

Minutes Council Meeting

held at Mona Vale Memorial Hall on

18 March 2013

Commencing at 6.30pm.



ATTENDANCE

Members

Townsend, J (Mayor & Chairperson)
Grace, B (Deputy Mayor)
Ferguson, K
Griffith, S
Hegarty, J
McTaggart, A
Millar, K
White, I
Young, S

Officers

Ferguson, M (General Manager)
Hunt, C (Director, Urban & Environmental Assets)
Evans, S (Director, Environmental Planning & Community)
Godfrey, L (Manager, Community, Library & Economic Development)
Lawrence, W (Manager, Administration & Governance)
Munn, L (Manager, Reserves, Recreation & Building Services)
Pigott, A (Acting Manager, Planning & Assessment)
Williams, A (Principal Development Officer)
Edmonds, M (Principal Development Officer)
Jones, M (Chief Financial Officer)
Reid, P (Manager, Corporate Strategy & Commercial)
Angles, G (Principal Officer, Administration)
McPherson, S (Administration Officer/ Minute Secretary)

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Notes:

- 1. The Council Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and adjourned at 7.20pm, recommenced at 9.32pm and concluded at 9.35pm.
- 2. The Planning an Integrated Built Environment Committee Meeting commenced at 7.21pm and concluded at 9.02pm.
- 3. The Governance Committee Meeting commenced at 9.03pm and concluded at 9.31pm.

Council Meeting

1.0 Public Forum

Mr Graham Sloper, President of Avalon RSL Sub-Branch, addressed the Meeting regarding to the Avalon 2013 Tattoo being held on 15 June 2013.

2.0 Resident Questions

Question 1 – Mr Danny Noonan

Has the Council changed its Policy on the enforcement of the 'No Dogs on Beaches' regulations? As a written reply by Jeff Lofts on this matter, it states; "it is considered that an increase in the number of infringements would not represent an improvement in the enforcement program, nor would it increase the compliance level within the community".

Answer

The short answer is no it has not changed it's policy. The Council's Rangers carry out continuous patrols of all dog prohibited areas which includes the ocean beaches and designated swimming reserves on Pittwater, including Clareville Beach. Rangers carry out patrols everyday, morning and afternoon and any breach of the prohibition is penalised by the issue of an infringement notice. The Rangers do not seek to avoid their responsibility and the number of infringements issued in one particular location is not an accurate reflection of the enforcement activity undertaken across the area.

3.0 Apologies

Nil

4.0 Declarations of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest including any Political Donations and Gifts

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I am a member though no professional relationship exists."

4. Cr Hegarty declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item C12.6 – Changes to Local Environmental Plan making procedures regarding delegations and independent reviews of Plan-Making decisions and took no part in discussion or voting. The reason provided by Cr Hegarty was:

"I sit as a delegate on the JRPP and one of the applications before the JRPP is mentioned in the body of the report."

5. Cr Townsend declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item C12.6 – Changes to Local Environmental Plan making procedures regarding delegations and independent reviews of Plan-Making decisions and took no part in discussion or voting. The reason provided by Cr Townsend was:

"I am a Delegate on the Joint Regional Planning Panel who will be determining an application referred to in the item."

5.0 Confirmation of Minutes

COUNCIL DECISION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 March 2013 copies of which were circulated to all Councillors be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

(Cr White / Cr Griffith)

6.0 Public Addresses

C10.3 - Notice of Motion - Community Gardens Policy - with the leave of the Council, Ms Rosalba Courtney and Ms Sarah Hatcher addressed Council speaking in support of the recommendation.

C12.2 – N0345/12 – 35 & 37 Ocean Avenue, Newport – Demolition of all existing structures, construction of a multi unit housing development with basement carpark, landscaping and strata subdivision - with the leave of the Council, Mr Greg Boston addressed Council speaking in support of the recommendation.

C12.3 – N0567/10/S96/1 – 13A Ocean Road, Palm Beach – Modification of consent for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling - with the leave of the Council, Mr Mark Walsh and Ms Shirley Walsh addressed Council speaking against the recommendation. Mr Peter Smith addressed Council speaking in support of the recommendation.

7.0 Councillor Questions on Notice

Nil.

8.0 Mayoral Minutes

Nil.

9.0 Business by Exception

COUNCIL DECISION

That Items C10.1, C10.2, C11.3, C12.5 and C12.9 be dealt with by exception and the recommendations contained in the reports for these items be adopted.

(Cr Hegarty / Cr Millar)

FURTHER COUNCIL DECISION

That Item C12.6 be dealt with by exception and the recommendation contained in the report for this item be adopted.

(Cr White / Cr Griffith)

Notes:

 Cr Hegarty left the meeting at 7.16pm and returned at 7.17pm, having declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in item C12.6 and took no part in discussion or voting. The reason provided by Cr Hegarty was:

"I sit as a delegate on the JRPP and one of the applications before the JRPP is mentioned in the body of the report."

2. Cr Townsend left the meeting at 7.16pm and returned at 7.17pm, having declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in item C12.6 and took no part in discussion or voting. The reason provided by Cr Townsend was:

"I am a Delegate on the Joint Regional Planning Panel who will be determining an application referred to in the item."

3. Cr Grace assumed the Chair for item C12.6 only.

10.0 Council Meeting Business

C10.1 Notice of Motion - No support for Coal Seam Gas, exploration, extraction or 'fracking' in Pittwater or catchment areas that flow in to Pittwater

COUNCIL DECISION (By Exception)

That Council write to our Local Member Mr Rob Stokes, The Premier and Member for Kuringai Mr Barry O'Farrell, Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, Mr Andrew Stoner, the Minister for Resources and Energy Mr Chris Hartcher, the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW Mr Brad Hazzard and Minister for the Environment Ms Robyn Parker to express that the people of Pittwater value the integrity of their natural environment and do not wish to put it at risk. That the people of Pittwater do not support CSG Mining or any fracking activity within the LGA or in any catchment area outside the LGA that feeds into the LGA.

(Cr Hegarty / Cr Millar)

C10.2 Notice of Motion - No Support for Hunting NSW National Parks

COUNCIL DECISION (By Exception)

That Council write to our Local Member Mr Rob Stokes, the Premier and Member for Kuringai Mr Barry O'Farrell, Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services Mr Andrew Stoner, The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW Mr Brad Hazzard and Minister for the Environment Ms Robyn Parker to express:

- That the People of Pittwater value the natural environment of national parks and reserves in and around Pittwater and do not wish to put the safety and amenity of users of these natural resources at risk, nor the safety and amenity of the native wildlife.
- That the people of Pittwater do not support hunting as an activity in national parks and reserves within the LGA or in any area that borders the LGA.

(Cr Hegarty / Cr Millar)

C10.3 Notice of Motion - Community Gardens Policy

COUNCIL DECISION

That Pittwater Council work with the community to develop a policy for verge planting and community gardens that will provide a framework for guiding community members and groups who are interested in pursuing these activities.

(Cr Griffith / Cr Ferguson)

Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)

That the Council Meeting be adjourned and the Planning an Integrated Built Environment Committee Meeting now commence.

(Cr White / Cr Grace)

Note:

- 1. The Council Meeting adjourned at 7.20pm and the Planning an Integrated Built Environment Committee Meeting commenced at 7.21pm.
- 2. Cr Griffith assumed the Chair.

Planning an Integrated Built Environment Committee

12.0	Planning an Integrated Built Environment Committee
	Business

C12.2 N0345/12 - 35 & 37 Ocean Avenue Newport - Demolition of all existing structures, construction of a multi unit housing development with basement carpark, landscaping and strata subdivision

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendation in the Development Officer's report be endorsed and development application N0345/12 for the demolition of all existing structures, construction of a multi unit housing development with basement carpark, landscaping and strata subdivision at 35 and 37 Ocean Avenue Newport (Lots A and B DP 18415) be granted development consent subject to the conditions contained in the draft determination and the following amended and additional conditions of consent:

Additional Conditions:

B33 Design and construction of a 1.5 metre wide concrete footpath in the public road reserve for the full frontage of the site.

- C18 Plans and details demonstrating that the following issues have been addressed are to be submitted to the Accredited Certifier with the Construction Certificate application.
 - a. Driveway profiles must be obtained from Council for all access driveways across the public road verge to road edge. The driveway profiles provided by Council must be incorporated into and attached to design plans for the access driveway and internal driveway.
 - b. All construction of the access driveway across the public road verge must be undertaken by a Council authorised contractor.
 - Council's Fees and Charges apply to driveway profiles and Deed of Agreement for Access Driveway.
- E15 A Deed of Agreement indemnifying Council must be entered into for construction of a coloured or cosmetic access driveway across the public road verge (i.e. other than a plain concrete finish).

Amended Conditions:

C14 A contribution of \$54,000 is to be made to Cashier Code SOPS, pursuant to Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (as amended), for Embellishment of Open Space, Bushland and Recreation in accordance with Section 94 Contributions Plan No.2.

The Contributions Plan may be inspected at Pittwater Council, No 1 Park Street, Mona Vale. The Section 94 contribution is to be paid prior to issue of the Construction Certificate. Where rates payable under Section 94 Contributions Plan No 2 are reviewed and varied, the applicant is to pay the contribution rate as specified in the plan as it exists at the time of contribution.

C15 A contribution of \$12,000 is to be made to Cashier Code SLEL, pursuant to Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (as amended), for Public Library Services in accordance with Section 94 Contributions Plan No.3.

The Contributions Plan may be inspected at Pittwater Council, No 1 Park Street, Mona Vale. The Section 94 contribution is to be paid prior to issue of the Construction Certificate. Where rates payable under Section 94 Contributions Plan No 2 are reviewed and varied, the applicant is to pay the contribution rate as specified in the plan as it exists at the time of contribution.

C16 A contribution of \$21,000 is to be made to Cashier Code SCSF, pursuant to Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (as amended), for Community Services Facilities in accordance with Section 94 Contributions Plan No.18.

The Contributions Plan may be inspected at Pittwater Council, No 1 Park Street, Mona Vale. The Section 94 contribution is to be paid prior to issue of the Construction Certificate. Where rates payable under Section 94 Contributions Plan No 2 are reviewed and varied, the applicant is to pay the contribution rate as specified in the plan as it exists at the time of contribution.

C17 A contribution of \$30,000 is to be made to Cashier Code SVSS, pursuant to Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (as amended), for providing improved Village Streetscapes in accordance with Section 94 Contributions Plan No.19.

The Contributions Plan may be inspected at Pittwater Council, No1 Park Street, Mona Vale. The Section 94 contribution is to be paid prior to issue of the Construction Certificate. Where rates payable under Section 94 Contributions Plan No 19 are reviewed and varied, the applicant is to pay the contribution rate as specified in the plan as it exists at the time of contribution.

(Cr White / Cr Townsend)

Note:

A division was duly taken resulting in the following voting:

Aye (For)	No (Against)
Cr Ferguson	Nil
Cr Griffith	
Cr Grace	
Cr Hegarty	
Cr McTaggart	
Cr Millar	
Cr Townsend	
Cr White	
Cr Young	

C12.3 N0567/10/S96/1 - 13A Ocean Road, Palm Beach - Modification of consent for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- A) That the recommendation in the Development Officer's report not be endorsed and development application N0567/10/S96/1 for modification of consent for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling at 13A Ocean Road, Palm Beach (Lot 1 DP 121833) be refused for the following reasons:
 - 1. the application is not in the public interest due to the lack of landscaping
 - 2. the application does not comply with the DCP
 - 3. detrimental environmental impact on a public place, and
 - 4. adverse to future character of the area.

B) Reason for Deviation from Recommendation

That in accordance with Clause 13 of the Council's adopted Code of Meeting Practice the reasons for the deviation from the staff recommendation in relation to this application are as follows:

"the application is not in accordance with the DCP and if approved would be an unacceptable precedent."

(Cr Grace / Cr Young)

Notes:

1. A division was duly taken resulting in the following voting:

Aye (For)	No (Against)
Cr Ferguson	Cr White
Cr Griffith	
Cr Grace	
Cr Hegarty	
Cr McTaggart	
Cr Millar	
Cr Townsend	

Cr Young

Cr Grace declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in this Item and remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided by Cr Grace was:

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I have recommended him to people as I think he is a good Counsel.

Never been to his house. Never met his wife or children.

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3. Cr Millar declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in this Item and remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided by Cr Millar was:

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Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)

That Cr Grace be granted an extension of time to complete his address to the meeting on this item.

(Cr Townsend / Cr Hegarty)

C12.1 N0311/12 - 1157 Barrenjoey Road Palm Beach - alterations and additions to the existing dwelling

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendation in the Development Officer's report be endorsed and development N0311/12 for alterations and additions to the existing dwelling at 1157 Barrenjoey Road Newport (Lot 7A DP 13374) be granted development consent subject to the conditions contained in the draft determination.

(Cr White / Cr Ferguson)

Note:

A division was duly taken resulting in the following voting:

Aye (For)
Cr Ferguson
Cr Griffith
Cr Grace
Cr Hegarty
Cr McTaggart
Cr Townsend
Cr White

No (Against)
Cr Millar
Cr Young
Cr McTagart
Cr Townsend
Cr White

C12.4 62A Rednal Street Mona Vale - Offer to purchase

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That staff prepare a Planning Proposal for the re-classification and rezoning of lot 11 DP 221626 and lot 30 DP 24428. That having regard for the status of the draft Pittwater Standard Instrument LEP, this process not commence until such time as the draft Pittwater Standard Instrument is adopted and in force.
- 2. That upon completion of the matter in 1 above Council consider acceptance of the offer made by the adjoining owners to purchase the land for the sum of \$303,000.
- 3. That the General Manager be authorised to execute under power of attorney all legal documentation associated with sale of the property.
- 4. That funds from the sale of the property be used for high priority footpath projects in the Mona Vale area.

(Cr Townsend / Cr Millar)

Notes:

1. A division was duly taken resulting in the following voting:

Aye (For)	No (Against)
Cr Ferguson	Cr Young
Cr Griffith	Cr Grace
Cr Hegarty	
Cr McTaggart	
Cr Millar	
Cr Townsend	
Cr White	

- 2. The following unsuccessful amendment which was moved by Cr Young, lapsed for want of a seconder:
 - "1. That staff prepare a Planning Proposal for the re-classification and rezoning of lot 11 DP 221626 and lot 30 DP 24428. That having regard for the status of the draft Pittwater Standard Instrument LEP, this process not commence until such time as the draft Pittwater Standard Instrument is adopted and in force."

C12.5 Tender T13/12 Management Services for Currawong Beach Cottages

COUNCIL DECISION (By Exception)

- That the Tender received from RWW Plants Pty Ltd for the management of Currawong Beach Cottages in the amount of \$663,529.00 including GST, for the contract period of four (4) years be adopted.
- 2. That the General Manager be authorised to sign all contract documentation required for the execution of Tender T13/12 and to make payments and consider variations in accordance with delegations of authority.
- 3. That upon Council resolution, the unsuccessful tenderers be notified of the tender outcome and thanked for their participation.

(Cr Hegarty / Cr Millar)

C12.6 Changes to Local Environmental Plan Making Procedures Regarding Delegations and Independent Reviews of PlanMaking Decisions

COUNCIL DECISION (By Exception)

- 1. That the delegation of the Minister under section 59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 for the making of Local Environmental Plans be accepted.
- 2. That the General Manager be given the authority to exercise the delegation to liaise with the Parliamentary Counsel and finalise Planning Proposals in accordance with Council's decision.
- 3. That the Independent Review process within the plan making process be noted.

(Cr White / Cr Griffith)

Notes:

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C12.7 Accessible/All Abilities Playgrounds in Pittwater

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Policy No 168 be amended to include reference to all abilities facilities.
- 2. That an all abilities playground at Bert Payne Reserve at Newport Beach be designed and costed and a further report to Council be provided including financial considerations with a view to being undertaken in the 2015/2016 Delivery Plan.

(Cr Millar / Cr Hegarty)

C12.8 Edmund Hock Avenue Avalon - Report on Resident Amenity and Safety Concerns

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the update on issues associated with Red Cross Avalon store be noted.
- 2. That the General Manager write to the Red Cross NSW Executive Director thanking them for their efforts so far in improving issues associated with 'dumping' around their Avalon store. In addition, the General Manager ask Red Cross management to continue to explore any other reasonable options to ameliorate the impacts that their operation has on the amenity of the surrounding area.

(Cr Grace / Cr McTaggart)

C12.9 Minutes of the Planning an Integrated Built Environment Reference Group held on 20 February 2013

COUNCIL DECISION (By Exception)

- 1. That the Minutes of the Planning an Integrated Built Environment Reference Group meeting of 20 February 2013 be noted.
- 2. That in accordance with Reference Point 4.7, a meeting be held with a Reference group working party to discuss the Development Application process and sustainability checklist.
- 3. That in accordance with Reference Point 5.0 the Local Member Mr Rob Stokes be requested to pursue upgrading of Mona Vale Road from Terry Hills to Pittwater road and that full regard to protecting wildlife, aboriginal heritage and National Parks be incorporated into the design and construction.

(Cr Hegarty / Cr Millar)

Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)

That the Planning an Integrated Built Environment Committee Meeting be concluded and the Governance Committee Meeting now commence.

(Cr Griffith / Cr Young)

Note:

- 1. The Planning an Integrated Built Environment Committee Meeting concluded at 9.02pm and the Governance Committee Meeting commenced at 9.03pm.
- 2. Cr Hegarty assumed the Chair.

Governance Committee

11.0 Governance Committee Business

C11.1 Investment Balances as at 28 February 2013

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information provided in the report be noted.

(Cr Young / Cr Millar)

C11.2 Management Report - 2012/2013

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the six (6) Month Management report for the period ending 31 December 2012 (6 months) be noted.

(Cr Millar / Cr Griffith)

C11.3 Minutes of the Community, Recreation & Economic Development Reference Group Meeting held on 6 February 2013

COUNCIL DECISION (By Exception)

That the Minutes of the Community, Recreation and Economic Development Reference Group Meeting of 6 February 2013 be noted.

(Cr Hegarty / Cr Millar)

C11.4 Minutes of the Community Engagement, Information and Governance Reference Group Meeting held on 27 February 2013

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Minutes of the Community Engagement, Information & Governance Reference Group Meeting held on 27 February 2013 be noted.
- 2. That the initiatives discussed and Reference Points in relation to CEIG 4.1 Community Strategic Plan Review Update be taken into consideration for future Reference Group Meetings and when developing / updating Council's Delivery Plan and Strategic documents.
- 3. That it be noted that the Reference Point *CEIG 4.2 Review of Council's Reference Groups* was adopted by Council on 4 March 2013.
- 4. That the Reference Point in *CEIG 4.3 Council's Financial Reporting Framework* be investigated and be reported back to Council for further consideration of the merits of the framework.

(Cr Young / Cr Grace)

Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)

That the Governance Committee Meeting be concluded and the Council Meeting now recommence.

(Cr Grace / Cr Millar)

Notes:

- 1. The Governance Committee Meeting closed at 9.31pm and the Council Meeting commenced at 9.32pm
- 2. Cr Townsend assumed the Chair.

Council Meeting

13.0 Adoption of Governance Committee Recommendations

COUNCIL DECISION

That the recommendations on Items C11.1, C11.2 and C11.4 of the Governance Committee Meeting comprising all Council members be, and are hereby, adopted.

(Cr Grace / Cr Millar)

14.0 Adoption of Planning an Integrated Built Environment Committee Recommendations

COUNCIL DECISION

That the recommendations on Items C12.1, C12.2, C12.3, C12.4, C12.7 and C12.8 of the Planning an Integrated Built Environment Committee Meeting comprising all Council members be and are hereby adopted.

(Cr Grace / Cr Hegarty)

Notes:

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.35PM 18 MARCH 2013