

Minutes of the Resilient Communities Committee - 5 December 2022

Members Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor HY William Chan, Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis (Deputy Chair), Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Shauna Jarrett, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Linda Scott, Councillor Jess Scully and Councillor Yvonne Weldon.

At the commencement of business at 2.59pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott and Weldon.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon left the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee at 3.02pm, prior to the vote on Item 7.3, and did not return. Councillor Weldon was not present at the meeting during voting on Item 7.3.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis and Councillor Linda Scott were attending the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 4.20 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

Apologies

Councillor Jess Scully extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee.

Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the apology of Councillor Scully be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee be granted.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee concluded at 3.05pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the minutes of the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee of Monday 14 November 2022, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that Nathan Moran, Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, has opened numerous events for Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ), an organisation of which she is the founder and Chairwoman;
- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that John Leha, Founding Director and Chair of BlaQ Aboriginal Corporation, is known to her via numerous community connections spanning over a decade; and
- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that Jinny-Jane Smith, team member of the BlaQ Aboriginal Corporation, is known to her via the City of Sydney Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel and through community connections.

Councillor Davis considers that these non-pecuniary conflicts of interest are not significant and do not require further action in the circumstances because the interests are of a relationship basis that does not impede the objectiveness of her decision-making and does not render personal beneficiary benefits.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.3 on the agenda, in that she is the Deputy Chairperson of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, one of the applicants for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund grant.

Councillor Weldon stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee.

The Resilient Communities Committee recommends the following:

Item 3

Grants and Sponsorship – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendation for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

(Note – at the meeting of the Resilient Communities Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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