

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL POLICY & STRATEGY MEETING HELD AT THE  
MONTO BOARDROOM OF THE NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL  
ON TUESDAY, 7 JUNE 2011 AT 9:03AM**

Attendees	<b>Agenda Item 1</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
Councillors	Cr JE Jensen (Mayor & Chairperson) Cr PW Lobegeier (Deputy Mayor) Cr P Baker Cr PW Francis Cr FO Whelan Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM Cr PJ Huth	
CEO / Directors	Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt Director of Community and Cultural Services, AM Jackson Director of Corporate Services, LD Hotz Director of Development and Environment, RJ Savage Director of Technical Services, RJ Smith Assistant Director of Technical Services, TJ Harvey	
Officers	Personal Assistant to the Mayor, TL Wilson Executive Assistant, LC Arnold Manager of Corporate Services, MJ Dingle	
Welcome	<b>Agenda Item 2</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	Mayor Cr JE Jensen welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted the absence of Director of Technical Services, RJ Smith.	
Apologies	<b>Agenda Item 3</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	Nil	
Declaration	<b>Agenda Item 4</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>
	Nil	
Petitions	<b>Agenda Item 6</b>	<b>Petitions</b>
	6.1 Gayndah Ratepayers and Residents Association - Petition - Proposed fluoridation of water supplies in NBRC  Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That Council receive and forward the petition presented by Gayndah Ratepayers and Residents Association regarding the proposed fluoridation of water supplies in North Burnett Region in accordance with previous resolutions. <b>CARRIED</b>	
	6.2 Monto & District Ratepayers & Residents Association - Fluoridation Survey  Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That Council receive the survey presented by Monto & District Ratepayers & Residents Association regarding the proposed fluoridation of water supplies in North Burnett Region. <b>CARRIED</b>	
Advice and Exemption	Cr PJ Huth moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That Council seek legal advice regarding an exemption from Fluoridation of the North Burnett Water under the <i>Water Fluoridation Act 2008 Section 8 C</i> . Further, Council to seek an exemption from fluoridation of North Burnett Water pending receipt of legal advice.	<b>VOTING FOR THE MOTION</b> Cr FO Whelan Cr PW Francis Cr P Baker Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM Cr PJ Huth Cr PW Lobegeier <b>VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION</b> Cr JE Jensen <b>CARRIED 6/1</b>

- Public Statement Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the Technical Services Department issue a public statement on the investigation that previously took place with the Queensland Water Directorate and Department of Infrastructure and Planning regarding exemption from fluoridation.  
**CARRIED**
- Complaints Policy Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Council develop a policy on vexatious complainers.  
**VOTING FOR THE MOTION**  
Cr PW Francis  
Cr P Baker  
Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM  
Cr PW Lobegeier  
Cr JE Jensen  
**VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION**  
Cr FO Whelan  
Cr PJ Huth **CARRIED 5/2**
- CEO Report **Agenda Item 7 Chief Executive Officer**
- Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That the Chief Executive Officer report as presented, be received.  
**CARRIED**
- LGMA 2011 National Congress 7.1 LGMA 2011 National Congress and Business Expo
- Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PJ Huth seconded: That the CEO report be received for information and the contents of the report noted.
- Further, Council make reference to the 2011 LGMA National Congress in the next newsletter and formally invite Professor Brian Dollery to conduct a case study on North Burnett Regional Council Amalgamation.  
**CARRIED**
- RJ Smith RJ Smith re-entered the meeting at 9:52am.
- AM Jackson AM Jackson withdrew from the meeting at 9:57am and re-entered at 9:57am.
- TJ Harvey TJ Harvey withdrew from the meeting at 9:57am.
- Review of Divisions 7.2 Review of Divisions of Local Government Areas
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That Council conduct further community consultation by presenting a survey on divisional arrangements for the 2012 Local Government Elections and promote the consultation at the Regional Community Plan Meetings.
- Further, Council write to Electoral Commission Queensland to seek an extension of time.  
**CARRIED**
- Grey Nomad Tourism 7.3 Inquiry - Developing QLD Rural & Regional Communities - Grey Nomad Tourism
- Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the report Economic Development Committee Report No. 5, *Inquiry into developing Queensland's rural and regional communities through grey nomad tourism* and the Queensland Government response is received for information.  
**CARRIED**
- Recognition of Long Serving Employees 7.4 Recognition of Long Serving Employees
- Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr P Baker seconded: That that Council adopt General Policy Recognition of Long Serving Employees;
- North Burnett Regional Council institutes the Mayoral Achievement Awards to be presented at the conclusion of each Calendar year.  
**CARRIED**
- MJ Dingle MJ Dingle withdrew from the meeting at 10:14am and re-entered at 10:16am.
- RJ Smith RK Smith withdrew from the meeting at 10:17am and re-entered at 10:18am.

- Conference/Training 7.5 Conference and Training Sessions 2011
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That Cr P Baker, Cr JE Jensen, Cr FO Whelan, Cr PW Lobegeier and a senior staff member be appointed as delegates to the 2011 Disaster Management Conference to be held in Bundaberg, 27 – 29 July 2011 with Council meeting the normal cost of attendance. **CARRIED**
- Natural Disaster Resilience 7.6 Natural Disaster Resilience Programme
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr P Baker seconded: That North Burnett Regional Council supports a joint application with Bundaberg Regional Council for the Wardens Project through the Natural Disaster Resilience Programme. **CARRIED**
- DCCS Report **Agenda Item 8 Director of Community and Cultural Services**
- DOCS Report **Agenda Item 9 Director of Corporate Services**
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the Director of Corporate Services report as presented, be received. **CARRIED**
- Audit Committee Policy 9.1 Audit Committee Policy and Audit Committee Terms of Reference
- Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That in accordance with *s105 of Local Government Act 2009*
1. Council approve the:
    - a. Audit Committee Policy
    - b. Audit Committee Terms of Reference
  2. Council establish an Audit Committee composed of :
    - a. Two (2) Councillors appointed by Council. and Cr Jensen to be appointed as Committee Chairperson and Cr PW Francis be appointed as Councillor Representative.
    - b. One (1) external non public sector member with significant financial expertise to be recruited;
- That the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Corporate Services, Manager Finance and Information Services be required to attend meetings as permanent attendees with no voting rights. **CARRIED**
- JD Kronk JD Kronk entered the meeting at 10:23am.
- Morning Tea The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea and the deputation by McConnell Dowell Joint Venture at 10:27am.
- Deputations **Agenda Item 5 Deputations**
- 5.1 Vince Garde, Construction Manager, Abdel Rahman Qandil, Construction Manager and Elliot Willemsen-Bell, Social Performance Manager from McConnell Dowell Joint Venture (MCJV) joined Councillors and directors for morning tea and presented a Flood Relief Donation Cheque to the value of \$20,000 to Cr JE Jensen and the North Burnett Regional Council in support of the Local Buy Program. Cr JE Jensen on behalf of the North Burnett Regional Council presented a gift of gratitude and thanks to the McConnell Dowell Joint Venture (MCJV) representatives. Deputation concluded at 11:10am.
- Meeting Resumed The meeting resumed at 1:35pm.
- 5.2 Ms Anna Moynihan, Deputy Director-General and Mr David Runge, Principal Policy Officer Department of Communities held a discussion on local and state-wide human and social recovery issues and resolutions. Information was provided on the Community Recovery and Wellbeing Package; an initiative to support community recovery, mental health and financial wellbeing. The guidelines and criteria which are to be followed by Council were also outlined. Deputation concluded at 2:00pm.

Community Information 5.3  
Session

## Community Information Session

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm to commence the Community Information Session at 2:05pm.

The Mayor welcomed members of the Monto Community to the Community Information Session.

Cr JE Jensen provided an update on the Policy and Strategy Meeting Agenda.

Members of the Community were given the opportunity to ask Councillors and Directors questions.

Community Information Session closed at 3:01pm and the Meeting resumed at 3:07pm.

## DODE Report

**Agenda Item 10****Director of Development & Environment Services**

Nil

## DOTS

**Agenda Item 11****Director of Technical Services**

Nil

## Leave of Absence

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That a leave of absence be granted to Cr P Baker from 18 September 2011 to 1 October 2011.

## Closure of Meeting

**Agenda Item 12****Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3:09pm.

Presented to Council at its General Meeting held on Thursday 23 June 2011, and confirmed.

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**MAYOR**