
Regular Council Minutes

Commenced 7.00 pm.

13 April 2004

Present: Cr Michael Platt (Mayor), Cr Nickolas Varvaris (Deputy Mayor), Cr Annie Field, Cr Nick Katris, Cr Annie Tang, Cr Adam Mazzaferro, Cr Kathryn Landsberry, Cr Michael Kitmiridis, Cr Judy Feeney, Cr Mark Coure, Cr Col Ritchie, Cr John Mikelsons

Note: Gary Sawyer (General Manager) in his capacity of the Returning Officer opened the Council Meeting and asked for nominations for a temporary Chairperson as there was no elected Mayor present.

Note: Cr Michael Kitmiridis was nominated by Cr Nick Katris and seconded by Cr Michael Platt as the temporary Chairperson. Cr Kitmiridis accepted the nomination.

Note: Cr Michael Kitmiridis chaired the meeting until the declaration of the Mayoral Election.

In Attendance: Gary Sawyer (General Manager), Stephen Clements (Director Development and Health), James Brown (Director Governance and Support Services), Paul Woods (Director Assets and Services), Agnese Regina (Corporate Services Officer), Kim Wilson (Minute Secretary)

A. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

B. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

C. Adjournment for Public Forum

There was no adjournment for a public forum.

Suspension of Standing Orders

80/2004 *Resolved* (*Katris/Coure*)

That Standing Orders be suspended to deal with Item J1.

Note: Item J1 was considered next.

D. Development Assessment Reports

There were no development assessment reports.

E. Meeting Adjournment for 5 minutes

There was no meeting adjournment.

F. Confirmation of Minutes

81/2004 *Resolved* (*Katris/Tang*)

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held 22 March 2004 be confirmed.

G. Mayoral Reports

There were no Mayoral Reports.

H Consideration of Committee and Working Party Recommendations

There were no committee and working party recommendations.

I. Notices of Motions of Rescission

There were no Motions of Rescission.

Note: Item J3 was considered next.

J. Reports from Officers

1. **Subject:** Election of Mayor for the term April-September 2004
- Author:** Gary Sawyer - General Manager
- Reason for Report:** To elect a Mayor for the next term.

The Returning Officer (General Manager) declared the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor vacant and announced that he had received one (1) nomination in writing for the Office of Mayor nominating Councillor Michael Platt and asked if there were any further nominations.

There were no further nominations.

The Returning Officer declared that as there was only (1) nomination that Councillor Michael Platt be elected to the Office of Mayor for the April-September 2004 term.

Councillor Michael Platt assumed the Chair.

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2. **Subject:** Election of Deputy Mayor for the term April-September 2004
- Author:** Gary Sawyer - General Manager
- Reason for Report:** To elect a Deputy Mayor for the next term.

Recommendation:

The Returning Officer (General Manager) announced that he had received one (1) nomination in writing for the Office of Deputy Mayor nominating Councillor Nickolas Varvaris and asked if there were any further nominations.

There were no further nominations.

The Returning Officer declared that as there was only (1) nomination that Councillor Nickolas Varvaris be elected to the Office of Deputy Mayor for the April-September 2004 term.

Note: Item D was considered next.

3. **Subject:** Appointment of Councillor members of Working Parties, and Committees, for the April-September 2004 term

Author: Gary Sawyer - General Manager

Reason for Report: To appoint Councillors to Council's Working Parties, Committees, Traffic and Consultative Committees for the April-September 2004 term.

82/2004 *Resolved* (Varvaris/Katris)

(a) *The staff members of the Working Parties be appointed by the General Manager.*

(b) *That the proposed meeting dates and times outlined in this report, be adopted.*

(c) *That the current community members of the Community Services Working Party, Access Working Party and the Estuary and Floodplain Management Working Party be reappointed.*

- (d) *That Council appoint the Councillor members of its Working Parties and Traffic Committee for the April-September 2004 term as follows:*

COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKING PARTY	
<i>Proposed Meeting time: 4th Wednesday bi-monthly at 5.00pm</i>	
<i>Note: The focus of the agenda will alternate monthly between "General Community Services" and "LEAPS" issues.</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
<p>Cr Annie Tang (Chairperson) Cr Susan Gainsford Cr Graeme Staas Cr Michael Kitmiridis</p>	<p>Councillor Members:</p> <p>Cr Annie Tang (Chairperson) Cr Nickolas Varvaris Cr Mark Coure Cr John Mikelsons</p> <p>Community Members</p> <p>Carrie Choi (St George MRC) Kim Wan Chung Aust/Chinese Comm Assoc. of NSW) Khalil Haragli (St George Lebanese Joint Committee) Jane Lin (CASS) Sonia Ahmad (Kogarah Community Services Inc) Cheryl Kelly (Inner South West Community Development Organisation) Chris Spackman (St George Community Services Inc.) Debra Hanlin (South East Area Women's Health)</p>
<p>Note: Council previously resolved to maintain existing community members.</p>	

ACCESS WORKING PARTY <i>Proposed Meeting time: 3rd Monday Bi-Monthly at 2:30pm</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Annie Tang (Chairperson)	Councillor Members: Cr Annie Tang (Chairperson) Cr Anne Field
Note: Council previously resolved to maintain existing community members.	Community Members: Yvonne Swan (Resident) Linda Dunne (Multiple Sclerosis Society of NSW) Sonia Ahmad (Kogarah Community Services) Anette Collier (Resident)

ESTUARY AND FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY <i>Proposed Meeting time: 3rd Monday Bi-monthly at 4.00pm</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Nick Katris (Chairperson) Cr Graeme Staas Cr Susan Gainsford Cr Anne Field	Councillor Members: Cr Michael Kitmiridis (Chairperson) Cr Nick Katris Cr Judy Feeney Cr John Mikelsons Cr Kathryn Landsberry Cr Anne Field Community Members: Gary Widdup (Resident) Neil Saintilan (Resident) John McCormack (Resident) Peter Tralaggan (Resident) Bill Cavey (Resident) Errol McLean (DIPNR) Janine McGregor (NSW Fisheries) Graeme Dunlevie (NSW Waterways) Jim Colquhoun (Connells Point Progress Association) Eugene Dagher (GRCCC) Paul Nichols (Manager Beverley Park Golf Club) Bart Foley (Manager Resource and Compliance DIPNR)
Note: Council previously resolved to maintain existing community members	

URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN WORKING PARTY	
<i>Proposed Meeting time: 1st Monday of the Month at 7.00pm</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr. Michael Kitmiridis (Chairperson) Cr Susan Gainsford Cr Nick Katris Cr Annie Tang Cr Nickolas Varvaris Cr John Flowers	Councillor Members: Cr Nick Katris (Chairperson) Cr Nickolas Varvaris Cr Michael Kitmiridis Cr Adam Mazzaferro Cr Mark Coure Cr Judy Feeney Cr John Mikelsons Cr Kathryn Landsberry Cr Anne Field Cr Annie Tang

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY	
<i>Proposed Meeting time: 3rd Monday of the Month at 8.00pm</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Michael Kitmiridis (Chairperson) Cr Nick Katris Cr John Flowers	Councillor Members: Cr Michael Kitmiridis (Chairperson) Cr Nickolas Varvaris Cr Mark Coure Cr Adam Mazzaferro Cr Judy Feeney Cr John Mikelsons Cr Kathryn Landsberry Cr Nick Katris

FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY <i>Proposed Meeting time: 3rd Monday of the Month at 7.00pm</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Nickolas Varvaris (Chairperson) Cr John Flowers Cr Susan Gainsford Cr Michael Kitmiridis	Cr Nickolas Varvaris (Chairperson) Cr Michael Kitmiridis Cr Nick Katris Cr Michael Platt Cr Adam Mazzaferro Cr Mark Coure Cr Judy Feeney

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE <i>Meeting time: 1st Tuesday of the Month at 9.00am.</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr John Flowers (Chairperson) Cr Michael Kitmiridis (Alternate)	Councillor Members: Cr Col Ritchie (Chairperson) Cr Michael Platt (Alternate) Community Members: Christine Sathianandan (RTA) Sergeant Chris Hains (Hurstville Local Area Command) Sergeant Gary Cooper (St George Police Station) Nikhil Rughani (Representing Mr F Sartor MP, member for Rockdale) Arthur Hardiman (Representing Mr K Greene MP, Member for Georges River) Alan Brown (Representing Ms C Burton MP, Member for Kogarah) Graham Richards (Connex South Trans) Graham Kell (St George Cabs)

4. **Subject:** Election of Delegates and Representatives to External Committees and Organisations
- Author:** Gary Sawyer - General Manager
- Reason for Report:** To elect delegates and representatives to outside Committees and Organisations.

83/2004 Resolved (Varvaris/Katris)

That the following delegates and representatives be elected for April-September 2004:

GEORGES RIVER COMBINED COUNCILS COMMITTEE	
<i>PROPOSED MEETING TIME: LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 5PM</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Graeme Staas Cr Susan Gainsford	Cr Mark Coure Cr Judy Feeney Cr John Mikelsons (Alternate)

KOGARAH COMMUNITY MOBILE NURSING SERVICE	
<i>PROPOSED MEETING TIME: 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7PM</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
The General Manager or Nominee	The General Manager or Nominee

ST GEORGE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROJECT	
<i>PROPOSED MEETING TIME: 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH 9.20AM</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Susan Gainsford Cr Annie Tang (Alternate)	Cr Annie Tang or Council Nominee

ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIVE FORUM	
<i>PROPOSED MEETING TIME: HELD EVERY QUARTER</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr John Flowers Cr Michael Kitmiridis (Alternate)	Cr Nickolas Varvaris Cr Nick Katris (Alternate)

SOUTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (SSROC)	
<i>PROPOSED MEETING TIME: 3RD THURSDAY QUARTERLY AT 6PM</i>	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Susan Gainsford Cr Graeme Staas Cr Nick Katris (Alternate) Cr John Flowers (Alternate)	Cr Michael Kitmiridis Cr Nick Katris Cr Nickolas Varvaris (Alternate) Cr Judy Feeney (Alternate)

(a)

Administration & Economic Development Committee	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Graeme Staas	Cr Nickolas Varvaris

(b)

Planning and Environmental Issues Committee	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Nick Katris Cr Susan Gainsford	Cr Nick Katris Cr Michael Kitmiridis

(c)

Transportation Policy Committee	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
No nominee	Cr Mark Coure

(d)

Heritage Forum	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Anne Field	Cr Anne Field

(e)

Access Forum	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Jenny O'Neill (Staff)	Jenny O'Neill (Staff)

KOGARAH COMMUNITY SERVICES INC	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Anne Field Cr Annie Tang	Cr Anne field or Council Nominee

AUSTRALIA DAY BOTANY BAY REGATTA COMMITTEE	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Graeme Staas	Cr Nickolas Varvaris

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE	
2002/2003	April-September 2004
Cr Nickolas Varvaris	Cr Nickolas Varvaris

5. **Subject:** Late Report - 5th International Cities, Town Centres & Communities Conference 2004

Author: Gary Sawyer - General Manager

Reason for Report: To inform Council of the 5th International Cities, Town Centres & Communities Conference 2004

84/2004 *Resolved* (Kitmiridis/Katris)

That the Council endorse the following Councillors to attend to attend the 5th International Cities, Town Centres & Communities Conference 2004:

Cr Michael Platt (Mayor)

Cr Nickolas Varvaris (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Nick Katris

Cr Michael Kitmiridis

K. Motions of which Notice Has Been Given

There were no motions of which notice had been given.

L. Reports from Council Delegates

There were no reports from Council Delegates.

M. Councillor Questions

There were no Councillor Questions.

N. General Business

Cr Michael Kitmiridis asked why the Library Working Party and Heritage LEP Committee were no longer on the list of Working Parties.

Gary Sawyer (General Manager) advised that the Library Working Party issues will be referred to the Financial and Management Working Party and the Heritage items will now be referred to the Urban Planning and Design Working Party.

Cr Nick Katris congratulated Cr Michael Platt on gaining the position of Mayor. He stated that as Cr Platt was now the longest serving Councillor and he deserved the seat of Mayor. Cr Katris stated he looked forward to serving with Cr Michael Platt. Cr Katris also congratulated Cr Nickolas Varvaris in gaining the Deputy Mayor position and he also congratulated all of the new Councillors on being elected.

Cr Anne Field also congratulated Cr Michael Platt and Cr Nickolas Varvaris and welcomed all of the new faces and Cr Field stated that she was impressed that there were now 4 women serving on Kogarah Council.

Cr Michael Platt (Mayor) congratulated and welcomed all new Councillors and the old Councillors and stated that he is looking forward to working together for the good of the Community. Cr Platt advised the new Councillors to draw on the experience of the re-elected Councillors. Cr Platt stated that he was there for all so if anyone needs any help to come and see him and that he hopes to build on the solid achievements from the previous Council. Cr Platt would also like to continue to work with the Local Member Cherie Burton. On a personal note Cr Platt stated that he was the first ALP Mayor in 25 years since Brian Langton was Mayor in 1979. Cr Platt thanked all of the people that had helped him including family, friends and supporters.

Gary Sawyer (General Manager) handed out a timeline for the adoption of the Management Plan and Budget. This outlined two dates for sessions, one on Monday 19/4 and the other on Wednesday 28/4. This would enable any changes to be made before the draft gets adopted on 10 May 2004 for public exhibition.

Cr Anne Field asked what time these sessions will be held.

Gary Sawyer (General Manager) advised that on the 19/4 it will start around 7pm with a light meal at 6pm and on 28/4 it will start at 6pm with a break half way through and finishing around 10pm.

85/2004 *Resolved* (*Katris/Coure*)

That the dates for the Management Plan/Budget Meetings to be held on 19/04/04 and 28/04/04 be endorsed.

O. Closed Session

There were no reports considered in closed session.

The meeting finished at 7.30pm

Confirmed on _____ 2004

Councillor Michael Platt
Mayor

Gary Sawyer
General Manager
