

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION
HELD IN THE LISMORE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OLIVER AVE, GOONELLABAH
ON FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2019**

ATTENDANCE

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

Karen Purser, Anita Gambhir - Office of Local Government

Isabel Perdriau (NRJO Executive Officer) General Managers Troy Green, Vaughan MacDonald, Graham Kennett, Mark Arnold, Paul Hickey, Shelley Oldham

Michael Thurston (Destination North Coast), Tim Williamson (RDA Northern Rivers)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2. APOLOGIES

Louise McMeeking (Regional NSW), Cr Virginia West (Scenic Rim Council), Phillip Rudd (Rous County Council)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Executive Officer Isabel Perdriau declared an interest for Item 9.1 – Executive Officer Performance Plan.

4. ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITORS

A presentation on the Northern Rivers NSW Brand Development was provided by David Kavanagh and Lisa Love from the Ad Agency.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES and BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes – NRJO Meeting 16 August 2019

08112019/1 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/ Cr Milne

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 16 August 2019 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

An update on the Rail Trail resolution was provided by the Executive Officer. It was agreed that NRJO write to NSW Government to progress the changes required to legislation to activate the length of the Rail Trail.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL received

7. REPORTS

7.1 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT - DESTINATION NORTH COAST

08112019/2 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Wright/ Cr Milne

THAT the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – RDA NORTHERN RIVERS

08112019/3 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Wright

THAT the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.3 ADOPTION OF NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION AMENDED CHARTER

08112019/4 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/ Cr Wright

That the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Charter be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.4 ADOPTION OF AMENDED EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY

08112019/5 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Smith

That the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Expenses and Facilities policy be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.5 CHAIR'S REPORT

08112019/6 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Mustow

THAT the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

R Mustow requested NRJO write to NSW Parliament requesting action on the Parliamentary Inquiry into Bushfires and recommendations of the report.

7.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

08112019/7 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Wright

THAT the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT MATTERS

7.7.1 Local Government Procurement Pty Ltd (LGP)

08112019/8 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Wright/ Cr Mustow

THAT NRJO renews the MoU with Local Government Procurement for a 12- month period.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.7.2 Purchase of VendorPanel licences for all member councils

08112019/9 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Wright

THAT the Board approves payment of \$81,325 for Vendor Panel licences for member councils and gives in principle agreement to cover annual licence fees for the following two years, being \$77,500 per annum. Councils who have already paid their 2019-20 fees will be reimbursed by NRJO in accordance with the table of fees provided.

7.8 RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL – North Coast Waste Investment Report update

08112019/10 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/ Cr Richardson

THAT the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.9 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST RETURNS

08112019/11 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/ Cr Wright

THAT the Board agree to publish the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest Forms.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.10 PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2020

08112019/12 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mustow/ Cr Wright

THAT the proposed Board meeting dates for 2020 be accepted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

9.1 Executive Officer Performance Appraisal

08112019/13 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Smith/Cr Wright

That the Joint Organisation considers the confidential business of the performance plan of the 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 1.24pm

The public gallery was cleared

The Executive Officer left the meeting, having declared an interest

08112019/14 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Smith/ Richardson

That the Board receive and note the Executive Officer Performance Plan

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – Unanimous vote

08112019/15 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Smith/Cr Mustow

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 1.27pm. The resolutions from the closed session were read out loud by the Chair.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence report was noted.

MEETING CLOSED 1.28PM

Next meeting

Friday 7 February 2020

Ballina Shire Council

Minutes approved



Cr Danielle Mulholland
Chair