

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
THE NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CHERRY ST, BALLINA
ON FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2020**

ATTENDANCE

Crs Danielle Mulholland (Chair), Isaac Smith, Katie Milne; David Wright, Simon Richardson
Anita Gambhir (Office of Local Government); Louise McMeeking (Regional NSW)
General Managers Troy Green, Vaughan MacDonald, Graham Kennett, Mark Arnold, Paul Hickey,
Michael Thurston (Destination North Coast), Tim Williamson (RDA Northern Rivers)
Cr Jim Simmons, Ashley Lindsay (Clarence Valley Council)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2. APOLOGIES

Cr Robert Mustow (Richmond Valley Council), Cr Virginia West (Scenic Rim Council), Isabel Perdriau (NRJO Executive Officer); Shelley Oldham (Lismore City Council)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chair Danielle Mulholland declared an interest in item 7.8 – Blue Gas Technologies proposal

4. ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITORS

A presentation on the Biodiversity Legislation Reforms Project draft report was provided by Scott Hetherington, Tweed Shire Council

Mayor Jim Simmons and Ashley Lindsay, General Manager of Clarence Valley Council provided an update of CVC activities.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES and BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes – NRJO Meeting 8 November 2019

07022020/1 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/ Cr Milne

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation held Friday 8 November 2019 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

07022020/2 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/ Cr Mulholland

THAT the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – RDA NORTHERN RIVERS

07022020/3 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Richardson

THAT the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE – All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL

07022020/4 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Smith

THAT the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT – CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL

07022020/5 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Milne

THAT the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.5 NEW ENGLAND JO – MINUTES OF MEETING 25 NOVEMBER 2019

07022020/6 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Milne/ Cr Wright

THAT the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.6 CHAIR'S REPORT

07022020/7 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Milne

THAT the following recommendations be accepted.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the JOAC Agreed Definition of Financial Sustainability be received and noted:

Agreed Definition of Financial Sustainability

A definition of financial sustainability was agreed by all Joint Organisations and has been endorsed.

'A Joint Organisation will be financially sustainable over the long term when it is able to generate sufficient funds and deliver on the Strategic Regional Priorities agreed with its members and stakeholders.'

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive and note the documents provided in the meeting papers relating to the Joint Organisation Advisory Committee (JOAC).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The NSW JO Chairs' Forum Terms of Reference be endorsed for annual rotation of the Chair position and inclusion of the role of Deputy Chair.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Chair's report be received and noted:

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.7 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

07022020/8 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Smith/ Cr Wright

THAT the following recommendations be accepted.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board approve an amendment to the NRJO Charter to incorporate the position of Deputy Chair.

RECOMMENNDATION

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

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

The Chair then called for nominations for the role of Interim Deputy Chair. Cr Smith was the only nominee

07022020/9 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Milne

THAT Cr Smith be appointed as interim Deputy Chair

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously

7.8 BLUE GAS TECHNOLOGIES – PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION

Cr Mulholland left the room at 11.59 due to a conflict of interest. Cr Smith took the Chair.

07022020/10 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Richardson/ Cr Wright

THAT the report be received and noted.

Cr Richardson moved an amendment:

Amendment:

THAT the NRJO acknowledge receipt of the proposal from Blue Gas technologies but decline to progress further

THAT the Board request the Executive Officer present further unsolicited proposals to GMAC for consideration prior to presentation to the Board

07022020/11

Moved: Cr Richardson/ Cr Milne

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Cr Mulholland returned to the room at 12.08 and resumed the Chair

7.9 LGNSW CLIMATE RESILIENCE WORKSHOPS

07022020/12 RESOLVED

Cr Mulholland moved an amendment

Amendment:

THAT NRJO request a full day workshop for relevant council staff with a report on the workshop to be presented to the Board when completed

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Smith

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.10 FINANCIAL REPORT

07022020/13 RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Wright

THAT the financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2019 be accepted

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

7.11 STRATEGIC REGIONAL PRIORITIES

07022020/14 RESOLVED

Cr Mulholland moved an amendment

Amendment:

THAT the NRJO re-endorse the existing regional priorities as amended

Moved: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Smith

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

07022020/15

MOVED: Cr Mulholland/ K Milne

THAT the following items of urgent business be raised

07022020/16 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Mulholland/ Cr Smith

THAT NRJO lobby the State government to have the waste levy redirected by member councils to the NRJO to pursue innovative waste projects within their footprint and to address local waste issues

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

07022020/17 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Milne/ Cr Richardson

THAT the Board receive and note the documentation around Road Classification Review Terms of reference and request for feedback

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

07022020/18 RESOLVED

MOVED: Cr Smith/ Cr Milne

THAT the Board meet every two months with workshops to be conducted around specific issues

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence report was noted.

MEETING CLOSED 12.45pm

Next meeting

Joint meeting with Mid North Coast JO

25 March 2020

SYDNEY

MINUTES APPROVED



Cr Danielle Mulholland

Chair