



**Lane Cove
Council**

**Minutes
Public Forum
18 May 2026, 07:00 PM**

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PRESENT: Mayor Southwood (Mayor), Councillor Kennedy, Councillor Taylor, Councillor Roenfeldt, Councillor Bryla, Councillor Little, Councillor Flood and Councillor Bennison.

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager, Director - Corporate Services and Strategy, Director - Planning and Sustainability, Director - Community and Culture, Director - Open Spaces and Infrastructure, Executive Officer to the GM and Minute Taker.

ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

APOLOGIES

Councillor Greenwell

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor gave an acknowledgement of Country.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL PUBLIC FORUM

The Mayor advised those present that the Public Forum was being webcast.

PUBLIC FORUM SEGMENT

Online

1. Dr Liz Gill, of Greenwich, representing Greenwich Community Association, regarding Item 12.1 – Post Exhibition draft Planning Agreement for 177-183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich, and Item 14.2 – Draft Planning Agreement Policy,
2. Sue Robinson of Greenwich, representing Greenwich Community Association, regarding Item 12.1 – Post Exhibition draft Planning Agreement for 177-183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich, and Item 15.1 – Post Exhibition – Planning proposal related to 177-183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich,

In Person

3. Dan Keary of Manly, representing Winten Property Group, regarding Item 15.1 – Post Exhibition – Planning proposal related to 177-183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich, and Item 12.1 – Post Exhibition draft Planning Agreement for 177-183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich,
4. Will Rothwell of Lane Cove, of Winten Development Group, regarding Item 15.1 – Post Exhibition – Planning proposal related to 177-183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich,
5. Christina Renner representing Winten Development Group, regarding Item 12.1 – Post Exhibition draft Planning Agreement for 177-183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich,

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bryla that there be a two minute extension for Christina Renner.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Kennedy, Taylor, Roenfeldt, Bryla, Little, Flood and Bennison (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

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6. Dennis Arnott of Greenwich, regarding Item 12.1 – Post Exhibition draft Planning Agreement for 177-183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich, and Item 15.1 – Post Exhibition – Planning proposal related to 177-183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich,
7. Michael Stojanovic of Lane Cove, representing Lane Cove Football Club, regarding Item 11.1 – Notice of Motion – Open Space Strategy, and Item 11.2 – Notice of Motion – Development of a Draft Synthetic Turf in Public Spaces Policy and investigation into synthetic turf guidelines for new dwellings,
8. Glenn Poynton of Riverview, President of Lane Cove Hunters Hill Cats AFL, Committee member of LC Cricket club and Treasurer of Gallery Lane Cove, regarding Item 11.1 – Notice of Motion – Open Space Strategy, and Item 11.2 – Notice of Motion – Development of a Draft Synthetic Turf in Public Spaces Policy and investigation into synthetic turf guidelines for new dwellings,

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Kennedy that there be a one minute extension for Glenn Poynton for Item 11.1..

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Kennedy, Taylor, Roenfeldt, Bryla, Little, Flood and Bennison (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

9. Shauna Forrest, representing Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society, regarding Item 11.2 – Notice of Motion – Development of a Draft Synthetic Turf in Public Spaces Policy and investigation into synthetic turf guidelines for new dwellings,
10. Frances Vissel of Lane Cove North, regarding Item 11.1 – Notice of Motion – Open Space Strategy and Item 11.2 – Notice of Motion – Development of a Draft Synthetic Turf in Public Spaces Policy and investigation into synthetic turf guidelines for new dwellings.
11. Rod Tudge of Osborne Park regarding Item 11.2 – Notice of Motion – Development of a Draft Synthetic Turf in Public Spaces Policy and investigation into synthetic turf guidelines for new dwellings
12. Jennifer Schneller of Northwood regarding Item 11.2 – Notice of Motion – Development of a Draft Synthetic Turf in Public Spaces Policy and investigation into synthetic turf guidelines for new dwellings, and Item 11.1 – Notice of Motion – Open Space Strategy.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Flood and seconded by Councillor Kennedy that there be a one minute extension for Jennifer Schneller for Item 11.1.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Kennedy, Taylor, Roenfeldt, Bryla, Little, Flood and Bennison (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

COMMUNITY FORUM SEGMENT

Nil

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION SEGMENT

Item 11.1 – Notice of Motion – Open Space Strategy

Councillor Roenfeldt asked are other recreational activities apart from organised sports, such as dog walking, gym equipment, picnicking etc, excluded on synthetic fields?

Dogs are not permitted on synthetic turf, but other activities can occur as long the fields have not been booked for sport.

Councillor Bennison asked Councillor Taylor whether it was his understanding (from the discussions at the Sporting Club advisory committee), that there is no PFAS in the synthetic field at Blackman Oval?

Councillor Taylor advised that Yes, that is his understanding based on what he has heard and his background investigations.

Councillor Bennison asked what is the best approach to get answers and clarity on some of the information presented at the Public Forum? Should it be submitting questions via email so the answers are made public.

The General Manager advised that where there are questions relating to Notices of Motion, they are best put to the Councillors, rather than the Council officer. Additionally, some of the questions may be better raised at the Council meeting to the Councillor/s moving the NOM, to be addressed during debate.

Item 12.1 – Post Exhibition draft Planning Agreement for 177-183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich

Councillor Kennedy sought clarification on the multiple adjoining sites that were referred to during the Public Forum?

The details will be provided in writing following the General Manager's review of the site addresses.

Councillor Bryla asked whether the VPA motion is separate from the Planning Proposal?

It was confirmed that the two items stand alone. A decision relating to the Planning Proposal may proceed without the Planning Agreement (VPA) being agreed to.

Councillor Flood asked whether the boatshed may be repurposed?

This does not form part of the VPA, but if Council wished this to be explored, investigation could occur on the condition of the boatshed etc after the land comes into Council's ownership.

Councillor Kennedy asked who would be responsible for the removal of the boatshed/s – the developer or Council staff?

The VPA includes that the landowner will remove the boatshed prior to handing over the land to Council.

13.2 Delivery program and Operational Plan – 2025/26 Third Quarter Review

Councillor Bennison asked about the costings to engage a consultant to conduct a comprehensive carbon inventory?

The funds have been allocated in the budget, and details will be supplied to Councillors.

13.3 Quarterly Budget review statements – March 2025/26

Councillor Bennison raised that capital expenditure forecast has decreased and that there has been a reduction in the developer contributions. He asked whether these declines are likely to continue, and is one a greater concern than the other moving forward?

In this particular case, the variation in the developer contributions is a timing issue. When the budget was prepared 12 months ago, staff anticipated two large developments commencing that did not occur, so the income forecast needs to be reviewed.

Developer contribution forecasting is always challenging as applicants have five years to take up that consent.

If Council is not seeing development activity into the future, then Council will be quite conservative in its forecasting.

13.5 Council Policies Review

Councillor Southwood asked when a need for minor changes to a policy are identified, is it correct that currently there is no delegation for the GM to make these minor administrative alterations?

That is correct. Moving forward should Councillors wish to give discretion to the General Manager to make these administrative / typographical changes, a separate resolution could be added to give clarity to this.

14.4 Community Facility Support for Organic Buyers Group Pilot Initiative

Councillor Bennison sought clarity on this proposal?

This report asks Council to provide space and to waive the lease fee for the trial period. Council's fees and charges do not provide any discretion for the General Manager to waive this fee, therefore consideration of a waiver needs to be reported to Council.

It is an organisation that supports community members to come together as a collective to share the purchase of seasonal organic fruit and vegetables. They take it in turns to collect the produce, box it up and distribute between member families.

Councillor Kennedy asked whether membership is open to the public or is it a private group, ie how is it structured?

There is an auspicing group and collectives in North Sydney and Randwick. It is expected that a similar collective would be created in Lane Cove.

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15.1 Post Exhibition – Planning Proposal related to 177-183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich

Councillor Southwood noted that there is an extension of the deadline until August, and asked what happens if the decision is not made by August?

Council can seek a further extension if Council is still considering the proposal. If this did not occur the Planning Proposal would lapse.

15.3 – Draft Submission – NSW Statewide Community Participation Plan

Councillor Bennison queried the removal of 'change of use' from development notifications.

The Community Participation Plan is only in relation to how development applications get notified and publicly exhibited. It does not change whether a DA is a complying development or a DA is required. It is currently up to individual councils to determine the exhibition requirements in their CPP.

The State Government is seeking to fast track developments by removing some public exhibition requirements. Council's submission is that the community should be consulted on local developments.

The Public Forum closed at 8.40pm.

******* END OF PUBLIC FORUM MINUTES *******