, and as such the method of voting needed to be determined.

Resolution: Moved Councillor Morrison, Seconded Councillor Fedeli that the method of voting for the Mayoral election be an open vote (by a show of hands).

ORD169/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

The General Manager conducted the Mayoral election and Councillors voted by way of a show of hands.

The General Manager stated that Councillor Farrow had received 3 votes and Councillor Sidgreaves had received 5 votes.

The General Manager declared Councillor Sidgreaves to be elected as Mayor for the 2018/2020 term.

ORD02 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR - 2018/2020

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, stated that two valid nominations had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor, being Councillor Cindy Cagney and Councillor Theresa Fedeli, and as such the method of voting needed to be determined and the length of the term for the Deputy Mayor.

Resolution: Moved Councillor Morrison, Seconded Councillor Farrow that the Deputy Mayor be appointed for the 2018/2020 mayoral term and the method of voting for the Deputy Mayoral election be an open vote (by a show of hands).

ORD170/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

The General Manager conducted the Deputy Mayoral election and Councillors voted by way of a show of hands.

The General Manager stated that Councillor C Cagney had received 3 votes and Councillor Fedeli had received 5 votes.

The General Manager declared Councillor Fedeli to be elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2018/2020 term.

CHAIR OF MEETING

The Mayor, Councillor Sidgreaves, assumed the role of the Chairperson for the remainder of the meeting – the time being 6.23pm.

ORD03 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMPANION ANIMAL ADVISORY GROUP

Resolution: Moved Councillor Morrison, Seconded Councillor C Cagney that Council appoint or re-appoint two Councillors as primary representatives to the Companion Animal Advisory Group until September 2020.

(ORD171/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**)

Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

Nominations were received and confirmed for Councillor Symkowiak and Councillor Fedeli.

As there were no other nominees, Councillor Symkowiak and Councillor Fedeli were appointed as primary representatives on the Companion Animal Advisory Group.

ORD04 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

AMENDMENT

Resolution: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor A Cagney that Council:

- i. note the information in this report;
- ii. nominate Councillor C Cagney as the delegate to vote on motions at the 2018 Local Government NSW Annual Conference;
- iii. note that Council officers will advise Local Government NSW by 2 October 2018 of the voting delegate; and
- iv. submit the following motion to the 2018 Local Government NSW Annual Conference:

‘Local Government NSW write to and engage with the NSW Department of Planning, Minister for Education and Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight to develop a mandatory provision that any new schools constructed in a local government area provide appropriately-sized off-street drop off and pick up zones.’

ORD172/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

ORD05 POST EXHIBITION REPORT - ORAN PARK VPA AMENDMENT – SPORTS PARK (DOOHAN RESERVE)

Resolution: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Fedeli that Council:

- i. endorse the draft VPA and authorise the relevant VPA documentation to be completed under Council’s Power of Attorney;
- ii. publicly notify the adoption of the VPA in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Regulations; and
- iii. advise submitters of the outcome of this report.

ORD173/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

ORD06 PROGRESS REPORT - OPTIONS TO REDUCE LAND USE CONFLICT AT LITTLE STREET, CAMDEN

Resolution: Moved Councillor Farrow, Seconded Councillor Fedeli that Council:

- i. note the progress as outlined in the report;
- ii. endorse the proposed amendment to the Camden Development Control Plan 2011 (draft DCP) to be publicly exhibited for 28 days in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*; and
- iii. note that a further report will be provided outlining the results of the public exhibition of the draft DCP and the traffic and noise monitoring.

ORD174/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

NOTICES OF MOTION

ORD07 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLORS RESOURCE ROOM

Resolution: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor A Cagney that the General Manager investigate the feasibility of establishing a 'Councillors Resource Room' and report back to Council prior to the conclusion of November 2018, with a view to possibly establishing a space for the use of Councillors that could be available from February 2019.

ORD175/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

ORD08 NOTICE OF MOTION - OPTIONS FOR POSSIBLE WATER RESTRICTIONS

Resolution: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor A Cagney that Council:

- i. investigate options for possible water restrictions in the Camden Local Government Area; and
- ii. consider using our online and printed media tools to alert our local residents to the low water levels in the dams that supply our drinking water and to encourage residents to conserve unnecessary water usage.

ORD176/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

ORD09 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Resolution: Moved Councillor Fedeli, Seconded Councillor Mills that Council hear any objection or submission by a member of the public, limited to a period of four minutes, concerning the closure of the meeting.

ORD177/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

No objections or submissions were received.

MOTION

Resolution: Moved Councillor A Cagney, Seconded Councillor Symkowiak that Council close the meeting to the media and public to discuss a report about information dealing with a personnel matter in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

ORD178/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Following the resolution of ORD09, the meeting convened into Closed Council, the time being 6.42pm. The public and media left the Chamber.

OPEN COUNCIL

MOTION

Resolution: Moved Councillor Symkowiak, Seconded Councillor Mills that the meeting reconvene into Open Council, the time being 6.57pm.

ORD179/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

The Council reconvened into Open Council, the time being 6.57pm. All Councillors were present in the Chamber on resumption into Open Council. The following was the decision of the Closed Council:

CC01 GENERAL MANAGERS PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Resolution: Moved Councillor C Cagney, Seconded Councillor Symkowiak that Council endorse the General Manager's review outcome as recommended in this report including the draft 2018/2019 Performance Agreement.

ORD180/18 THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

(Councillors Sidgreaves, Symkowiak, Fedeli, C Cagney, A Cagney, Farrow, Mills and Morrison voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillors voted against the Motion.)

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.00PM