

Pittwater Council Minutes

Council Meeting

held at Mona Vale Memorial Hall, Mona Vale
on

2 March 2015

Commencing at 6.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members

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

Officers

Ferguson, M (General Manager)
Evans, S (Director, Environmental Planning & Community)
Hunt, C (Director, Urban & Environmental Assets)
Lawrence, W (Manager, Administration & Governance)
Davies, P (Principal Engineer, Strategy, Investigation and Design)
Pang, J (Manager, Catchment Management & Climate Change)
McPherson, S (Administration Officer/ Minute Secretary)

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Notes:

1. The Council Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and adjourned at 6.57pm, recommenced at 8.36pm and concluded at 8.37pm.
2. The Connecting Communities Committee Meeting commenced at 6.58pm and adjourned at 7.46pm, recommenced at 8.24pm and concluded at 8.35pm.
3. The Natural Environment Committee Meeting commenced at 7.47pm and concluded at 8.23pm.

Council Meeting

1.0 Apologies

Nil.

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

1. Cr Griffith declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item C9.1 – Minutes of the Pittwater Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2015 and took part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided by Cr Griffith was:

“One of the speakers has a child in my class at school and is a neighbour.”

2. Cr Millar declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item C9.1 – Minutes of the Pittwater Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2015 and took part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided by Cr Millar was:

“Speaker on C9.1, TC4.9 is a member of Elanora Heights Public School community and I work at Elanora Heights Public School.”

3. Cr Millar declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item C10.1 – Draft Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study – Community Engagement and took part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided by Cr Millar was:

“Speaker on C10.1 is married to a previous co-worker.”

4. Cr White declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item C10.1 – Draft Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study – Community Engagement and took part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided by Cr White was:

*“Have worked with a speaker on issue. No impact on my decision making.
Report going on exhibition.”*

3.0 Confirmation of Minutes

COUNCIL DECISION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 February 2015, 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 Ferguson)

4.0 Public Addresses

The Council received representations from the following members of the public:

1. **C9.1 – Minutes of the Pittwater Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 February 2015**
 - Mr Terry Jones and Ms Deb Alcock on item TC4.1 – Brinawa Street, Mona Vale – Proposed “No Stopping” restrictions.
 - Mr Andrew Kirkbride on item TC4.6 – Wallumatta Road and Herbert Avenue, Newport – Proposed ‘No Stopping’ restrictions
 - Ms Fiona Freund on item TC4.9 – Elanora Road, Elanora Heights – Proposed Changes to “No Stopping” restrictions.
 2. **C10.1 – Draft Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study – Community Engagement - Mr Warren Poole.**
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5.0 Councillor Questions with Notice

Nil.

6.0 Mayoral Minutes

Nil.

7.0 Business by Exception

Nil.

8.0 Council Meeting Business

Nil.

Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)

That the Council Meeting be adjourned and the Connecting Communities Committee Meeting now commence.

(Cr White / Cr Millar)

Notes:

1. The Council Meeting adjourned at 6.57pm and the Connecting Communities Committee Meeting commenced at 6.58pm.
 2. Cr Millar assumed the Chair.
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Connecting Communities Committee

9.0 Connecting Communities Committee Business

C9.1 Minutes of the Pittwater Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2015

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Traffic Committee recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Meeting of 10 February 2015 be adopted.

(Cr Griffith / Cr Hegarty)

Notes:

1. The following unsuccessful motion was moved by Cr Millar and seconded by Cr Ferguson:

 "1. That in regards to this item, the following items be referred back to the Traffic Committee to uphold Council's recommendation:
 - *Item TC4.6 - To consider a survey to determine whether trucks can navigate the intersection or consideration to limiting truck size to no greater than 5 metres.*
 - *Item TC4.9 - To be submitted with the original recommendation.*
 2. That all other items be endorsed as per the recommendation in the minutes."
2. Cr Griffith declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item C9.1 – Minutes of the Pittwater Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2015 and took part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided by Cr Griffith was:

"One of the speakers has a child in my class at school and is a neighbour."

3. Cr Millar declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item C9.1 – Minutes of the Pittwater Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2015 and took part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided by Cr Millar was:

“Speaker on C9.1, TC4.9 is a member of Elanora Heights Public School community and I work at Elanora Heights Public School.”

Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)

That the Connecting Communities Committee Meeting be adjourned and the Natural Environment Committee Meeting now commence.

(Cr Townsend / Cr Ferguson)

Notes:

1. The Connecting Communities Committee Meeting adjourned at 7.46pm and the Natural Environment Committee Meeting commenced at 7.47pm.
2. Cr White assumed the Chair.

Natural Environment Committee

10.0 Natural Environment Committee Business

C10.1 Draft Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study - Community Engagement

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Draft Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study (2015), including the complete inundation mapping set and Estuarine Planning Level dataset, be placed on public exhibition for a period of six (6) weeks, from Friday 6 March 2015 to Friday 17 April 2015 with submissions invited from the community.
2. That the outcomes of the community engagement process and any proposed amendments to the Draft Study be reported to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period.
3. That Cardno (ACT/NSW) Pty Ltd, as the project consultant, be retained under Local Government Procurement contract to assist Council during the community engagement phase.

(Cr Griffith / Cr Young)

Notes:

1. The following amendment moved by Cr McTaggart lapsed for want of a seconder:
 - “1. That the Draft Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study (2015), including the complete inundation mapping set and Estuarine Planning Level dataset, be placed on public exhibition for a period of six (6) weeks, from Friday, 6 March 2015 to Friday 17 April 2015 with submissions invited from the community.*
 - 2. That the outcomes of the community engagement process and any proposed amendments to the Draft Study be reported to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period.*
 - 3. That Cardno (ACT/NSW) Pty Ltd, as the project consultant, be retained under Local Government Procurement contract to assist Council during the community engagement phase.*
 - 4. That Councillors and staff inspect Careel Bay mangrove area adjacent to John Street, Avalon.”*
2. Cr Millar declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item C10.1 – Draft Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study – Community Engagement and took part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided by Cr Millar was:

“Speaker on C10.1 is married to a previous co-worker”.
3. Cr White declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item C10.1 – Draft Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study – Community Engagement and took part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided by Cr White was:

*“Have worked with a speaker on issue. No impact on my decision making.
Report going on exhibition”.*

C10.2 Flood Emergency Response Planning for Development in Pittwater

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. That the statutory process to amend Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan be commenced.
2. That the proposed changes to Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan be placed on public exhibition for 28 days with submissions invited from the public and notified in accordance with Council’s Community Engagement Policies.
3. That following the period of public exhibition and consideration of any submissions received, the draft Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan be reported back to Council for further consideration.

(Cr Townsend / Cr Millar)

C10.3 Minutes of the McCarrs Creek, Mona Vale & Bayview Flood Study Community Working Group held on 12 February 2015

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information provided in the report be noted.

(Cr Ferguson / Cr Griffith)

C10.4 Minutes of the Natural Environment Reference Group Meeting held on 11 February 2015
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the Minutes of the Natural Environment Reference Group Meeting held on 11 February 2015 that relate to the discussion on:
 - Place Management & Enliven Pittwater Update
 - ANZAC Centenary Tree Planting
 - Local Government Reform Update
 - Review of Reference Groups
 - Review of Natural Environment Reference Group Reference Points.
2. That Council note the following reference points from that meeting:

2.1 ANZAC Centenary Tree Planting

- That this matter be brought to the next meeting of the Natural Environment Reference Group with a view to framing a request to Council that the RMS be approached with a formal representation concerning the style of planting as part of the roadworks associated with the Mona Vale Road upgrade and that any planting be in keeping with the current Pittwater Council practice of planting indigenous species.
- That the RSL sub-branches be consulted and that we seek support for the planting of a lone pine in Village Park.
- Mona Vale Residents Association to take the lead in investigating the signage (plaque) for the Mona Vale Victory Tree including its heritage status and reference to the Uniting Church, and that they liaise with Mr Lawler in this regard.
- Mr Hunt to investigate ownership of the site of the Mona Vale Victory Tree and to open up a line of communication with the owners.
- Mr Hunt to liaise with Place Management and the State Government re the possible relocation of the bus stop to Village Park and the significant replanting which may result from this relocation.

2.2 Review of Reference Groups

The Natural Environment Reference Group:

- Notes the summary of results provided.
- Supports the renewal of the Community Reference Groups for a new two-year term commencing in May 2015.
- Acknowledges a new Expression of Interest process will be undertaken and that existing members are encouraged to reapply.

(Cr McTaggart / Cr White)

Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)

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

(Cr White / Cr Millar)

Notes:

1. The Natural Environment Committee Meeting concluded at 8.23pm and the Connecting Communities Committee Meeting recommenced at 8.24pm.
2. Cr Millar assumed the Chair.

Connecting Communities Committee

9.0 Connecting Communities Committee Business

C9.2 Minutes of the Connecting Communities Reference Group Meeting held on 4 February 2015

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the Minutes of the Natural Environment Reference Group Meeting held on 4 February 2015 that relate to the discussion on:
 - Fit for the Future Update
 - Tourism in Pittwater
 - Youth and Families Paper updated
 - Review of Reference Groups
 - Reference Points.

2. That Council note the following reference point from that meeting:

2.1 Review of Reference Group

1. That the Connecting Communities Reference Group:
 - Note the summary of results provided
 - Supports the renewal of the Community Reference Groups for a new two-year term commencing in May 2015
 - Acknowledges a new Expression of Interest process will be undertaken and that existing members are encouraged to reapply.
2. That prior to future Reference Group meetings, it is recommended that options are provided for members, brief summary (with links) emailed to members prior to the meeting to create further discussion and provide information on issues within the Pittwater LGA.

(Cr Griffith / Cr Millar)

FURTHER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the participants of all reference groups be written a letter of thanks by the elected Council and a letter be sent to the General Manager thanking his staff for their contribution, preparation and co-ordination of all four (4) reference groups signed by the Mayor on behalf of the elected Council.

(Cr Townsend / Cr Hegarty)

Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)

That the Connecting Communities Committee Meeting be concluded and the Council Meeting now recommence.

(Cr Ferguson / Cr Hegarty)

Notes:

1. The Connecting Communities Committee Meeting concluded at 8.35pm and the Council Meeting recommenced at 8.36pm.
2. Cr Townsend assumed the Chair.

Council Meeting

11.0 Adoption of Connecting Communities Committee Recommendations

COUNCIL DECISION

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

(Cr White / Cr Ferguson)

Notes:

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12.0	Adoption of Natural Environment Committee Recommendations
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COUNCIL DECISION

That the recommendations of the Natural Environment Committee on Items C10.1, C10.2, C10.3 and C10.4 comprising all Council members be, and are hereby, adopted.

(Cr Ferguson / Cr Griffith)

Notes:

1. Cr Millar declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item C10.1 – Draft Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study – Community Engagement and took part in the discussion and voting on this item. The reason provided by Cr Millar was:

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.37PM ON
MONDAY, 2 MARCH 2015**