

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION**

HELD VIA ZOOM

FRIDAY 7 May 2021

ATTENDANCE

Crs Danielle Mulholland (Chair), Chris Cherry (Deputy Chair), Vanessa Ekins, David Wright, Michael Lyon, Robert Mustow

General Managers Graham Kennett, Mark Arnold, Paul Hickey, Vaughan Macdonald, Troy Green, Michael Donnelly

Jillian Fryer (Dept of Regional NSW); Ashley Lindsay, Cr Jim Simmons (CVC)

Nicole Reeve Donna McIntyre (minute taker)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Tim Williamson (RDA Northern Rivers), Anita Gambhir (OLG)

07052021/01 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/ D Wright

THAT the apologies for the 7 May 2021 Board meeting be noted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITORS

The Chair welcomed Cr Michael Lyon, Acting Mayor, Byron Shire Council to the meeting

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES and BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION HELD 12 FEBRUARY 2021

07052021/2 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/ D Wright

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 12 February 2021 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 received

7. REPORTS

7.1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT - DESTINATION NORTH COAST

07052021/3 RESOLVED

MOVED: R Mustow/D Wright

THAT the report from Destination North Coast be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – RDA NORTHERN RIVERS

07052021/4 RESOLVED

MOVED: D Wright/ R Mustow

THAT the report from RDA Northern Rivers be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously

7.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – ROUS COUNTY COUNCIL

07052021/5 RESOLVED

MOVED: V Ekins/C Cherry

THAT the report from Rous County Council be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously

7.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL

07052021/6 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/ D Wright

THAT the report from Scenic Rim Regional Council be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.5 RDA NORTHERN RIVERS SERVICE AGREEMENT

07052021/7

MOVED: R Mustow/ C Cherry

THAT the Board renew the RDA Northern Rivers Service Agreement to 31 December 2021

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

07052021/8 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/R Mustow

THAT the Board receive and note the Executive Officer's report

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.7 REGIONAL ISSUES

Compliance Levies and Funding Review

A presentation from Vince Connell (Tweed Shire Council) and Shannon Burt (Byron Shire Council) representing the NRJO Planning Committee was made

07052021/9 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/ D Wright

That the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation endorse that a submission based on this report be made to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Rob Stokes, seeking the deferral of the proposed changes to compliance levies and fees, to allow for more detailed consultation with NSW Councils, in order to provide more time to consider and plan for any resulting impacts on the funding of essential planning, certification and environmental compliance services.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Housing Shortage

07052021/10 RESOLVED

MOVED: D Mulholland/ D Wright

The Board acknowledge the steps being undertaken and discuss any further initiatives that could be taken to alleviate this issue.

Cr Mulholland moved an amendment

MOVED: D Mulholland/ D Wright

THAT the Board acknowledge the steps being undertaken and schedule a housing workshop to discuss any further initiatives that could be taken to alleviate this issue.

07052021/11 RESOLVED

MOVED: D Mulholland/ Wright

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

The amendment became the motion

MOVED: D Mulholland/ Wright

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

A further motion was offered from Cr Cherry

MOVED: C Cherry/V Ekins

THAT the NRJO to join with MNCJO and CRJO to be part of a delegation to discuss community housing trusts with the Premier

07052021/12 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/V Ekins

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Jillian Fryer from Regional NSW advised that a new unit within Regional NSW has been established to look at regional housing. It is headed up by Ashley Albury and will include regional representation at the Director level. Details will be sent via the Executive Officer as soon as it comes available.

The Executive Officer reported that the JO's are working collaboratively on this and that she is compiling a list of issues across the regions to create a state-wide snapshot and the proposed solutions will be compiled to create a toolbox of ideas to be roadtested with various ministers and planners to see what options may be viable

Emergency Services Levy

07052021/13 RESOLVED

MOVED: C Cherry/ D Wright

THAT the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation begins local advocacy on the ESL issue and bring it to the attention of all local members of parliament. Further that it supports the broader JO network in their attempts to highlight the increases to the NSW State Government.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

07052021/14

MOVED: D Wright/R Mustow

THAT the financial reports for period ending 31 March 2021 be accepted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL RECEIVED

9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

10. CORRESPONDENCE

07052021/15

MOVED : R Mustow/ D Wright

THAT the correspondence report be received and noted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Copy of letter of Support sent to Rous County Council is attached as it was omitted from Meeting Papers

To be attached when finalised

MEETING CLOSED 12.18pm

Next meeting - workshop

Friday 18 June 2021

Tweed Shire Council

MINUTES APPROVED



Cr Danielle Mulholland

Chair