

Hunter Councils Incorporated meeting as the Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils

Minutes of the 10 August 2017 Meeting
The Board Room, 4 Sandringham Avenue, Thornton

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Directors

Cr Bob Pynsent, Cessnock City Council
Cr Nancy Knudsen, Dungog Shire Council
Cr Kay Fraser, Lake Macquarie City Council
Cr Peter Blackmore, Maitland City Council
Cr Martin Rush, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Cr Sue Moore, Singleton Shire Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes, City of Newcastle
Cr Wayne Bedggood, Upper Hunter Shire Council

General Managers

Stephen Glen General Manager, Cessnock City Council
Craig Deasey, General Manager, Dungog Shire Council
Tony Farrell, iCEO, Lake Macquarie City Council
David Evans, General Manager, Maitland City Council
Glenn Handford, Interim General Manager, Mid Coast Council
Steve McDonald, General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Wayne Wallis, General Manager, Port Stephens Council
Jason Linnane, General Manager, Singleton Council
Waid Crockett, General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

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Apologies

Cr Bruce MacKenzie Mayor, Port Stephens Council
John Turner, Administrator, Mid Coast Council
Shaun Chandler, Acting General Manager, Dungog Shire Council
Jeremy Bath, iCEO, City of Newcastle

Staff in attendance

Roger Stephan, CEO, Hunter Councils

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cr Martin Rush
Seconded: Cr Nancy Knudsen

Carried.

2. MINUTES OF THE 8 JUNE 2017 MEETING

2.1 Adopting of the Minutes of the previous meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

Moved: Cr Kay Fraser
Seconded: Cr Sue Moore

Carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil advised

4. PRESENTATIONS

Hunter Energy Gas Pipeline

5.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PRESENTATIONS

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Discussion took place in regard to presentations of an overtly political and / or commercial nature to the Board.

The CEO provided background to the placement of this particular presentation on the agenda.

It was determined that future presentations – including referrals from member councils – more clearly address aspects of appropriateness and context.

Information on political donations by the aspirant company was requested.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Non-Commercial Units Business Reports

6.1.1. Environment Division

6.1.2 Screen Hunter

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. The update reports be received and noted
 2. The Hunter / Central Coast Regional Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 17 – 21 be endorsed for provision to the NSW EPA
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Moved: Cr Martin Rush
Seconded: Cr Wayne Bedggood

Carried.

6.2 Code of Conduct Regional Panel

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the panel of providers who lodged expressions of interest in membership of the Hunter Councils Regional Code of Conduct Panel be appointed to that panel within terms outlined in this report.

Moved: Cr Sue Moore
Seconded: Cr Wayne Beddgood

Carried.

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6.3 Budget 2017/2018 of Hunter Councils Incorporated

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. The revised Budget 2017/2018 for Hunter Councils Inc. as tabled at this meeting be adopted.
 2. Options for additional sources of income for strategic advocacy be investigated
 3. Opportunities to enhance strategic capacity and the induction of new Mayors / Directors be investigated and reported.
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Moved: Cr Wayne Beddgood
Seconded: Cr Sue Moore

Carried.

7 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil items.

Meeting closed.