MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING NO. 14
HELD IN THE FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
KENT STREET, MARYBOROUGH
ON WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST, 2010 COMMENCING AT 10.30AM.

PRESENT:
Councillor Mick Kruger (Chairman)
Councillor Julie Arthur
Councillor Sue Brooks
Councillor David Dalgleish
Councillor Linda Harris
Councillor Debbie Hawes
Councillor Barb Hovard
Councillor Belinda McNeven
Councillor Les MucKan
Councillor Anne Nioa
Councillor Gerard O'Connell

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:
Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Brien
Director Organisational Services, Ms Lisa Desmond
Director Community & Development Services, Mr Peter Smith
Director Infrastructure & Environmental Services, Mr Wayne Sweeney
Principal Officer Corporate Communication & Marketing, Mr Kevin Corcoran
Meeting Secretary, Ms Marlene Dennis
Observer, Mrs Julie Schoonderwoerd

Councillor Kruger welcomed Councillor Nioa back to Council and wished her all the best for her health in the future and said that it was nice to see her smiling face back in the Chamber.

ORD 1 OPENING PRAYER

The Opening Prayer was delivered by Major Keith Cook from the Salvation Army.

ORD 2 APOLOGIES

Nil

ORD 3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

ORD 4 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

ORD 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

ORD 5.1 Ordinary Meeting No. 13 – 11 August, 2010

RESOLUTION (O'Connell / Hawes)

That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting No. 13 held on 11 August, 2010 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/263/08/10

ORD 6 ADDRESSES/PRESENTATIONS

ORD 6.1 Customer Service Awards – July 2010

Councillor Kruger said that the recipients of the July Customer Service Awards were:

- Anna Walker, Business Analyst, who had won the Service Champion Award (Office);
- Mark Izzard, Carpenter, who had won the Service Champion Award (Field);
- Christine Godwin, Coordinator at the Hervey Bay Visitor Information Centre, who was the recipient of a Good Samaritan Award (Office); and
- Karen Whitaker, a casual Tourism Assistant at the Hervey Bay Visitor Information Centre, who had also been awarded a Good Samaritan Award (Office).

Councillor Kruger presented Awards to Mark, Christine and Karen, and advised Anna was currently on annual leave and would be presented with her Award by her Supervisor.

Councillor Kruger congratulated all of the Award recipients.

ORD 6 ADDRESSES/PRESENTATIONS

ORD 6.2 Presentation from Kasukabe High School, Japan

Councillor Kruger said that Council had recently reciprocated in a visit by students and delegates of Kasukabe High School in Japan and said that Council wished to continue the Friendship relationship originally initiated by the previous Maryborough City Council.

Councillor Kruger thanked Councillor Hovard, through her connection with Aldridge State High School, in helping to bring the students and delegates of Kasukabe High School to the region and presented Councillor Hovard with a gift for Council.

ORD 7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ORD 7.1 Increase in Waste Charges

Mrs Vicki Price, Tower Court Motel, Esplanade, Hervey Bay

Addressed Council in relation to the increase in waste charges since 2006 for the servicing of waste bins within the complex. She said that despite the increase in charges there had been no increase in service level. A comparison of servicing costs between business and residential properties was provided, and concern was expressed in relation to the disparity on which the costs are levied. Council was requested to provide a fair and equitable rate.

ORD 7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ORD 7.2 Miscellaneous Matters

Mr Steve Lampard, 52 Ward Street, Maryborough

Addressed Council in relation to various issues which included:-

- Employment with Fraser Coast Regional Council and acknowledgment of employment applications;
- Clarification of the correct name of the location of Maryborough Park; and
- Concern with the maintenance cost of Maryborough Pontoon.

ORD 8 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

ORD 9 PETITIONS

ORD 9.1 Receipt of Petitions

Nil

ORD 9 PETITIONS

ORD 9.2 Open Petitions Register

RESOLUTION (Hawes / Harris)

That the Open Resolutions Register – July report be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/264/08/10

ORD 10 COMMITTEES' AND DELEGATES' REPORTS

ORD 10.1 Minutes of Community & Development Committee Meeting No. 3 - 11 August 2010

RESOLUTION (Hovard /MucKan)

That the Minutes of the Community & Development Committee Meeting No. 3 held on 11 August 2010 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/265/08/10

RESOLUTION (Arthur / Hawes)

That the Community & Development Committee recommendations not adopted at the meeting under delegated authority be adopted.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/266/08/10

ORD 10 COMMITTEES' AND DELEGATES' REPORTS

ORD 10.2 Minutes of Strategic & Organisational Committee Meeting No. 2 - 18 August 2010

RESOLUTION (O'Connell / Hawes)

That the Minutes of the Strategic & Organisational Committee Meeting No. 2 held on 18 August 2010 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/267/08/10

RESOLUTION (O'Connell / MucKan)

That the recommendation of the Strategic & Organisational Committee Meeting No. 2 held on 18 August 2010 be adopted:

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/268/08/10

ORD 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ORD 11.1 Open Resolutions Register – July 2010

RESOLUTION (MucKan / Hawes)

That the Open Resolutions Register – July report be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/269/08/10

ORD 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ORD 11.2 Fraser Coast Regional Council Financial Report - Period Ended 31 July 2010

RESOLUTION (Hawes / Hovard)

That:

1. The financial report for the period ended 31 July 2010 be received and noted.

2. The budget revisions listed in Section (C) be received and adopted.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/270/08/10

ORD 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ORD 11.3 Annual Show Holiday 2011

RESOLUTION (Nioa / MucKan)

That an application be submitted to the Attorney General and Minister for Industrial Relations requesting the gazettal of Friday 27 May 2011 as the 2011 Show Holiday within the area of the Fraser Coast Regional Council.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/271/08/10

ORD 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ORD 11.4 Delegation of Powers to the Position of Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION (Nioa / Hawes)

That under section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* Council resolves to:

1. Repeal all prior delegations to the Chief Executive Officer made under the *Local Government Finance Standard 2005;* and

2. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer, the exercise of the powers contained in Schedule 2 of the Instrument of Delegation in Attachment 2 to Report DOC #1941756. These powers must be exercised subject to any limitations and conditions contained in Schedule 3 of the Instrument of Delegation.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/272/08/10

ORD 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ORD 11.5 Interim Audit Management Report 2009/2010

RESOLUTION (O'Connell / Hawes)

That the Interim Audit report be received and the management responses be noted.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/273/08/10

ORD 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ORD 11.6 2031 Aviation Strategy

RESOLUTION (Brooks / Dalgleish)

That the updated 2031 Aviation Strategy, as amended, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/274/08/10

ORD 12 MATTERS/MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

ORD 13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

ORD 13.1 Questions on Notice Register Update

RESOLUTION (Brooks / O/Connell)

That the Questions on Notice Register report be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/275/08/10

ORD 14 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE AGENDA WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MAYOR

Nil

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.1 Glenwood Swap Meet

Councillor MucKan advised that both he and Councillor Dalgleish had recently attended the Glenwood Swap Meet and believed there was a major problem with car parking at the site. He said that a large crowd from all places attended the Swap Meet and believed that it had been a good day and organisers wanted to thank Council for its support of the event. He said that with the recent rains the carpark was boggy and the organisers sought Council's assistance in having the carpark levelled.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.2 Request to Send Letter of Congratulations

Councillor MucKan requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to the winners of the local seats in the recent Federal Election, the Hon. Warren Truss and the Hon. Paul Neville and inviting them to address Council. Councillor MucKan said that, following the final counting of votes, should the Coalition win the Election then the Hon. Warren Truss may be appointed to become the next Deputy Prime Minister and it could be a powerful thing for our region.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.3 Hervey Bay Seafood Festival

Councillor MucKan said he would like to congratulate the organisers and workers involved in the recent Hervey Bay Seafood Festival and believed it to have been a great success and good for the region.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.4 Welcome Back to Councillor Nioa

Councillor MucKan said he would like to welcome Councillor Nioa back to Council following her health issues over the last couple of months.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.5 Glenwood Swap Meet

Councillor Dalgleish said he would also like to congratulate the organisers of the Glenwood Swamp Meet as he believed it had been a great success attracting a crowd of 5000 people from far and wide. For those who follow these events, the Glenwood community group was attracting a name for itself. The group ran the bar facilities at the Swap Meet and money raised from this went towards upgrading Council's assets. Councillor Dalgleish said that both he and Councillor MucKan were judges of the street machine event.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.6 Fraser Coast Cultural Festival Inc. Annual General Meeting

Councillor Hawes said that she had attended two meetings recently where the committee had asked her to pass on their thanks for the support provided by Council. Councillor Hawes had been asked to chair the Annual General Meeting of the Fraser Coast Cultural Festival Inc. last Thursday. Mr Brian Etherington had been re-elected President and he had asked her to extend to Council his thanks for the support provided over the last twelve months.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.7 Queensland Orienteering Championships

Councillor Hawes said that she had also attended the Queensland Orienteering Championships at Mary's Forest last Sunday. She had represented the Mayor and presented awards to the winners of various events. The organisers thanked her profusely for the support that Council had provided and would be looking to hold the event there again over the next couple of years and sought Council's future support of the event.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.8 Maryborough Job Mart

Councillor O'Connell said that he wanted to remind Councillors that the Maryborough Job Mart was being held on 7 September. The Maryborough JobMart was the first of two events in the region, the second being "Baycancy" which was being held in late October. Councillor O'Connell said that he wanted to extend Council's thanks to the more than 30 businesses and employers in the area who have already committed to have stands or presence there to offer jobs and career opportunities to the young people of the region. He said it was wonderful to receive such wonderful support from the business community.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.9 Seniors Week

Councillor Brooks said she wanted to thank the staff and all those involved in making the region's Seniors' Week morning teas and other events that she had attended such a success. Councillors Brooks said that it had been a great turnout at each of the events and that it had been a pleasure to go to places including Gootchie and Woocoo. Councillor Brooks said she looked forward to seeing the footpath at Gootchie fixed.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.10 Ranger Lacey Dog Walk

Councillor Brooks said she wanted to remind Councillors of the Ranger Lacey Dog Walk being held this weekend at Dayman Park with the opportunity to have pets micro-chipped at greatly reduced costs. Councillor Brooks said that she hoped there would be a good roll-up of people with their four-legged friends.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.11 Thank You to Council's IT Staff

Councillor Brooks said that she had recently purchased a new iPad and wanted to thank Council's IT staff for helping her to enable it so that she could use it just like the laptops used by her fellow Councillors. It had made working so much easier due to its portability and she wanted to thank Council's IT staff for sorting out how to connect new technology to Council's system.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.12 Maryborough Technology Challenge

Councillor Hovard said that the Maryborough Technology Challenge was being held on 11 and 12 September. Councillor Hovard said that organisers had already received 103 entries for the HPV event and a record number of entries in the push cart event. Councillor Hovard said she believed it would be a fantastic weekend however organisers were still looking for marshals from Council.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.13 Australian Forest Growers Queensland Award Winners 2010

Councillor Harris said she had received an e-mail advising that Alan and Linda Thompson of "Goorah" near Gundiah were the AFG/Ergon Energy Award Tree Farmer of the Year winners for 2010. Owen and Linda Thompson were fifth generation land managers who ran a 1200 hectare timber and cattle operation. Their property consisted of over 1000 hectares of native forests which had managed to produce full logs and poles, assisting and encouraging natural forest regeneration which was an important part of the longevity of the family's business operation. The Thompsons had been active participants in sustainable native forest practices and their property had been the site of many forestry themed field days and was currently the site of tree growth plots and experiments being conducted by the Queensland government.

Councillor Harris recommended that a letter of congratulations be sent to Owen and Linda Thompson in recognition of winning this award. Councillor Harris said that this was an example of another business within our community that was excelling.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.14 Recipient of Churchill Fellowship - Marilyn Connell

Councillor Harris reminded everyone that next Wednesday Marilyn Connell was leaving to take up her Churchill Fellowship which she believed to be very admirable for a member of our community to win. Marilyn would be travelling to Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Dubai and would be undertaking a short university course in Brazil.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.15 Attendance at Vietnam Veterans Day

Councillor Arthur said that like Councillor Hawes she had been asked to pass on thanks and appreciation from Mr Bob Evans, President of the Maryborough Sub-Branch of the RSL to the Mayor and Councillors who attended Vietnam Veterans Day last Wednesday and for Council having concluded its meeting in time for people to attend.

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.16 Fraser Coast Aviation Group

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Brien updated Council on the introduction of fees and charges for the Fraser Coast Aviation Group

RESOLUTION (Dalgleish / Nioa)

That pending the receipt of a further report on the Fraser Coast Aviation Group, Council defer the introduction of fees and charges for the Fraser Coast Airports until October 2010.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/276/08/10

ORD 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

ORD 15.17 Australian Local Government Women's Association (Queensland Branch)

Councillor Kruger said that Council had received a letter from the Australian Local Government Women's Association (Queensland Branch). The letter congratulated Councillor Julie Arthur on her appointment to the Executive Board of the Queensland Branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association. The Australian Local Government Women's Association supported all women working within local government and allied industries. The Queensland Branch was further represented at a national level and provided a voice for women and local government across the nation.

Councillor Kruger congratulated Councillor Arthur on her appointment to the Executive Board of the Queensland Branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association and fellow Councillors offered their congratulations.

ORD 16 CONFIDENTIAL

MOTION (Nioa / Brooks)

Council resolves that under the *Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010* the Meeting be closed to the public for the purpose of discussing the following items:

ORD 16.1 – **Expiry of CORP 1– 07/08-** Section 72(1)(e) (contracts proposed to be made by Council)

ORD 16.2 – **Land Purchase -** Section 72(1)(e) (contracts proposed to be made by Council)

ORD 16.3 – **Lease Agreement at Hervey Bay Airport -** Section 72(1)(h) (other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage)

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/277/08/10

RESUMPTION OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION (O'Connell / Harris)

That the Meeting resume in open Council.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/278/08/10

ORD 16 CONFIDENTIAL

ORD 16.1 Expiry of CORP 1– 07/08

RESOLUTION (MucKan / Brooks)

That further to Section 184(b) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans & Reporting) Regulation 2010, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a short-term contract to enable the provision of "Reporting Officer – Groundsman & Maintenance" services at Hervey Bay Airport to continue without disruption.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/279/08/10

ORD 16 CONFIDENTIAL

ORD 16.2 Proposed Land Purchase

RESOLUTION (McNeven / Hawes)

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to enter into negotiations with respect to the proposed land purchase as outlined in the confidential briefing.

Carried Unanimously
Ord 14/280/08/10

ORD 16 CONFIDENTIAL

ORD 16.3 Lease Agreement - Hervey Bay Airport

The Chief Executive Officer briefed Council in relation to a number of issues and it was agreed that the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer meet with the lessee to discuss outstanding payments under the lease agreement.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 11.28am

Confirmed at Ordinary Meeting No. 15 of the Fraser Coast Regional Council held at Hervey Bay on 8 September, 2010.

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MAYOR