

MINUTES OF THE NEW ENGLAND JOINT ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (NEJO) MEETING HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2018 IN THE WILLIAM GARDNER CONFERENCE ROOM, GLEN INNES SEVERN LEARNING CENTRE, 71 GREY STREET, GLEN INNES COMMENCING AT 10AM

Present: Cr Michael Pearce (Chairperson) and Mr Andrew Hopkins (Uralla Shire Council), Cr Simon Murray and Ms Susan Law (Armidale Regional Council), Cr Steve Toms and Mr Hein Basson (Glen Innes Severn Council), Cr Paul Harmon (Inverell Shire Council), Cr Peter Petty and Mr Terry Dodds (Tenterfield Shire Council), Cr Cathy Redding and Mr Stewart Todd (Narrabri Shire Council), Ms Alison McGaffin Director New England & North West, DPC Regional), Mr Jarrad Smith (Coordination Officer New England & North West, DPC Regional), Ms Anne Coote (Local Government Support Officer, Biodiversity Reforms).

Meeting opened at 10.01am

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor of Glen Innes Severn Council, Cr Steve Toms, gave the Acknowledgment to Country.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Cr Katrina Humphries and Mr Lester Rogers (Moree Plains Shire Council and Mr Paul Henry (Inverell Shire Council and Interim Executive Officer of NEJO).

3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No disclosures were made by members.

4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018

Moved: Inverell

Seconded: Tenterfield

5 PRESENTATION BY ANNE COOTE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OFFICER, BIODIVERSITY REFORMS

Presentation made. Copy of presentation attached as Attachment A.

6 CHAIRPERSONS MINUTE

Moved: Glen Innes Severn

Seconded: Tenterfield

1.08/18 RESOLUTION

That the Board:

1. Make representation to all State Members of the NEJO (The Hon Thomas George MP, the Hon Adam Marshal MP and The Hon Kevin Humphries MP) in relation to the need for additional and **sustainable** funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services.
2. Write to the Hon Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts and the Hon Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for the provision of a significant increase in state funding for NSW public libraries and for the **implementation of a sustainable future funding model.**



### 7.3.3 DRAFT EXPENSES POLICY

Moved: Glen Innes Severn      Secunder: Tenterfield

5.08/18      RESOLUTION

That the Board amend the Expenses Policy to denote that no provision be made for the following items:

- a) Information and communications technology (ICT) expenses.
- b) Postage stamps for Christmas cards.
- c) Christmas or festive cards.

CARRIED

### 7.3.4 DRAFT CHARTER

Moved: Tenterfield      Secunder: Armidale

6.08/18      RESOLUTION

That the Board amend section 2.3 Other Functions of the Draft Charter to include the following additional sentence: “The Board has a stated commitment to collaboratively and actively exploring and investigating opportunities for working together for the benefit of member councils.”

CARRIED

### 7.4 LOGO FOR THE ORGANISATION

Moved: Inverell      Seconded: Armidale

7.08/18      RESOLUTION

That the Board adopt the Logo and Brand proposal annexed to the report.

CARRIED

### 7.5 DISCLOSURES BY DESIGNATED PERSONS

Moved: Glen Innes Severn      Seconded: Tenterfield

8.08/18      RESOLUTION

That the Board receive and note the tabling of the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters’ Returns from the following Designated Persons:

Cr Paul Harmon  
Mr Paul Henry, Interim Executive Officer  
Cr Katrina Humphries

Cr Michael Pearce  
Cr Peter Petty  
Cr Steve Toms  
Cr Simon Murray

CARRIED

#### 7.6 STRATEGIC TASKS

Moved: Inverell                      Seconded: Armidale

9.08/18              RESOLUTION

That the Board note the information contained within the report.

CARRIED

#### 7.7 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2018/19

Moved: Tenterfield                      Seconded: Glen Innes Severn

10.08/18              RESOLUTION

That the Board:

- a) Endorse, for the purpose of exhibition, the Draft Operational Plan 2018/19.
- b) Provide member Councils with a copy of the document and be permitted 28 days to comment on the document.

CARRIED

#### 7.8 STRATEGIC REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Moved: Tenterfield                      Seconded: Armidale

11.08/18              RESOLUTION

That the Board:

- a) Instructs the Interim Executive Officer, in consultation with GMAC, to engage a facilitator/consultant to assist the Board further develop the Draft Strategic Regional Priorities.
- b) The facilitator/consultant be advised of the Board's desire to produce a succinct Statement of Regional Priorities.
- c) Convene a strategic workshop to be held on 3 October 2018 at Inverell.
- d) Vote up to \$15,000 for professional services for facilitator/consultant services associated with these tasks.

CARRIED

7.9 APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Moved: Inverell                      Seconded: Tenterfield

12.08/18            RESOLUTION

That the Board hold the matter of EO recruitment over until the Strategic Regional Priorities are resolved.

CARRIED

12:51pm: Adjournment

1:04pm: Recommence

7.10 WASTE TO ENERGY

Moved: Tenterfield                  Seconded: Inverell

13.08/18            RESOLUTION

That the Board, at its November 2018 meeting, consider voting \$105,000 toward the cost of a proposed feasibility study for converting waste into energy at the local level, as proposed by Tenterfield Shire Council.

CARRIED

8 OTHER BUSINESS

Moved: Glen Innes Severn                  Seconded: Armidale

14.08/18            RESOLUTION

That the Board:

- a) Issue a letter of condolence from NEJO to Cr Linda Scott for the loss of her father.
- b) Issue a letter of offer to Local Government New South Wales Board to receive a presentation from Tenterfield Shire Council about converting waste into energy at the local level.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.40pm.

CR MICK PEARCE

CHAIRPERSON