

MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING
NORTHERN RIVERS
JOINT ORGANISATION
2 NOVEMBER 2018



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION
HELD IN THE KYOGLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STRATHEDEN ST, KYOGLE
ON FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 11.00AM**

ATTENDANCE

Crs Danielle Mulholland (Chair), Isaac Smith, Robert Mustow, Katie Milne; David Wright

Louise McMeeking, Dept of Premier and Cabinet;

Tim Williamson (Interim Executive Officer), General Managers Troy Green, Vaughan MacDonald, Graham Kennett, Paul Hickey. James Brickley from Byron Shire Council attended in place of Mark Arnold

Elizabeth Tydd, Information Commissioner; Steve Robb, NSW Electoral Commission

Virginia West (Scenic Rim Council), Cr Keith Williams (Rous Water)

Ms Sue Higginson, Greens Candidate for Lismore

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In opening the meeting, the Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Simon Richardson and Mr Mark Arnold, Byron Shire Council, Ms Anita Gambhir, NSW Office of Local Government; Cr Peter Petty and Mr Terry Dodds, Tenterfield Shire Council and Ms Shelly Oldham, Lismore City Council.

02112018/1 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/Cr Smith

THAT the apologies for the NRJO meeting held 2 November 2018 be accepted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were noted

4. ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITORS

Ms Sue Higginson, Greens Candidate for Lismore addressed the meeting to outline their regional development policies.

Elizabeth Tydd, Information Commissioner provided an update on the role of the Information Commissioner and new initiatives being rolled out by the IPC

Steve Robb from the NSW Electoral Commission provided information relating to the upcoming 2020 local government elections.

Copies of both presentations will be circulated with the meeting minutes.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes – NRJO meeting 5 October 2018

02112018/2 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/Cr Smith

THAT the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 5 October 2018 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

7. REPORTS

7.1 Adoption of Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Draft Code of Meeting Conduct

02112018/3 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/Cr Wright

That the revised Sections 4, 12 and 15 of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Code of Meeting Practice be adopted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.2 Chair's Report

02112018/4 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/Cr Wright

THAT the verbal report provided by Cr Smith be noted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.3 Executive Officer's Report

02112018/5 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/Cr Wright

THAT the Executive Officer's Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

A proposal to support an event being organised by NSW Business Chamber, Sourdough Group and RDA Northern Rivers was discussed.

02112018/6 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/Cr Wright

THAT the NRJO provides \$8,000 from its operational funds to support the NSW Business Chamber event.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.4 Biodiversity Shared Resource

02112018/7 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/Cr Wright

THAT the Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the report*
- 2. Review and comment on the draft consultant's brief*
- 3. Confirm funding of \$41,500 for the proposed work and that a request for quotation is to be issued accordingly*

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.5 Regional Strategic Priorities

02112018/8 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/Cr Milne

THAT the Strategic Priorities and Year One Action Plan for the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation be adopted as tabled

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.6 NRJO Financial reports to end September 2018

02112018/9 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/Cr Smith

THAT the contents of the NRJO financial report for the period ending 30 September 2018 be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

8. URGENT BUSINESS

8.1 NOROC Financial Reports

Documentation circulated to members 31/10/18

02112018/10 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/Cr Milne

THAT the audited financial statements for NOROC be accepted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

8.2 Tweed Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Item raised by Cr Milne via email 1/11/18

02112018/11 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Milne/Cr Smith

THAT the NRJO accept the request of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to make a presentation to the Committee at its February meeting

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

8.3 Recruitment of Executive Officer

Documentation circulated to members 31/10/18

02112018/12 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Mustow/Cr Milne

That the Joint Organisation considers the confidential business of the Appointment of the Interim Executive Officer in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – Unanimous vote

The meeting moved into closed session at 12.17pm

Non-voting members Cr K Williams and Ms L McMeeking remained

02112018/13 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Mustow/Cr Milne

1. *THAT interviews be conducted as recommended in the October 30, 2018 Recruitment Report from Mr Mike Rayner (ie the top SEVEN)*
2. *THAT the interview process consist of an initial interview with the nominated panel, with the top 2 (max 3) candidates from this process to then present to the full NRJO Board to determine and appoint the preferred candidate.*
3. *THAT the interview panel consist of Mike Rayner, the Chair Cr Danielle Mulholland and any other NRJO Mayors that are available to attend and the interim Executive Officer Tim Williamson*

02112018/14 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Mustow/Cr Smith

THAT the Joint Organisation moves out of closed meeting session and into open meeting session and the Chairperson read the resolutions made during closed meeting session.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – Unanimous vote

The meeting moved out of closed session at 12.23pm. The resolutions from the closed session were read out loud by the Chair.

9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

No confidential reports were received.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted

Meeting closed 1.17pm

Next meeting Friday 8 February 2019

Tweed Shire Council

Minutes approved

D Mulholland

Chair