Minutes of the Community Services and Facilities Committee - 11 May 2026

Members The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO - Lord Mayor of Sydney (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Olly Arkins, Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore (Deputy Chair), Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 5:11pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Arkins, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Thompson, Weldon and Worling.

Apologies

Councillor Miller extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

Councillor Ellsmore extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

Moved by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Maxwell –

That the apologies of Councillors Miller and Ellsmore be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee be granted.

Carried unanimously.

Councillor Arkins left the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee at 5:17pm, prior to discussion on Item 4, and returned at 5:18pm, after the vote on Item 4. Councillor Arkins was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 4.

Councillor Weldon left the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee at 5:17pm, prior to discussion on Item 4, and returned at 5:18pm, after the vote on Item 4. Councillor Weldon was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 4.

The meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee concluded at 5:18pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of Monday 20 April 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation is recommended to receive a grant and is currently a member of Australian Festival Association. She is the CEO of the Association.

Councillor Arkins stated that she will not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 4 on the agenda, in that she is a board member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, who was not recommended for funding.

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

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

The Community Services and Facilities Committee recommended the following:

Item 3

Joint Operation of Paddington Library

It is resolved that Council:

(A) Council endorse extending the existing agreement with Woollahra Municipal Council to jointly run a library from Paddington Town Hall from 1 July 2026 until capital works commence;

(B) Council endorse entering into an agreement with Woollahra Municipal Council to jointly run a library from EJ Ward Community Centre at 189 Underwood Street, Paddington for the duration of the capital works on the terms set out in the subject report;

(C) Council endorse the payment of a maximum of $50,800 to Woollahra Municipal Council for relocation costs for Paddington Library; and

(D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into agreements with Woollahra Municipal Council to give effect to the approvals outlined in (A) and (B) above.

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(Note – at the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee, this recommendation was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Thompson, and carried unanimously.)

Item 4

Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

It is resolved that:

(A) Council approve the cash recommendations 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 finalise, 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.

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(Note – at the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee, this recommendation was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)