



MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

commencing at 5.00 pm on

TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2016

The Pavilion, Bong Bong Steet, Kiama

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE**

**MUNICIPALITY OF KIAMA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
KIAMA, ON TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2016 AT 5.10 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor – Councillor B Petschler,
Councillors M Honey, G McClure, N Reilly, K Rice, D Seage, A
Sloan and M Way

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Director Environmental Services, Acting
Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Acting Director
Engineering and Works and Director Community Services

1 APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor – Councillor W Steel

2 SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS -

16/001

Resolved that Council suspend the business of Council to allow the Chair of the Residents' Group, Mr Rob McKinnon, to address Council.

(Councillors Petschler and McClure)

The meeting resumed at 5.24pm.

3 MAYORAL MINUTE

3.1 Proposed Merger of Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils

16/002

Resolved that Council

1. Formally resolve to oppose the proposed merger of Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils based on the lack of community interest between the two areas, the loss of democracy which would result therefrom, the strong community opposition to such proposal and the strong financial position of the Kiama Municipal Council.
2. Indicate a serious lack of confidence in the NSW Government's decision in relation to the merger proposal due to the inconsistent application of the criteria in the assessment program applied.
3. Undertake to hold and/or support a number of public meetings throughout the Municipality to provide information on the proposal and allow the community to comment thereon.
4. Make a submission to the delegate holding the Inquiry for a poll of residents to

be held under Section 265 of the Local Government Act to ascertain the attitude of the residents and ratepayers of this Council area.

5. Seek as a matter of urgency a copy of the full KPMG report that the NSW Government commissioned to support their case for the merger.

(Councillors Petschler and Seage)

2 REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

4.1 Proposed Merger of Kiama Municipal Council and Shoalhaven City Council

16/003

Resolved that Council:

1. Prepare a formal submission to the NSW Government's inquiry into the proposed merger.
2. Vote up to \$50000 from the contingency reserve for a community information campaign including newsletters and updates on the proposed merger of Kiama Municipal Council and Shoalhaven City Council. It is noted that this amount is significantly lower than the amount equivalent to 1% of the Council's revenue from Council's rates which requires advertising and public comment.
3. Endorse the carrying out of a survey by the Illawarra Regional Information Service to gauge community support for the proposal

(Councillors Petschler and Seage)

3 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil

4 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.07pm

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 2
February 2016



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Mayor