
**MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2016 IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 1, 2 & 3, CITY
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, BRIDGE ROAD, NOWRA COMMENCING AT 4.01PM.**

The following members were present:

John Lamont – Chairperson
Clr Watson
Clr Gash
Clr Kitchener
Clr Tribe
Clr Kearney
Clr Wells
Russ Pigg – General Manager
Fiona Hatcher
Catherine Shields
Robbie Collins
Megan Cleary
Paul Goodwin
David Goodman
Lexie Meyer

Others Present:

Tim Fletcher – Director Planning and Development
Greg Pullen – Economic Development Manager
Marianne Jones – Economic Development Officer
Cathy Bern – Development Services Manager
Coralie Bell – Tourism Manager

Apologies:

Apologies were received from, Hon Shelley Hancock, Col Waller, Clr White

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION:

Moved: Clr Kearney / Second: Clr Wells

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Business and Employment Development Committee, held on Thursday 26 November 2015, be confirmed.

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

2. Development not Commenced in the Shoalhaven - Update File 38821E

This item was brought forward for consideration.

MOTION: Moved: Clr Tribe / Second: Fiona Hatcher

RESOLVED that the report of the General Manager (Planning & Development Services) regarding the update on development not commenced in the Shoalhaven be received for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL MANAGER

3. ShoalHub File 38821E

MOTION: Moved: John Lamont / Second: Robbie Collins

RESOLVED that the report on the ShoalHub be received for information.

CARRIED

Note:

John Lamont advised that the Arts Centre meeting Room has been very well attended, however use of the hot desk has not met expectations. More business meetings are being held at the Arts Centre.

4. Shop Shoalhaven - a Pop Up Shop Project File 50010E, 39962E

Note: Paul Goodwin arrived at the meeting.

MOTION: Moved: Catherine Shields / Second: Paul Goodwin

RESOLVED that the report on Shop Shoalhaven be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Shoalhaven Business Chamber File 41204E

David Goodman arrived 4.15pm

MOTION: Moved: Clr Wells / Second: David Goodman

RECOMMENDED that Council:

- a) Enters into a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Shoalhaven Business Chamber for the three financial years being 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019

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- i) for the delivery of the Shoalhaven Business Awards and
 - ii) a business events/training program.
- b) Allocate \$40,000 from the Economic Development budget for each financial year for the duration of the Memorandum of Understanding.

CARRIED

6. National Stronger Regions File 49858E

MOTION: Moved: Clr Wells / Second: Clr Kearney

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) The report on National Stronger Regions be received for information;
- b) Draft submissions for round 3 be referred to the Far South Coast RDA

CARRIED

7. Major Infrastructure Projects - Grant funded File 38821E

MOTION: Moved: Lexie Meyer / Second: Fiona Hatcher

RESOLVED that the report by the Economic Development Manager on Major Infrastructure Projects be received for information.

CARRIED

Note:

It was advised that \$1.9m Little Forrest Road intersection project has commenced utilising Federal Government Grant.

8. Economic Update & Employment Land Activity File 49955E, 1998E, 13766E

MOTION: Moved: Clr Gash / Second: Paul Goodwin

RESOLVED that the report by the Economic Development Manager on economic trends and employment land activity be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Government Assistance Information Breakfast File 38821e

MOTION: Moved: Clr Gash / Second: David Goodman

RESOLVED that the report on the Government Assistance Information Breakfast be received for information.

CARRIED

ADDENDUM REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

10. Information Report - Membership Review Update File 38821E

MOTION: Moved: Paul Goodwin / Second: David Goodman

RESOLVED that the Committee receive the information report regarding the membership review update for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

11. Additional Item – Update – Regional Tourism

Catherine Shields advised the following:

- The #unspoiltshoalhaven campaign ads are mostly online and in Sydney and Canberra.
- It was a successful ad campaign however it didn't win an award and was up against other regions such as Mornington Peninsula.
- A review of all regional tourism will take place from Shellharbour south to Bega Valley
- Shoalhaven Tourism is ranked 7th in all of Regional Australia (based on domestic overnight expenditure)

12. Additional Item – International Freight Symposium Canberra

Marianne Jones advised the following:

- Over the weekend the Canberra Airport held an International Freight Symposium
- This was attended by Greg Pullen and Marianne Jones
- Key points taken from this is that Canberra Airport:
 - Is now flying Internationally to Singapore
 - Has no curfew, therefore making it easier for local companies to export their products to Singapore and beyond.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.03pm.

John Lamont
CHAIRPERSON