NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL POLICY AND PLANNING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – MT PERRY – 03 MARCH 2015



Attendees Agenda Item 1 Attendees

Councillors Cr DG Waugh, Mayor

Cr FO Whelan, Deputy Mayor Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM

Cr WJ Bowen Cr PW Lobegeier Cr JF Dowling Cr PW Francis

Officers Acting Chief Executive Officer, D Wiskar

General Manager of Engineering and Environment Services, B Pearce

Executive Assistant, NJ Zillman

Welcome Agenda Item 2 Welcome / Housekeeping

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:00am and welcomed all attendees.

Shirley Way from the Central and North Burnett Times attended the Public Gallery.

Apologies Agenda Item 3 Apologies

085-03-2015 3.1 Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt

Resolved: That an apology be received from the Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt.

Declaration Agenda Item 4 Declaration of Interest

Nil Declarations.

Deputations Agenda Item 5 Deputations

5.1 Mr Herb Taylor – Mt Perry Hotel

Governance Agenda Item 6 Governance Report

Divisions **086-03-2015**

6.1 Local Government Electoral Arrangements – Divisions

- Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr JF Dowling seconded: That North Burnett Regional Council resolved to remain a divided Council for the purpose of the 2016 quadrennial local government election; and
- 2. That in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 s. 16, North Burnett Regional Council has conducted an internal boundary review and is satisfied that all divisions are within the acceptable tolerance and no internal boundary changes are required. Further that the Minister for Local Government and the Electoral Commission of Queensland be informed or Council's decision.

Cr DG Waugh Cr FO Whelan

Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM

Cr WJ Bowen
Cr JF Dowling

AGAINST THE MOTION

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Cr PW Lobegeier Cr PW Francis CARRIED 5/2

Postal Ballots **087-03-2015**

6.2 Local Government Electoral Arrangements – Postal Ballots

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That in accordance with s45 of the Local Government Electoral Act 2011 council apply to the Minister for Local Government to have the 2016 quadrennial local government election for North Burnett Regional Council conducted by full postal ballot.

CARRIED 7/0

Returning Officer **088-03-2015**

6.3 Local Government Electoral Arrangements – Returning Officer

Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: North Burnett Regional Council conducts the 2016 quadrennial election with the Chief Executive Officer acting as the Returning Officer and advise the Electoral Commission of Queensland accordingly of Council's decision.

CARRIED 7/0

089-03-2015

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That Council write to the Minister for Local Government, Hon Jackie Trad advising of the resolution to conduct the 2016 quadrennial election with the Chief Executive Officer acting as the Returning Officer.

CARRIED 7/0

Call for Motions **090-03-2015**

6.4 2015 National Assembly of Local Government Call for Motions

Cr PW Francis moved and CrFO Whelan seconded: That North Burnett Regional Council resolves to submit the following resolutions to the National General Assembly of Local Government:

- The Federal Government recognise the efficiency and effectiveness of Local Government contribution to disaster response by amending the NDRRA Guidelines to allow the claiming of Day Labour and Local Government plant in declared events.
- That the Federal Government review and amend the NDRRA Guidelines(eligibility) for Rural Industry to return provisions removed by the Labour Government regarding funding of replanting costs for rural producers.
- That the Federal Government recognise ancillary industries such as planting and harvesting contractors in disaster response when NDRAA activation occurs.
- That the Federal Government establish a fund for road managers to enable the Upgrading of roads for heavy vehicles to provide the freight outcomes sought through the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.
- That the Federal Government instigate measures to include the recognition of Local Government in the Federal Constitution.

 CARRIED 7/0

Mr Taylor entered the meeting at 9:27am.

Economic Agenda Item 7 Economic Report

Development **091-03-2015**

7.1 Development Statistics

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That the Development Statistics Report be received. **CARRIED 7/0**

Social Agenda Item 8 Social Report

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Recovery Groups
092-03-2015

8.1 Establishment of Recovery Groups

Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded:

- 1. That North Burnett Regional Council adopts the recommended Local Disaster Recovery Group Structure;
- 2. That North Burnett Regional Council adopts the recommended Local Disaster Recovery Sub-group Structure;
- 3. That all Councillors are ex officio members of recovery groups. CARRIED 7/0

Recovery BBQ **093-03-2015**

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That Council support a BBQ to be held on 12 March 2015 in Monto for community groups and staff who were involved in the clean-up of the flood event.

CARRIED 7/0

NJ Zillman, Shirley Way and Mr Taylor withdrew from the meeting at 9:40am.

Confidential Agenda Item 9 Confidential Report

Close Session **094-03-2015**

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to allow discussion regarding other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

CARRIED 7/0

Reopen Session **095-03-2015**

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED 7/0

Rate Relief Policy **096-03-2015**

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That Council adopt the Proposed Policy & form for Natural Disaster Rates Relief as amended to include those currently on payment arrangements with a sunset clause of 31 October 2015.

CARRIED 7/0

NDRRA Funding **097-03-2015**

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That Council resolve to approve the proposal to ensure appropriate claims for management time for NDRRA funding.

CARRIED 7/0

NJ Zillman, Shirley Way and Mr Taylor entered the meeting at 10:30am.

Mr Taylor presented a deputation and withdrew from the meeting at 10:50am.

General Business Agenda Item 10 General Business

Business Concern **098-03-2015**

Resolved: That the Acting Chief Executive Officer investigate Council's legal entitlements to decline the hiring of North Burnett halls to external commercial businesses.

Call Centre **099-03-2015**

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Call Centre Report be received for information.

CARRIED 7/0

Closure of Meeting Agenda Item 11 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:57am

Presented to Council at its General Meeting held 17 March 2015 and confirmed. Mayor: ______