

Hunter Councils Incorporated Board Meeting
Meeting as: Hunter Councils Pilot Joint Organisation

10 am

2 July 2015

The Board Room, Hunter Councils
59 Bonville Avenue, Thornton

Hunter Councils

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Local Government Training Institute
4 Sandringham Avenue, Thornton

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Cr Peter Blackmore	Mayor, Maitland City Council
Cr Michael Johnsen	Mayor, Upper Hunter Shire Council
Cr Harold Johnston	Mayor, Dungog Shire Council
Cr Bruce MacKenzie	Mayor, Port Stephens Council
Cr John Martin	Mayor, Singleton Council
Cr Bob Pynsent	Mayor, Cessnock City Council
Cr Martin Rush	Mayor, Muswellbrook Shire Council

In attendance as observers

Brian Bell	General Manager, Lake Macquarie City Council
Craig Deasey	General Manager, Dungog Shire Council
David Evans	General Manager, Maitland City Council
Stephen Glen	General Manager, Cessnock City Council
Danny Green	General Manager, Gloucester Shire Council
Lindy Hyam	General Manager, Singleton Council
Steve McDonald	General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Wayne Wallis	General Manager, Port Stephens Council

Apologies

Cr John Rosenbaum	Mayor, Gloucester Shire Council
Cr Jan McWilliams	Mayor, Great Lakes Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes	Lord Mayor, Newcastle City Council
Cr Jodie Harrison	Mayor, Lake Macquarie City Council
Ken Gouldthorp	General Manager, Newcastle City Council
Waid Crockett	General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council
Glenn Handford	General Manager, Great Lakes Council

Staff in attendance

Graham Dean, Manager Finance and Administration, Hunter Councils

Staff apologies

Roger Stephan, CEO, Hunter Councils

Item 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed the Mayors and General Managers to the meeting.

Apologies were noted.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cr Bruce MacKenzie

Seconded: Cr John Martin

Carried.

Item 2 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF 9 APRIL 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting be adopted, noting clarification that the Minutes are the Minutes of a meeting of the Hunter Councils Incorporated Board.

Moved: Cr Bob Pynsent

Seconded: Cr John Martin

Carried.

Item 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cr Bob Pynsent requested that the minutes of the previous meeting be placed on the Hunter Councils website.

Item 4 MORNING TEA MEETING

A morning tea meeting was held with the Treasurer, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, and the Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter and Central Coast, Mr Scot MacDonald MLC. The purpose was to participate in a post-budget roundtable to discuss the Rebuild NSW process.

Item 5 CEO'S REPORTS

5.1 Organisational Restructuring

The following motion was moved:

THAT:

- 1. The update report be received and noted;**
- 2. The constitution of the new entity, Strategic Services Ltd, be reviewed;**
- 3. The Minister's approval to the formation of Hunter Councils Ltd be also reviewed to ensure the transfer of businesses falls within the scope of that approval;**
- 4. The articles of association of Hunter Councils Incorporated be reviewed to ensure that the anticipated arrangements fall within the power of these articles; and**
- 5. These things occur prior to any further step in the process and are reported back to the Board.**

Moved: Cr Martin Rush

Seconded: Cr Bruce MacKenzie

An amendment was then moved:

THAT:

1. **The report be deferred to the next meeting for this information.**

Moved: Cr Bruce MacKenzie
Seconded: Cr Harold Johnston

UPON the amendment being moved, the Motion was withdrawn, and the amendment when put to the meeting was **CARRIED**.

5.2 Priorities Update

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the update report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr John Martin
Seconded: Cr Harold Johnston

Carried.

5.3 Upper House Inquiry into Local Government

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the submission as updated at this meeting be forwarded to the Upper House Committee.

Moved: Cr Bruce MacKenzie
Seconded: Cr Bob Pynsent

Carried.

Item 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no matters raised in General Business.

Meeting closed 12.02pm.