

Minutes of the
Hunter Councils Incorporated Board meeting as the Hunter Pilot Joint
Organisation

26 November 2015

Hunter Councils, Thornton

1.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Directors Present

Cr Bob Pynsent	Mayor, Cessnock City Council
Cr Harold Johnston	Mayor, Dungog Shire Council
Cr Jan McWilliams	Mayor, Great Lakes Council
Cr Jodie Harrison	Mayor, Lake Macquarie City Council
Cr Peter Blackmore	Mayor, Maitland City Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes	Lord Mayor, Newcastle City Council
Cr Bruce MacKenzie	Mayor, Port Stephens Council
Cr John Martin	Mayor, Singleton Council
Cr Wayne Bedggood	Mayor, Upper Hunter Shire Council

In attendance

Stephen Glen	General Manager, Cessnock City Council
Craig Deasey	General Manager, Dungog Shire Council
Danny Green	General Manager, Gloucester Shire Council
Glenn Handford	General Manager, Great Lakes Council
David Evans	General Manager, Maitland City Council
Wayne Wallis	General Manager, Port Stephens Council
Waid Crockett	General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Apologies

Cr John Rosenbaum	Mayor, Gloucester Shire Council
Cr Martin Rush	Mayor, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Brian Bell	General Manager, Lake Macquarie City Council
Steve McDonald	General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Frank Cordingley	Acting General Manager, Newcastle City Council
Lindy Hyam	General Manager, Singleton Council

Staff in attendance

Roger Stephan, CEO, Hunter Councils

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cr Jan McWilliams
Seconded: Cr Wayne Beggood

Carried.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Cr Jan McWilliams
Seconded: Cr Bruce MacKenzie

Carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Discussion took place in regard to documents tabled:

1. Hunter Councils submission on Emerging Directions document
2. Office of State Government: Summary of Emerging Directions feedback from State and local government stakeholders
3. "Latest thinking" from the Office of Local Government on key aspects of Joint Organisation rollout

4. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

5. PROGRAM REPORTS

5.1 Business Unit Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Divisional update report be received and noted

Moved: Cr John Martin
Seconded: Cr Wayne Bedggood

Carried.

5.2 Correspondence from the Minister for Local Government

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the correspondence be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Bob Pynsent
Seconded: Cr Wayne Bedggood

Carried.

6. **Financial Report**

6.1 **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the consolidated balance sheet be received and noted.

**Moved: Cr Jodie Harrison
Seconded: Cr Jan McWilliams**

Carried.

7. **General Business**

7.1 **Funding request: Tourism Hunter**

It was determined not to proceed with the funding as requested

8. **Meeting Schedule**

Noted.

MEETING CLOSED