

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRANSITION COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW CASSOWARY COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD IN THE JOHNSTONE SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEDNESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 2007 COMMENCING AT 8.10AM.

PRESENT

Mr Graham Webb, Chairman (Johnstone Shire), Mr Basil Micale (Member of Community Reference Group, Johnstone Shire), Cr James P Nicolson (Cardwell Shire Council), Cr Barry Lansdown (Cardwell Shire Council), Mr Mark Kelleher (CEO, Cardwell Shire) Mr Steve Rodgers (Australian Services Union), Mr Peter Gunsberger (Australian Workers Union), Mr Frank Young (CFME Union), Mr Bert Veivers (Australian Metal Workers Union, Observer) Mr Albert Holder (Australian Services Union) and Ms Jill Sorensen (Minutes Clerk).

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FIRST LOCAL TRANSITION COMMITTEE - 23/8/2007 AND MINUTES OF MEETING OF LOCAL TRANSITION COMMITTEE SELECTION PANEL- 11/9/2007

Mr B Micale moved - seconded Cr B Lansdown

"That the Minutes of the First Local Transition Committee for the new Cassowary Coast Regional Council held on the 23rd August, 2007, and the Minutes of the Local Transition Committee Selection Panel held on the 11th September, 2007 are true and correct and be adopted.

CARRIED

At approx. 8.12 am Mr Mark Kelleher left the Meeting room.

2. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Cr J Nicolson moved - seconded Cr B Lansdown

That the Minutes of the Local Transition Committee Selection Panel Meeting held on the 11th September, 2007, as per Clause (a) below be adopted with amendments (b) and (c) as follows:-

(a) That Mr Mark Kelleher be appointed to the position of Interim Chief Executive Officer to perform the duties as described in Guidelines issued by the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation titled "Role Description for Interim CEO" and as per Mr Kelleher's presentation on the role of Interim CEO and discussion with the Selection Committee.

(b) As per the Local Government Reform legislation and guidelines the interim CEO be required to present to the Committee Progress Reports on his role for the position and that he liaise with the Chairperson, Mr Graham Webb PSM, prior to each Meeting and that he develop a Communication Plan on the progress and outcome of decisions from the Local Transition Committee for distribution to this Committee; the Mayor and Councillors of the Cardwell Shire Council; the Administrator of the Johnstone Shire Council, and for appropriate distribution throughout the organisation of both Councils.

(c) Terms and Conditions of appointment be determined after negotiations with the Qld Local Government Association, Local Government Managers' Australia, the Department and the Selection Committee and recommendations be forwarded to the Local Transition Committee.

CARRIED

2. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Cont'd...)

Moved Mr S Rodgers - seconded Mr F Young

(d) The appointment of the Interim Chief Executive Officer, Mr Mark Kelleher take effect from 17th September, 2007, and for the purpose of this Meeting Mr Mark Kelleher has Observer status with ability to contribute to this Meeting.

CARRIED

Moved Mr S Rodgers - seconded Cr B Lansdown

(e) For the purpose of the Third Local Transition Committee Meeting and subsequent Meetings it will be expected that the Interim Chief Executive Officer provide an Action Plan with recommendations for actions by this Committee and such Action Plan also record decisions and time lines for this Agenda.

CARRIED

3. DETERMINATION OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Moved Mr B Micale - seconded Cr J Nicolson

As per the Local Government Reform Local Transition Committee legislation and guidelines the books and accounts of the Local Transition Committee be administered by the Cardwell Shire Council.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

4. OTC REVIEW FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL STATE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE CASSOWARY COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Moved Mr S Rodgers - seconded Mr B Micale

that –

1. Following discussions at the Local Government Association Conference on Wednesday 29th August, 2007, between the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport and the Mayor of Cardwell Shire, Cr. Joe Galeano; Administrator Mr Graham Webb PSM and the Chief Executive Officer Johnstone Shire Mr Stuart Randle, that the Minister be advised that –
2. The Local Transition Committee supports representations made to the Minister;
 - in support of additional financial assistance for the Cassowary Coast Regional Council;
 - in determining the level of financial assistance to ensure the Cassowary Coast Regional Council meets the objective of the Local Government Reform process for stronger Councils for a growing Queensland;
 - to address the Commission's findings which identified the Regional Council will be rated no better than weak and;

4. QTC REVIEW FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL STATE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE CASSOWARY COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Cont'd...)

- that the Government engage Queensland Treasury Corporation to undertake a full Financial Sustainability Review on the financial status of the new Cassowary Coasts Regional Council and;
3. That the Minister be advised that the Local Transition Committee supports the allocation of further substantial State Government financial assistance to ensure that the outcome for this Region meets the Government's objectives as per the Local Government Reform process as a stronger Council for a growing Queensland.

CARRIED

Mr B Micale left the Meeting room at approx. 10.06 am

5. ATTENDANCE BY MR B MICALE AT LOCAL TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Moved Cr B Lansdown - seconded Cr J Nicolson

That with the knowledge that Mr B. Micale is a volunteer from the Johnstone Shire Council Community Reference Committee appointed by the Johnstone Shire Administrator, Mr. Graham Webb PSM, in accordance with the legislation to serve on the Local Transition Committee that the Chairman make representations to the State Government through the State Transition Committee for remuneration for Mr B Micale with such payments to be made from monies provided by the State Government for the implementation of the Local Government Reform process attendance at the Local Transition Committee Meetings.

CARRIED

Mr B Micale returned to the Meeting room at approx. 10.15 am

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Local Transition Committee will be held on Wednesday, 17th October 2007 commencing at 8.00am in the Cardwell Shire Council Chambers, Tully.

10.35 am The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007.

CHAIRMAN, MR GRAHAM WEBB

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