
PRESENT

Voting Members:

Mayor Dominic King, Bellingen Shire Council
Mayor Liz Campbell, Kempsey Shire Council
Mayor Peta Pinson, Port Macquarie-Hastings Council

Non-Voting Members:

Liz Jeremy General Manager, Bellingen Shire Council
Craig Milburn, General Manager, Kempsey Shire Council
Craig Swift-McNair General Manager, Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
Louise McMeeking Director North Coast, Department Premier and Cabinet
Kathy Oliver, Executive Officer

Other Attendees:

Chris Presland, Director Reform Office of Local Government
Bob Higgins, General Manager Roads and Maritime Services

The meeting opened 10.24am

Item: 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Peta Pinson opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed members to the meeting of the Mid North Coast Joint Organisation (MNCJO).

Chair Liz Campbell welcomed Louise McMeeking and Chris Presland to the meeting.

Item: 2 APOLOGIES

NIL

Item: 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: King/Pinson

That the Minutes of the MNCJO Board Meeting held on 13 June 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: King, Pinson, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declaration of Interest presented.

Item: 5 SPEAKERS

Mr Chris Presland provided an overview of the Inaugural NSW JO Network meeting held 17 August 2018

Item: 6 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Item: 6.1. ADOPTION OF MNCJO GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED: Pinson/King

That the Board adopt the following documents:

1. MNCJO Charter
2. MNCJO Code of Meeting Practice
3. MNCJO Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy
4. MNCJO Public Interest Disclosure Policy

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson, King, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.2 MNCJO DRAFT REVENUE POLICY

RESOLVED: Pinson/King

That the preparation of a Draft Revenue Policy be deferred pending the development of the MNCJO Statement of Regional Strategic Priorities.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson, King, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.3 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

RESOLVED: King/Pinson

That the Board request the Executive Officer write to all relevant State and Federal Ministers and their Opposition counterparts, as well as copying to all local State & Federal members of JO member Councils, requesting a review of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAG) to Local Government, with a view to including consideration of horizontal fiscal equalisation in the calculation of FAG funding as per the details proposed by the Productivity Commission in their 15 May 2018 report titled 'Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation' (HFE).

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: King, Pinson, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.4. PACIFIC HIGHWAY HANDOVER

RESOLVED: Pinson/King

That the Board:

1. Make representations to the NSW Government in relation to the handover of State assets (such as the old Pacific Highway) and in particular request a review of the maintenance handover process to include oversight and determination by the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).
2. Request that a new policy position be determined by the NSW Government in relation to the handover of State assets, so that ownership of former State assets does not impact on the ongoing financial sustainability of Local Government.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson, King, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.5 MID NORTH COAST JOINT ORGANISATION MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED: Pinson/King

That the Board;

1. Invite Coffs Harbour City Council, Clarence Valley Council and Nambucca Shire Council to join the Mid North Coast Joint Organisation of Councils.
2. Write to the Deputy Premier, The Hon. John Barilaro MP and the Minister for Local Government The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP informing the Ministers of the MNCJO Board's resolution to invite these councils to join the MNCJO.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson, King, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.6 JOINT ORGANISATION BRIDGES (JOB) PROJECT

RESOLVED: King/Pinson

That the Board:

1. Delegate to the General Managers any actions required to pursue any applicable funding opportunities for the MNCJO Bridges Project.
2. Allocate an upper limit of \$10,000 to engage resources to produce relevant documentation for the project.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: King, Pinson Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.7 IPART FINAL REPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATING REVIEW

RESOLVED: Pinson/King

That the Board request the Executive Officer write to the Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP and LGNSW, requesting that the IPART Review of the Local Government Rating System Report that was presented to the Minister in December 2016, be immediately released to all Councils for review and comment.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson, King, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.8 JOINT ORGANISATION FUNDING

RESOLVED: King/Pinson

That the Board;

1. Write to the Deputy Premier The Hon. John Barilaro MP and the Minister for Local Government The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP advocating for ongoing operational funding to be provided to Joint Organisations, to ensure their ongoing success.
2. Send a copy of the correspondence to all JOs.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: King, Pinson, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.9 A 20-YEAR ECONOMIC VISION FOR REGIONAL NSW

RESOLVED: Pinson/King

That the Board:

1. Note the document titled 'A 20-year Economic Vision for Regional NSW' that was launched by the NSW government on Monday 30 July 2018.
2. Ensure that the MNCJO Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities (that is to be developed by the end of December 2018), references this regional economic vision document.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson, King, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.10 TROPICAL SODA APPLE

RESOLVED: Pinson/King

That the Board:

1. Liaise with neighbouring JOs i.e. the New England JO, the Northern Rivers JO and the Namoi JO that are impacted by the infestation of TSA, to develop a united approach to garner support to address this issue.
2. Seeks representation with relevant State and Federal Agricultural Ministers, the Deputy Premier and the Federal National Party Leader and to LGNSW to advocate for funding to address the TSA issues being faced by the JO Councils.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson, King, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.11 JOINT ORGANISATION GENERAL MANAGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: Pinson/King

That the Board in accordance with Clause 4.9 of the MNCJO Charter formally establish the MNC Joint Organisation General Managers Advisory Committee (GMAC).

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson, King, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER INVOICES

RESOLVED: Pinson/King

That the Board authorises the General Manager of Port Macquarie-Hastings Council (or their delegate) to approve payment of the Executive Officer invoices, noting that Port Macquarie-Hastings Council manage the MNCJO finances on behalf of the MNCJO.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson, King, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 6.13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

RESOLVED: Pinson/King

That the Board;

1. Note the Executive Officer's Report.
2. Write to the Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP and the Office of Local Government (OLG) thanking the OLG for their support and in particular Chris Presland for his guidance and direction; and the value of this ongoing relationship to the success of the MNCJO.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: Pinson, King, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

Item: 7 CONFIDENTIAL

Item: 7.1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED: King/Pinson

That the Board:

- 1) Noting the resolution from the 13 June 2018 Mid North Coast Joint Organisation (MNCJO) Board meeting, appointing the interim Executive Officer for a period of three months (being to 5 September 2018), now extend the appointment of the current interim Executive Officer to 30 September 2018.
- 2) Request Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to give consideration to their General Manager, Craig Swift-McNair being appointed as the Interim Executive Officer for the Mid North Coast Joint Organisation (MNCJO) from 1 October 2018, until such time as a permanent part time Executive Officer is recruited and appointed by June 30 2019.
- 3) If Port Macquarie-Hastings Council does not support their General Manager (Craig Swift-McNair) being appointed as the Interim Executive Officer of the MNCJO, then request the General Manager of Port Macquarie-Hastings Council commence recruitment of a permanent part time Executive Officer for the MNCJO, with a view to formalising the recruitment of the Executive Officer at a future 2018-2019 MNCJO Board meeting.

CARRIED 3/0
FOR: King, Pinson, Campbell
AGAINST Nil

Item: 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLVED: King/Pinson

That the Board;

1. Write to and make representation to LGNSW in relation to items 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5.
2. Invite The Hon. Ben Franklin, Parliamentary Secretary for Renewable Energy and Northern NSW and The Hon. Peter Primrose MLC, Shadow Minister for Local Government to the next Board meeting in October 2018 at Bellingen Shire Council.

CARRIED: 3/0
FOR: King, Pinson, Campbell
AGAINST: Nil

MEETING CLOSE: 1.01pm

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Mayor Liz Campbell

Chair