



MEETING

Held at

Gunnedah Shire Council

Thursday 6 October 2016 commencing at 9.55am

MINUTES

- PRESENT:**
- Liverpool Plains Shire Council**
Cr Andrew Hope, Joint Organisation Chairperson/Mayor and Ron Van Katwyk, General Manager
 - Narrabri Shire Council**
Cr Catherine Redding, Joint Organisation Deputy Chairperson/Mayor and Stewart Todd, General Manager
 - Gunnedah Shire Council**
Cr Jamie Chaffey, Mayor and Eric Groth, General Manager
 - Gwydir Shire Council**
Cr John Coulton, Mayor and Max Eastcott, General Manager
 - Moree Plains Shire Council**
Cr Katrina Humphries, Mayor and Lester Rodgers, General Manager
 - Tamworth Regional Council**
Cr Helen Tickle, Deputy Mayor and Paul Bennett, General Manager
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Uralla Shire Council

Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor and Andrew Hopkins

Walcha Council

Cr Eric Noakes, Mayor

NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet

Alison McGaffin, Director Northern NSW

Regional Development Australia Northern Inland

Cr Ian Lobsey

1 REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

1.2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were announced as having been received from Cr Col Murray, Tamworth Regional Council, Jack O'Hara, General Manager, Walcha Council, Russell Stewart, Chairperson, Regional Development Australia Northern Inland and Nathan Axelsson, Executive Officer, Development Australia Northern Inland.

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

97/16 RESOLVED

MOTION

Moved Cr Hope, Liverpool Plains and seconded Cr Pearce, Uralla

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Namoi Joint Organisation held on 1 September 2016, copies of which were circulated to all members, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

1.5 OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST 40

98/16 RESOLVED

MOTION

Moved Cr Noakes, Walcha and seconded Cr Pearce, Uralla

That Outstanding Action List 40 be noted.

1.6 FINANCE REPORT

99/16 RESOLVED

MOTION

Moved Cr Humphries, Moree and seconded Cr Pearce, Uralla

- (i) That the Namoi Joint Organisation Finance Report as at 31 August 2016 be received and noted; and

- (ii) That it be noted \$180,000 has been invested for 60 days at 2.34% bring total investments to \$330,000.00.

2 REGIONAL ADVOCACY & LEADERSHIP

2.1 REGIONAL MEDIA ISSUES

100/16 RESOLVED

MOTION

Moved Cr Noakes, Walcha and seconded Cr Pearce, Uralla

That the Joint Organisation Chairperson be authorised to issue Media Releases in respect of matters and issues discussed at the Board Meeting.

2.2 MEDIA RELEASES ISSUED NIL

2.3 OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

101/16 RESOLVED

MOTION

Moved Cr Coulton, Gwydir and seconded Cr Pearce, Uralla

That the Outward Correspondence Items 2.3.1 to 2.3.3 be noted.

2.4 INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

102/16 RESOLVED

MOTION

Moved Cr Pearce, Uralla and seconded Cr Humphries, Moree Plains

- (i) That the Inward Correspondence Item.2.4.1, 2.4.2 and 2.4.4 be noted; and
- (ii) That, in respect of Inward Correspondence Item 2.4.3, it be noted a number of Joint Organisation member Councils will be attending the National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Toowoomba on 9 – 11 November 2016.

2.5 PRESENTATIONS NIL

2.6 ISSUES SUBMITTED BY MEMBER COUNCILS NIL

3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COLLABORATION

3.1 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER & CABINET DIRECTOR NORTHERN NSW

The Director Northern NSW Regional Coordinator, Alison McGaffin, addressed the Board in respect of number of matters, of which the following is a summary:

- Ms McGaffin advised that she had been appointed to the position of Department of Premier & Cabinet, Director Northern NSW which included the North Coast and that the Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall MP, has been appointed the Parliamentary Secretary for Northern NSW. It was suggested that Mr Marshall should be invited to all future Namoi JO Board Meeting.
- DPC has revisited Regional Governance Groups which in future will consist of State Government Department Executive Managers with the ability to provide great support for the integration of Council Community Strategic Plans and 4 Year Delivery Plans with State Government strategic planning for the region.
- The new Regional Governance Structure proposes to build much stronger relationships with Councils in Health and People Services.
- Regional Governance Meetings will be themed and focussed with the intention that the Namoi JOLT GMs would be directly involved with integrating priorities for the Region.
- The Western Mining and Development Taskforce would continue its work with the Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW, the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, continuing as the Chair. The valuable participation of the former JO Chair, Cr Col Murray, was acknowledged.

103/16 **RESOLVED**

MOTION

Moved Coulton, Uralla and seconded Cr Humphries, Moree Plains

- (i) That the Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall MP and Parliamentary Secretary for the Northern NSW be invited to all future Joint Organisation Board Meetings; and
- (ii) That Cr Col Murray be appointed the Namoi Joint Organisation delegate to the Western NSW Mining and Resource Development Taskforce and Cr Andrew Hope as the Joint Organisation Chairperson be appointed the alternate delegate.

3.2 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA NORTHERN INLAND

Cr Ian Lobsey as Deputy Chairperson of Regional Development Australia Northern Inland addressed the Board of which the following is a summary:

- Joint Organisation Member Councils would have recently received an invitation to complete a survey seeking views on the future direction of Regional Development

Australia organisations. Cr Lobsey encouraged member Councils to complete the survey, if not already completed.

- Joint Organisation member Councils attention was drawn to the RDANI Business Innovation Awards.
- Translation of the Namoi Investment Prospectus into Mandarin will be completed within 3 weeks.
- RDANI is engaged in a Labour Market Study for Moree Plains Shire Council and a Bio Energy Project for Gwydir Shire Council.

4 REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PRIORITISATION

4.1 INLAND RAIL PROJECT – STANDING AGENDA ITEM

The Board reviewed general aspects of the Inland Rail Project in relation to the economic benefit to member Councils, particularly Moree Plains and Narrabri Shire Councils.

4.2 JOINT ORGANISATION LEADERSHIP TEAM (JOLT) MEETING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS – 26 SEPTEMBER 2016

MOTION

Moved Cr Coulton, Gwydir and seconded Cr Chaffey, Gunnedah

104/16 RESOLVED

That the Report and Actions of the Joint Organisation Leadership Team Meeting held on 26 September 2016 be received and adopted.

4.3 JOLT CHAIRPERSON – EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECRUITMENT

MOTION

Moved Cr Coulton, Gwydir seconded Cr Chaffey, Gunnedah

105/16 RESOLVED

- (i) That the Namoi Joint Organisation commence the process for recruitment of an Executive Officer but not make an appointment of the preferred applicant until the enactment of the Draft Joint Organisation Bill by the NSW Parliament and the publication of the Joint Organisation Proclamation; and
- (ii) That Cr Col Murray be included as a member of the Interview Panel for the position of Joint Organisation Executive Officer.

4.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

4.4.1 Consultation Paper – Joint Organisation Boundaries

MOTION

Moved Cr Humphries, Moree Plains seconded Cr Coulton, Gwydir

106/16 RESOLVED

That the Namoi Joint Organisation advise the NSW Office of Local Government that support is recorded for:

- (i) creation of one regional joint organisations in the New England Region and one regional joint organisation in the Namoi Region; and
- (ii) Uralla Shire Council remaining as a full member of the Namoi Joint Organisation.

4.4.2 Implementation of LED SLUOS Pricing

MOTION

Moved Cr Coulton, Gwydir seconded Cr Redding, Narrabri

107/16 RESOLVED

- (i) That Namoi Joint Organisation accept the quote of \$4,400 plus GST from Energy & Management Services Pty Ltd to provide professional advice and inform the Namoi Joint Organisation acting on behalf of member Councils in the negotiation of a pricing model with Essential Energy for LED Street Lighting and a Pricing Agreement to be signed-off by 7 December 2016; and
- (ii) That acceptance of the LED SLUOS Pricing Model be delegated to the Joint Organisation Leadership Team (JOLT).

5 NAMOI COUNCILS SHARED SERVICES

NIL REPORTS

6 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT NAMOI COUNCILS JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday 3 November 2016 commencing at 9.30am

Venue: Narrabri Shire Council

Closure: There being no further business, the Namoi Joint Organisation Board Meeting concluded at 10.54pm

Cr Andrew Hope, Namoi Joint Organisation Chairperson

6 October 2016

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