

MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

held at the Civic Centre, Dee Why on

THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2016

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Council
held on Thursday 16 June 2016
at the Civic Centre, Dee Why
Commencing at 6:33 pm**

Item - 4.0 PUBLIC FORUM

**4.2 Valerie Jensen made a statement regarding issues with traffic noise
opposite Blackmore's in Warriewood.**

RESPONSE TO MRS JENSEN PUT ON NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATOR MR. DICK PERSSON AT
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ON THE 16TH OF JUNE 2016

Responses By:

Mr Persson: Administrator
Mr Ferguson: Interim General Manager

Mr Persson:

Mr Ferguson, this matter isn't a new issue, I gather. Can you bring me up to speed on this?

Mr Fergusson:

Mr Persson, the Blackmores had a Development Application approved by the Council, that identified the use, which is consistent with the zone and over the last eight or nine years that the development has proceeded to operate. There have been, from time to time, compliance issues. There have been ongoing discussions with the firm with the company. The Council has monitored the site and there are, from time to time, truck related issues associated with the site and noise related issues that Council staff have acted upon, but once again, we don't necessarily believe that there is no need for any further action that actually seeks to stop their operation of the site.

Mr Persson:

How long ago did you form that view?

Mr Ferguson:

Well, it has been ongoing matter, probably for the last three to four years, in particular as there has been a level of increased activity. In more recent years it has generated more activity, but not necessarily major inconsistencies with their development consent.

Mr Persson:

Mrs Jensen, I am probably going to disappoint you, because I have formed the view that in the 15 months I am here now, I don't think it is appropriate for me to respond to all cases like yours, and there are quite a lot of them through the three previous Council areas, where people see this is an opportunity to get areas, where people see this is an opportunity to get a new hearing, and relitigate their case. I just don't think I can do that. So I make no judgement. I do not presume though, from my dealings with the Council officers and the previous elected representatives, I am sure you went to visit them, the fact you haven't prevailed probably means it is one of those arguments that you can see either way. But I don't think I can afford to take that up. I think I have got a different job, and there are big issues ahead of me that I am undertaking, but I can't go backward on that one, and I am making this clear so those other people here who have it in their back pocket to try and get me to go backwards and relook at a Manly, a Warringah or a Pittwater issue. I just have to leave it where it is. If you have other avenues of, you mentioned ICAC or what ever, that, you have those avenues open to you and oh, yea... I am sorry I cannot help in this case.