

Hunter Councils

Minutes of the
Hunter Councils Incorporated Board Meeting
Incorporating Joint Organisation Briefing

11 August 2016
Hunter Councils, Thornton

1.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Directors Present

Cr Bob Pynsent, Mayor, Cessnock City Council
Cr Peter Blackmore, Mayor, Maitland City Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes, Lord Mayor, Newcastle City 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
Glenn Handford, Interim General Manager, Mid Coast Council
David Evans, General Manager, Maitland City Council
Frank Cordingley, Interim CEO, City of Newcastle
Wayne Wallis, General Manager, Port Stephens Council
Jason Linnane, General Manager, Singleton Council
Waid Crockett, General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Apologies

Cr Harold Johnston, Mayor, Dungog Shire Council
Cr Jodie Harrison, Mayor, Lake Macquarie City Council
John Turner, Administrator, Mid Coast Council
Cr Martin Rush Mayor, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Cr Bruce MacKenzie Mayor, Port Stephens Council

Brian Bell General Manager, Lake Macquarie City Council
Steve McDonald, General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council

Staff in attendance

Roger Stephan, CEO, Hunter Councils

Department of Premier and Cabinet

Bill Tatnell, Senior Regional Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cr Bob Pynsent
Seconded: Cr Wayne Bedggood

Carried.

2. MOTION TO RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE 30 JUNE 2016 MEETING

Moved: Cr John Martin
Seconded: Cr Bob Pynsent

Carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil advised

4. PRESENTATIONS

- Discussion took place with the Administrator of Central Coast Council, Mr Ian Reynolds and the Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Rob Noble, in regard to a number of items including the Fit for the Future process, strategic directions and opportunities for collaboration
- Bill Tatnell, Senior Regional Coordinator with the Department of Premier and Cabinet, provided an overview of recent initiatives in regard to Joint Organisations and Joint Organisation boundaries, cultural changes aspects relating to State Agency interaction with Joint Organisation and a need to consider a start to the process of workshopping Joint Organisation priorities
- The CEO provided a presentation on the rollout by Destination NSW of the Destination Network approach to regional tourism coordination.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PRESENTATIONS

- The CEO is to prepare a position paper in regard to Hunter Region response to the Destination Network framework.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Program Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the reports be received and noted.

Moved: Cr John Martin
Seconded: Cr Bob Pynsent

Carried.

5.2 Consolidated Financial Result for 2015/2016 Financial Year

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Wayne Bedggood
Seconded: Cr Nuatali Nelmes

Carried.

6. General Business

- The forthcoming Local Government Elections for a number of councils within the region were discussed. The Chair, Cr Peter Blackmore, thanked the Mayors for the leadership and support for Hunter Councils and provided, on behalf of the Board, best wishes for the election ahead.

MEETING CLOSED