



PITTWATER COUNCIL

# **Pittwater Council Minutes**

## **Council Meeting**

held at Mona Vale Memorial Hall, Mona Vale  
on

**15 September 2014**

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)  
Mamouzelos, N (Principal Officer, Administration & Risk)  
Jones, M (Chief Financial Officer)  
Ratnakumar, C (Financial Accountant)  
McPherson, S (Administration Officer/ Minute Secretary)

# Council Meeting

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

Item No	Item	Page No
<b>Council Meeting</b>		
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Resident Questions</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Declarations of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest including any Political Donations and Gifts</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Public Addresses</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Councillor Questions with Notice</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Matter of an Urgent Nature</b>	<b>6</b>
C8.1	Mayoral Minute – North Eastern Sydney Business Awards	6
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Business by Exception</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Council Meeting Business</b>	<b>7</b>
C10.1	Election of Mayor - 2014/2015 Mayoral Term	7
C10.2	Election of Deputy Mayor - 2014/2015 Mayoral Term	8
C10.3	Appointment of Principal Committees and Reference Groups 2014	9
<b>Leading and Learning Committee</b>		
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Leading and Learning Committee Business</b>	<b>10</b>
C11.1	Presentation of Financial Reports and Related Auditor's Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2014	10
C11.2	Investment Balances for the Month of August 2014	10
C11.3	Policy for the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors	10
C11.4	Minutes of the Leading and Learning Reference Group Meeting held on 27 August 2014	11

Item No	Item	Page No
<b>Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee</b>		
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee Business</b>	<b>12</b>
C12.1	Minutes of the Sustainable Towns and Villages Reference Group Meeting held on 20 August 2014	12
<b>Council Meeting</b>		
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Adoption of Leading and Learning Committee Recommendations</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Adoption of Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee Recommendations</b>	<b>14</b>

**Notes:**

1. The Council Meeting commenced at 6.30pm and adjourned at 6.49pm, recommenced at 7.44pm and concluded at 7.45pm.
2. The Leading and Learning Committee Meeting commenced at 6.50pm and concluded at 7.41pm.
3. The Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee Meeting commenced at 7.42pm and concluded at 7.43pm.

---

## **Council Meeting**

---

### **1.0 Public Forum**

Nil

---

### **2.0 Resident Questions**

#### **Question 1 – Mr Sasha Osborne**

There is lots of kids in North Narrabeen that love skating but there are no skate parks. Is it possible to build a small one at Narroy Park?

#### **Answer:**

Council recognises the need for improved skate park facilities. The current priority is for a major overhaul and expansion of the existing skate park at Kitchener Park, Mona Vale. The expanded facility at Kitchener Park is intended to cater for a range of activities including BMX bike riding, skating and will include additional elements such as a street course.

Narroy Park may be a good location for an additional smaller skate park in the southern part of the Pittwater LGA and the Scouts are encouraged to provide a more detailed submission to Council for further consideration.

#### **Question 2 – Mr Phil Walker**

Could you please outline Council's response to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) meeting regarding the Industrial Pollution of the beach at the Ferry Wharf, Pittwater Park, Palm Beach?

#### **Answer:**

The General Manager advised that he would have to take this question on notice.

---

### **3.0 Apologies**

Nil

---

---

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Declarations of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest including any Political Donations and Gifts</b>
------------	---

Nil.

---

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>
------------	--------------------------------

**COUNCIL DECISION**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 September 2014 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)

---

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Public Addresses</b>
------------	-------------------------

Nil.

---

<b>7.0</b>	<b>Councillor Questions with Notice</b>
------------	---

Nil.

---

<b>8.0</b>	<b>Matter of an Urgent Nature</b>
------------	-----------------------------------

---

<b>C8.1</b>	<b>Mayoral Minute - North Eastern Sydney Business Awards</b>
-------------	--

**COUNCIL DECISION**

That on behalf of the Council, the Mayor sends a letter to both the Mona Vale Chamber of Commerce and Blackmores congratulating them on their win and wishing them both all the best at the NSW Business Chamber State Awards.

(Cr Townsend)

---

## **9.0 Business by Exception**

### **COUNCIL DECISION**

That Item C11.2 be dealt with by exception and the recommendation contained in the report for this item be adopted.

(Cr Hegarty / Cr Young)

---

## **10.0 Council Meeting Business**

---

### **C10.1 Election of Mayor - 2014/2015 Mayoral Term**

#### **COUNCIL DECISION**

1. That nominations be called for candidates for the Office of Mayor for the 2014/2015 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 2014/2015 Mayoral Term is to proceed by open voting.
3. That the election be held in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

(Cr Millar / Cr Ferguson)

#### **Proceedings in Brief**

1. Cr Townsend vacated the Chair at this juncture.
2. The Manager, Administration and Governance, was nominated as the Returning Officer by the General Manager.
3. The Returning Officer called for nominations for the Office of Mayor for the 2014/2015 Mayoral Term and the following nominations were received:

**Cr Townsend  
Cr Hegarty**

#### **Notes:**

1. The Returning Officer took the floor and conducted the election for Mayor by way of open voting.
2. The Returning Officer declared Cr Townsend elected as Mayor five votes to four votes upon the show of hands.
3. Cr Townsend assumed the Chair.

---

<b>C10.2 Election of Deputy Mayor - 2014/2015 Mayoral Term</b>
--

**COUNCIL DECISION**

1. That nominations be called for candidates for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the 2014/2015 Mayoral Term.
2. That in the event of two or more candidates accepting nomination for the Office of Deputy Mayor, the election of Deputy Mayor for the 2014/2015 Mayoral Term is to proceed by open voting.
3. That the 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 2014/2015 Mayoral Term.

(Cr Young / Cr Millar)

**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 2014/2015 Mayoral Term and the following nominations were received:

**Cr Ferguson  
Cr White**

**Notes:**

1. The Returning Officer took the floor and conducted the election for Deputy Mayor by way of open voting.
2. The Returning Officer declared Cr Ferguson elected as Deputy Mayor five votes to four votes upon the show of hands.



---

<b>C10.3</b>	<b>Appointment of Principal Committees and Reference Groups 2014</b>
--------------	--

**COUNCIL DECISION**

1. That the following four (4) Principal Committees, comprising all Councillors, with a quorum of five members, be appointed with the functions and meeting cycles as outlined in paragraph 1.6 of the report:
  - Connecting Communities Committee
  - Natural Environment Committee
  - Leading and Learning Committee
  - Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee
2. That the following four (4) Reference Groups, be reappointed in accordance with the Charters as provided:
  - Connecting Communities Reference Group
  - Natural Environment Reference Group
  - Leading and Learning Reference Group
  - Sustainable Towns and Villages Reference Group
3. That Council reappoint the existing Chairpersons to each Principal Committee for the period October 2014 to September 2015 as follows:

Principal Committee	Chairperson
Connecting Communities Committee	Cr Millar
Natural Environment Committee	Cr White
Leading and Learning Committee	Cr Hegarty
Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee	Cr Griffith

4. That Council reappoint the existing Chairpersons to each Reference Group for the period October 2014 to September 2015 as follows:

Reference Group	Chairperson
Connecting Communities Committee	Cr Ferguson
Natural Environment Committee	Cr McTaggart
Leading and Learning Committee	Cr Young
Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee	Cr Grace

(Cr White / Cr Ferguson)

---

**Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)**

That the Council Meeting be adjourned and the Leading and Learning Committee Meeting now commence.

(Cr Ferguson / Cr Millar)

**Notes:**

1. The Council Meeting adjourned at 6.49pm and the Leading and Learning Committee Meeting commenced at 6.50pm.
2. Cr Hegarty assumed the Chair.

---

## **Leading and Learning Committee**

---

### **11.0 Leading and Learning Committee Business**

---

#### **C11.1 Presentation of Financial Reports and Related Auditor's Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2014**

##### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the presentation of the 2013/14 Financial Reports and the Auditor's Report be noted.

(Cr Millar / Cr Ferguson)

---

#### **C11.2 Investment Balances for the Month of August 2014**

##### **COUNCIL DECISION (By Exception)**

That the information provided in the report be noted.

(Cr Hegarty / Cr Young)

---

#### **C11.3 Policy for the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors**

##### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That this item be deferred for further review and that Councillors attend a briefing in regards to the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Policy.

(Cr McTaggart / Cr Ferguson)

---

<b>C11.4</b>	<b>Minutes of the Leading and Learning Reference Group Meeting held on 27 August 2014</b>
--------------	---

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council note the Minutes of the Leading and Learning Reference Group Meeting held on 27 August 2014 that relate to the discussion on:
  - LL4.1 Northern Beaches Health Services Redevelopment - Mona Vale Hospital Masterplan
  - LL4.2 Detailed Strategy Too Good to Waste
  - LL4.3 Place Management and Enliven Pittwater Update
  - LL4.4 Verbal Update on 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code
2. That Council note the following reference points from that meeting:
  - 2.1 **Northern Beaches Health Services Redevelopment - Mona Vale Hospital Masterplan**
    1. That the presentation on this item be noted.
    2. That the group thank Mr Steven Hall and Mr Michael Player for the presentation on this item.
  - 2.2 **Detailed Strategy Too Good to Waste**
    1. That the update on this item be noted.
    2. That the group thanks Ms Liz Quinlan, SHOROC for her presentation on this item.
    3. That members report back to their Associations and provide an update on the *Too Good to Waste Strategy* and provide feedback on the Ministers Release by 12 September 2014.
  - 2.3 **Place Management and Enliven Pittwater**
    1. That the update on this item be noted.
    2. That the update on the Place Management and Enliven Pittwater update be deferred to the next Leading and Learning Reference Group meeting in November.
  - 2.4 **Tree Removal in Pittwater LGA Update & 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code**
    1. That the update on this item be noted.
    2. That the Reference Group thank Mr Beharrell for his efforts and providing a map on the 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code.
    3. That all members report back to their associations and write to the Premier, Environment Minister, Minister for Emergency Services and Local Member repealing the 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code requesting for consultation with the community regarding the Code which will include a public exhibition process to provide residents an opportunity to provide comments and feedback.

(Cr Young / Cr Ferguson)

---

## Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)

That the Leading and Learning Committee Meeting be concluded and the Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee Meeting now commence.

(Cr Millar / Cr Ferguson)

### Notes:

1. The Leading and Learning Committee Meeting concluded at 7.41pm and the Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee Meeting commenced at 7.42pm.
  2. Cr Townsend assumed the Chair.
- 

## Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee

---

### 12.0 Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee Business

---

#### C12.1 Minutes of the Sustainable Towns and Villages Reference Group Meeting held on 20 August 2014

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the Minutes of the Sustainable Towns and Villages Reference Group Meeting held on 20 August 2014 and specifically the Reference Points below:
  - **Tree Removal in Pittwater LGA Update & 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code**
    1. That the presentation by Rennae Projeski and Mr Mark Beharrell on this item be noted.
    2. That all members report back to their associations and recommend that they also distribute this message and that it is recommended all associations write to the Premier, Environment Minister, Minister for Emergency Services and Local Member requesting amendment of the 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code and requesting for consultation with the community regarding the Code because of the unintended consequences.
  - **Northern Beaches Health Services Redevelopment - Mona Vale Hospital Masterplan**
    1. That the presentation on this item be noted.
    2. That the group thank Mr Steven Hall and Mr Michael Player for the presentation on this item.
  - **Place Management and Enliven Pittwater**
    1. That the update on this item be noted.
    2. That the update on the Place Management and Enliven Pittwater update be deferred to the next Sustainable Towns and Villages Reference Group meeting in November.

- **Pittwater Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014**

1. That the verbal update by Ann-Maree Newbery and Andrew Pigott be noted.
2. That this committee express its concerns regarding the actions taken by the Department unilaterally in regards to the amendments made without consulting Pittwater Council.

That the verbal update by Andrew Pigott be updated

- **Draft Pittwater Community Based Heritage Study Review update**

That the verbal update by Andrew Pigott be updated

- **Steps to a Sustainable Home Update**

1. That the verbal update by Mr Roberts be noted.
2. The Reference Group commend the dedication and commitment by the Steps to a Sustainable Home work group led by Mr Roberts.
3. That the reference group members review the marketing strategy distributed at the meeting for the "Steps to a Sustainable Home" and provide feedback and forward an email to Mr Roberts.

and General Business

- **Northern Beaches Health Services Redevelopment Roadworks - Environmental Considerations**

That the Reference Group members encourage their associations to write to Roads and Maritime Services and provide comment regarding the Wakehurst Parkway and wildlife connectivity between Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment and Garigal National Park prior to 28 August 2014.

(Cr Grace / Cr Young)

---

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

That the Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee Meeting be concluded and the Council Meeting now recommence.

(Cr White / Cr Ferguson)

### **Notes:**

1. The Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee Meeting concluded at 7.43pm and the Council Meeting recommenced at 7.44pm.
2. Cr Townsend remained in the Chair.

---

## **Council Meeting**

---

---

### **13.0 Adoption of Leading and Learning Committee Recommendations**

#### **COUNCIL DECISION**

That the recommendations of the Leading and Learning Committee on Items C11.1, C11.3 and C11.4 comprising all Council members be, and are hereby, adopted.

(Cr Ferguson / Cr White)

---

### **14.0 Adoption of Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee Recommendations**

#### **COUNCIL DECISION**

That the recommendation of the Sustainable Towns and Villages Committee on Item C12.1 comprising all Council members be, and is hereby, adopted.

(Cr Griffith / Cr Ferguson)

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7.45PM ON  
MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2014**