



# **Pittwater Council Minutes**

## **Council Meeting**

held at Mona Vale Memorial Hall, Mona Vale  
on

***5 September 2011***

Commencing at 6.30pm.

## ATTENDANCE

### Members

Rose, H (Mayor & Chairperson)  
Townsend, J (Deputy Mayor)  
Dunbar, B  
Giles, P  
Grace, B  
Hegarty, J  
Hock, P  
James, D  
White, I

### Officers

Ferguson, M (General Manager)  
Evans, S (Director, Environmental Planning & Community)  
Hunt, C (Director, Urban & Environmental Assets)  
Lawrence, W (Manager, Administration & Governance)  
Godfrey, L (Manager, Community, Library & Economic Development)  
Munn, L (Manager, Reserves, Recreation & Building Services)  
Robins, R (Principal Officer, Administration)  
Tasker, P (Administration Officer/ Minute Secretary)

# Council Meeting

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**Notes:**

1. The Council Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and adjourned at 7.11pm, recommenced at 7.52pm and concluded at 7.54pm.
2. The Community, Recreation and Economic Development Committee Meeting commenced at 7.12pm and concluded at 7.45pm.
3. The Natural Environment Committee Meeting commenced at 7.46pm and concluded at 7.51pm.

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## **Council Meeting**

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### **1.0 Apologies - Nil**

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### **2.0 Declarations of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest including any Political Donations and Gifts - Nil**

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### **3.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **COUNCIL DECISION**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 August 2011, 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 Hegarty / Cr Giles)

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### **4.0 Business by Exception (All items on the Agenda)**

#### **COUNCIL DECISION**

That Council consider all items on the Agenda.

(Cr Rose / Cr White)

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## **5.0 Public Addresses**

**C7.4 - Review of Council's Code of Meeting Practice** - Mr Gavin Butler (on behalf of the Newport Residents Association) and Ms Lynne Czinner (a member of the Community Engagement, Information & Governance Reference Group) with the leave of the Council addressed the meeting speaking against the recommendation on this item.

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## **6.0 Mayoral Minutes - Nil**

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## **7.0 Council Meeting Business**

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### **C7.4 Review of Council's Code of Meeting Practice**

#### **COUNCIL DECISION**

That the attached Code of Meeting Practice be adopted.

(Cr Giles / Cr James)

#### **Note:**

The following unsuccessful amendment was moved by Cr Townsend and seconded by Cr Grace:

*"That the Code of Meeting Practice be adopted subject to the following amendments:*

***Clause 28 (2) be amended to read:***

*That a maximum of 20 minutes be allocated to Residents Question Time.*

***Clause 28 (3) be amended to read:***

*That each resident be restricted to two (2) questions and one (1) additional supplementary question to clarify any matter arising from the two (2) questions, per meeting."*

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## **C7.1 Election of Mayor - 2011/2012 Mayoral Term**

### **COUNCIL DECISION**

1. That nominations be called for candidates for the Office of Mayor for the 2011/2012 Mayoral Term.
2. That in the event that two or more candidates accept nomination for the Office of Mayor, the election of Mayor for the 2011/2012 Mayoral Term is to proceed by open voting.
3. That an election be held in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

(Cr Rose / Cr Giles)

### **Proceedings in Brief**

1. The Manager, Administration and Governance, was nominated as the Returning Officer by the General Manager.
2. The Returning Officer called for nominations for the Office of Mayor for the 2011/2012 Mayoral Term and the following nominations were received:

**Councillor Harvey Rose**  
**Councillor Jacqueline Townsend**

### **Notes:**

1. The following unsuccessful motion was moved by Cr Grace and seconded by Cr Townsend:  
  
*"1. That nominations be called for candidates for the Office of Mayor for the 2011/2012 Mayoral Term.*  
  
*2. That in the event that two or more candidates accept nomination for the Office of Mayor, the election of Mayor for the 2011/2012 Mayoral Term is to proceed by ordinary ballot.*  
  
*3. That an election be held in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005."*
2. Cr Rose vacated the Chair whilst voting took place.
3. The Returning Officer took the floor and conducted the election for Mayor by way of open voting.
4. **Cr Rose was declared elected as Mayor six votes to three votes upon the show of hands.**

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<b>C7.2 Election of Deputy Mayor - 2011/2012 Mayoral Term</b>
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**COUNCIL DECISION**

1. That nominations be called for candidates for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the 2011/2012 Mayoral Term.
2. That in the event that two or more candidates accepting nomination for the Office of Deputy Mayor, the election of Deputy Mayor for the 2011/2012 Mayoral Term is to proceed by open voting.
3. That an election be held in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.
4. That the Deputy Mayor be elected for the full 2011/2012 Mayoral Term.

(Cr Rose / Cr Giles)

**Proceedings in Brief**

1. The Manager, Administration and Governance, was nominated as the Returning Officer by the General Manager.
2. The Returning Officer called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the 2011/2012 Mayoral Term and the following nomination was received:

**Councillor Ian White**

3. **There being no further nominations the Returning Officer declared Cr White elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2011/2012 term, unopposed.**

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**Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)**

That leave of absence for the remainder of the Council Meeting be granted to Cr Hock.

(Cr Rose / Cr Giles)

**Note:**

Cr Hock retired from the Meeting at 7.09pm.



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<b>C7.3</b>	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION - Sydney Coastal Councils Group – Motion submitted by Cr Townsend</b>
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**COUNCIL DECISION**

That Council appoint Cr Townsend as its delegate to the Sydney Coastal Councils Group for the next 12 months.

(Cr Townsend / Cr James)

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**Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)**

That the Council Meeting be adjourned and the Community, Recreation and Economic Development Committee Meeting now commence.

(Cr Grace / Cr Giles)

**Notes:**

1. The Council Meeting adjourned at 7.11pm and the Community, Recreation and Economic Development Committee Meeting commenced at 7.12pm.
2. Cr Rose remained in the Chair.

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<b>Community, Recreation and Economic Development Committee</b>
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<b>8.0</b>	<b>Community, Recreation and Economic Development Committee Business</b>
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<b>C8.1</b>	<b>Surf Club Subsidies</b>
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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the subsidies offered to the surf clubs this financial year be increased by 2.8% on the 2010/2011 financial year which is in line with the rate increase approved by the State Government.
2. That Council pay a total direct cash subsidy of \$75,549 being:
  - A payment of \$7,083 to each of the nine (9) Surf Clubs in the Pittwater area.

- A payment of \$5,901 to Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc for management and administration costs and IRB operations.
  - A shared user charge of \$5,901 to Warringah Surf Rescue.
3. That a rates subsidy of \$39,500 to Palm Beach Surf Club, and \$7,762 to Whale Beach Surf Club for 2011/12, be approved.
  4. That the total amount of funding expended on supporting surf life saving and lifeguard services and facilities on Pittwater beaches in 2010/11 was \$1,469,929 be noted.
  5. That the additional funding from the Special Rate Variation toward surf club building infrastructure which will inject \$2.3 million over a 10 year period be noted.
  6. That Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc and the nine (9) Surf Clubs be invited to a cheque presentation at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 4 October 2011.

(Cr Giles / Cr Grace)

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## **C8.2                    2012 Avalon Tattoo**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Council grant the right of entry to the Pittwater Local Government Area to the 305 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets on Saturday 16 June 2012 as part of the Avalon Tattoo.

(Cr Giles / Cr Rose)

#### **Note:**

The following unsuccessful motion was moved by Cr James and seconded by Cr Townsend:

*"That Council decline to grant right of entry to the Pittwater Local Government Area to the 305 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets on Saturday 16 June 2012 as part of the Avalon Tattoo."*

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## **C8.3                    Minutes of the Community, Recreation & Economic Development Reference Group Meeting of 3 August 2011**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Community, Recreation and Economic Development Reference Group Meeting of 3 August 2011 be noted.

(Cr Grace / Cr White)

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### **Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)**

That the Community, Recreation and Economic Development Committee Meeting be concluded and the Natural Environment Committee Meeting now commence.

(Cr Grace / Cr Giles)

#### **Notes:**

1. The Community, Recreation and Economic Development Committee Meeting concluded at 7.45pm and the Natural Environment Committee Meeting commenced at 7.46pm.
  2. Cr Rose remained in the Chair.
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## **Natural Environment Committee**

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### **9.0 Natural Environment Committee Business**

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#### **C9.1 20th NSW Coastal Conference - 8-11 November 2011**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council appoint Cr Hock and Cr Townsend as its delegates to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> NSW Coastal Conference at Tweed Heads from 8-11 November 2011.
2. That Council appoint Cr James as an alternative delegate to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> NSW Coastal Conference at Tweed Heads from 8-11 November 2011.

(Cr Grace / Cr Giles)

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<b>C9.2</b>	<b>Minutes of the Natural Environment Reference Group Meeting held on 10 August 2011</b>
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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Natural Environment Reference Group Meeting held on 10 August 2011 that relate, in part, to a Discussion Paper on:

***“To respond effectively to the causes and impacts of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise”***

and the Actions and Progress to date, along with further initiatives and reference points to strengthen these initiatives be noted and this information be taken into consideration as part of Council's Strategic Plan and Management Plan processes.

(Cr James / Cr Giles)

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**Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)**

That the Natural Environment Committee Meeting be concluded and the Council Meeting now recommence.

(Cr Giles / Cr Grace)

**Notes:**

1. The Natural Environment Committee Meeting concluded at 7.51pm and the Council Meeting recommenced at 7.52pm.
2. Cr Rose remained in the Chair.

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<b>Council Meeting</b>
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<b>10.0</b>	<b>Adoption of Community, Recreation and Economic Development Committee Recommendations</b>
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**COUNCIL DECISION**

That the recommendations on Items C8.1, C8.2 and C8.3 of the Community, Recreation & Economic Development Committee comprising all Council members be, and are hereby, adopted.

(Cr Grace / Cr Giles)

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<b>11.0</b>	<b>Adoption of Natural Environment Committee Recommendations</b>
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**COUNCIL DECISION**

That the recommendations on Items C9.1 and C9.2 of the Natural Environment Committee comprising all Council members be, and are hereby, adopted.

(Cr Giles / Cr Grace)

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<b>12.0</b>	<b>Councillor Questions - Nil</b>
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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7.54PM  
ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2011**