



WAVERLEY
COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BOOT FACTORY, SPRING STREET, BONDI JUNCTION ON
TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2025**

Present:

Councillor Michelle Stephenson (Chair)	Bondi Ward
Councillor Will Nemesh (Mayor)	Hunter Ward
Councillor Keri Spooner (Deputy Mayor)	Waverley Ward
Councillor Ludovico Fabiano	Waverley Ward
Councillor Dov Frazer	Hunter Ward
Councillor Steven Lewis	Hunter Ward
Councillor Paula Masselos	Lawson Ward
Councillor Margaret Merten	Bondi Ward
Councillor Joshua Spicer	Waverley Ward
Councillor Lauren Townsend	Lawson Ward
Councillor Katherine Westwood	Lawson Ward
Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak	Bondi Ward

Staff in attendance:

Emily Scott	General Manager
Sharon Cassidy	Director, Assets and Operations
Tara Czinner	Director, Corporate Services
Fletcher Rayner	Director, Planning, Sustainability and Compliance
Ben Thompson	Director, Community, Culture and Customer Experience

At the commencement of proceedings at 8.05 pm, those present were as listed above.

Cr Wy Kanak attended the meeting by audio-visual link.

PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

The Chair read the following Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage:

God, we pray for wisdom to govern with justice and equity. That we may see clearly and speak the truth and that we work together in harmony and mutual respect. May our actions demonstrate courage and leadership so that in all our works thy will be done. Amen.

Waverley Council respectfully acknowledges our Indigenous heritage and recognises the ongoing Aboriginal traditional custodianship of the land which forms our local government area.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The Chair called for declarations of interest and none were received.

3. Addresses by Members of the Public

- 3.1 A Pigott (on behalf of Bondi Exchange Pty Ltd) – PD/5.2/25.03 – Planning Proposal – 50 Botany Street, Bondi Junction – Post-Exhibition.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

PD/4.1/25.03 Confirmation of Minutes - Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting - 4 February 2025 (A25/0079)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nimesh
Seconder: Cr Westwood

That Council confirms the minutes of the Strategic Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 4 February 2025 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5. Reports

PD/5.1/25.03 Social Media Policy and Media Policy – Adoption (A24/1019)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Adopts the Social Media Policy attached to the report (Attachment 1), subject to the following amendments:
 - (a) Page 18 of the agenda – Change next revision date from ‘four years’ to ‘two years.’
 - (b) Page 20 of the agenda, section 2, ‘Platforms’, clause 2.1 – Amend to read as follows: ‘Council will maintain a presence on social media platforms as determined by the General Manager in consultation with the Mayor.’
2. Adopts the Media Policy attached to the report (Attachment 2), subject to the following amendment:
 - (a) Page 36 of the agenda, section 3, ‘The Mayor’, clause 3.4 – Amend to read as follows: ‘If the Mayor is unavailable, the Deputy Mayor should act as the Council’s spokesperson.’

AMENDMENT 1

Mover: Cr Lewis
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That the following clause 1(c) be added to the motion:

‘Page 20 of the agenda, section 2, “Establishment and deletion of Council social media platforms”, clause 2.3 – Delete the words “without the need for endorsement” and add the words ‘but must be endorsed’.’

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

AMENDMENT 2

Mover: Cr Lewis
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That the following clause 1(c) be added to the motion:

‘Page 21 of the agenda, section 2, “Appointment and role of Social Media Officer”, clause 2.6(a) – Add the following words at the end: “Where the staff member’s status is revoked, reasons why must be provided to the staff member.”’

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED THE ADDITION OF NEW CLAUSES 1(c) AND 1(d) AS FOLLOWS:

- 1(c) Page 23 of the agenda, section 3, ‘Induction and training’, clause 3.5 – Add the following words at the end: ‘with professional development costs incurred to be paid from the Councillors’ professional development budget.’
- 1(d) Page 23 of the agenda, section 3, ‘Identifying as a Councillor’, clause 3.6 – After the word ‘Councillor’, add the words ‘or Cr or Clr’.

AMENDMENT 3

Mover: Cr Lewis
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That the following clause 1(e) be added to the motion:

‘Page 24 of the agenda, section 3, “Other social media platforms administered by councillors” – Add the following clause 3.16:

“The General Manager is to report to the next meeting of Council any notification received from a Councillor under clause 3.15.”

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

AMENDMENT 4

Mover: Cr Lewis
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That the following clause 1(e) be added to the motion:

‘Page 24 of the agenda, section 3, ‘Other social media platforms administered by councillors’ – Add the following clause 3.16:

“The General Manager is to maintain a register of all notifications received under clause 3.15. The register is to be made available to Councillors on request and be reported quarterly to a meeting of Council.”

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Division

For the Amendment: Crs Fabiano, Lewis, Masselos, Merten, Spooner and Wy Kanak.

Against the Amendment: Crs Frazer, Nemesh, Spicer, Stephenson, Townsend and Westwood.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED THE ADDITION OF NEW CLAUSES 1(e) AND 2(b) AS FOLLOWS:

1(e) Page 30 of the agenda, section 9, ‘Concerns or complaints’ – Add the following clause 9.4:

‘Complaints about posted content on Council’s social media platforms may be directed to the Social Media Officer.’

2(b) Page 36 of the agenda, section 3, ‘The Mayor’, clause 3.5 – Add the following words at the beginning: ‘If the Deputy Mayor is unavailable’.

AMENDMENT 5

Mover: Cr Masselos
Seconder: Cr Lewis

That the following clause 2(c) be added to the motion:

‘Page 36 of the agenda, section 3, “The Mayor”, clause 3.5 – Add the following sentence at the end:

“Where another Councillor is delegated to speak to media, they must be briefed by the Mayor/General Manager/media officer to ensure they are across the issue and are fairly and properly representing Council.”

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

AMENDMENT 6

Mover: Cr Lewis
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That the following clause 2(c) be added to the motion:

‘Page 36 of the agenda, section 3, “Councillors”, clause 3.7, amend as follows:

- (i) Clause 3.7(e) – Delete the word “may” and add the word “must”.
- (ii) Clause 3.7(f) – Delete the word “should” and add the word “must”.
- (iii) Clause 3.7(g) – Delete the words “should endeavour” and insert the word “must”.’

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Division

For the Amendment: Crs Fabiano, Lewis, Masselos, Merten, Spooner and Wy Kanak.

Against the Amendment: Crs Frazer, Nemesh, Spicer, Stephenson, Townsend and Westwood.

AMENDMENT 7

Mover: Cr Lewis
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That the following clause 2(c) be added to the motion:

‘Page 37 of the agenda, section 3, “Councillors”, clause 3.8 – Delete the word “should” and add the word “must”.’

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

AMENDMENT 8

Mover: Cr Lewis
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That the following clause 2(c) be added to the motion:

‘Page 37 of the agenda, section 3, “Council staff”, clause 3.16 as it appears in the agenda (clause 3.19 when reformatted) – Delete the word “should” and add the word “must”.’

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE 2(c):

‘Page 37 of the agenda, section 3, “Induction and training”, clause 3.19 as it appears in the agenda (clause 3.22 when reformatted) – Add the following words at the end: ‘with professional development costs incurred to be paid from the Councillors’ professional development budget”.’

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

DECISION

That Council:

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amendments:

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- (b) Page 20 of the agenda, section 2, ‘Platforms’, clause 2.1 – Amend to read as follows: ‘Council will maintain a presence on social media platforms as determined by the General Manager in consultation with the Mayor.’
- (c) Page 23 of the agenda, section 3, ‘Induction and training’, clause 3.5 – Add the following words at the end: ‘with professional development costs incurred to be paid from the Councillors’ professional development budget.’
- (d) Page 23 of the agenda, section 3, ‘Identifying as a Councillor’, clause 3.6 – After the word ‘Councillor’, add the words ‘or Cr or Clr’.
- (e) Page 30 of the agenda, section 9, ‘Concerns or complaints’ – Add the following clause 9.4:
‘Complaints about posted content on Council’s social media platforms may be directed to the Social Media Officer.’

2. Adopts the Media Policy attached to the report (Attachment 2), subject to the following amendments:

- (a) Page 36 of the agenda, section 3, ‘The Mayor’, clause 3.4 – Amend to read as follows: ‘If the Mayor is unavailable, the Deputy Mayor should act as the Council’s spokesperson’.
- (b) Page 36 of the agenda, section 3, ‘The Mayor’, clause 3.5 – Add the following words at the beginning: ‘If the Deputy Mayor is unavailable’.
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Division

For the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Frazer, Lewis, Merten, Nemesh, Spicer, Spooner, Stephenson, Townsend and Westwood.

Against the Motion: Crs Masselos and Wy Kanak.

PD/5.2/25.03 Planning Proposal - 50 Botany Street, Bondi Junction - Post-Exhibition (PP-2/2024)

MOTION / DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Frazer

That Council:

1. Exercises the delegations issued by the Minister under section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to finalise the planning proposal relating to 50 Botany Street, Bondi Junction, attached to the report (Attachment 1) to amend the *Waverley Local Environmental Plan 2012*.

2. Writes to all those who made submissions advising them of Council's decision.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Frazer, Lewis, Masselos, Merten, Nemesh, Spicer, Spooner, Stephenson, Townsend and Westwood.

Against the Motion: Cr Wy Kanak.

A Pigott (on behalf of Bondi Exchange Pty Ltd) addressed the meeting.

PD/5.3/25.03 Bondi Park Basketball Court (A24/1050)**MOTION / DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Frazer

That Council:

1. Investigates a leasing or licensing agreement with the Catholic Church for the public use of the basketball court on the corner of Blair Street and Mitchell Street, North Bondi.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council on the terms and conditions of the agreement, including:
 - (a) Length of tenure.
 - (b) Financial or in-kind contributions for the repair and ongoing upkeep and security of the facility.
 - (c) Timing for agreement execution and any required capital works.
3. Progresses design, consultation, approvals and construction of a modified half-court in Bondi Park, located to consider the future playground expansion.
4. Continues to investigate alternative locations for new multi-function hardcourts, as set out in adopted strategies and plans of management.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Frazer, Lewis, Masselos, Merten, Nemesh, Spicer, Spooner, Stephenson, Townsend and Westwood.

Against the Motion: Cr Wy Kanak.

6. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

7. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.56 PM.

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SIGNED AND CONFIRMED
CHAIR
1 APRIL 2025