

**MINUTES WAUCHOPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2008**

1. OPENING & ATTENDANCE

The meeting was declared opened by Marlene Hawkins at 6.00pm and a welcome was extended to Guests & Speakers.

In attendance – refer attendance schedule

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Varan Freestone, David Le Page, Peter Daniels, Sue Carson, Sandi & Patrick Burke, Adrienne Van Spanje, Melinda Thompson, Cathy Buckley, Gary Jones, Rebecca Jones, Mark Livermore.

3. GUEST SPEAKERS

6.03 pm

Motion: that standing orders be put aside to enable presentations to occur prior to formal meeting. **Moved** Julie Muller **Seconded** Ross Lindsay

- Julie Muller – Community Data/Base/Consultation with Council

Motion: that the Wauchope Chamber of Commerce and Industry writes to Port Macquarie Hastings Council requesting that consideration is given to the adoption of the initiative to develop a register of community members names who are interested in being involved in Council Focus Groups and Community Consultation ie similar to the Kempsey model. **Moved** Julie Muller **Seconded** Carolyn Fowler

Motion: that the Wauchope Chamber of Commerce and Industry write to Port Macquarie Hastings Council requesting that the working party to drive the Wauchope Master plan (as identified in the original document) be established immediately. **Moved** Julie Muller **Seconded** Jenny Pursehouse

Motion: that the members of Wauchope Chamber of Commerce and Industry debate the issue of adding Tourism to the name ie Wauchope Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Tourism and present a recommendation at the regular March 2008 meeting. **Moved** Julie Muller **Seconded** Carolyn Fowler

Motion: that the name change be put as a general business item to be discussed at the March meeting. **Moved** Carolyn Fowler **Seconded** Myrna Hancock

- Ron Dures – Clean up Australia – spoke re Clean Up Australia day 2/3/08. Issued an open invitation to all Chamber members to attend meeting in Bain Park on 25/2/08 to coordinate clean up groups. Also invitation to all Chamber members to attend Rotary meeting 26/2/08 re membership drive.
- Cliff Toms, Steve Finlay & Trevor Sargeant – Port Macquarie Hasting Council – presentation on the Wauchope Traffic Study & Optional Deviation Works

Motion: that the CBD master plan be added to the agenda for discussion at the March meeting. **Moved** Jenny Pursehouse **Seconded** Christine Hill

4. 7.30PM NORMAL MEETING RESUMED

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 8TH JANUARY 2008

Motion: the minutes of the meeting held 8th January 2008 be confirmed. **Moved** Anne Periera **Seconded** Cheryl Carney.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

7. TREASURERS REPORT

Ken Weismantle reported that current balance of cheque account is \$3,298.95, also funds of \$25,193 are on Fixed Term Deposit.

\$5,000 was received from Port Macquarie Hastings Council for the Light Up Wauchope Project.

\$8,254 was spent on lights and Xmas promotion.

Carolyn Fowler requested copy of income and expenditure report for this be forwarded to her for review. Ken to attend and to also present to meeting in March

Motion: that the Treasurers report be accepted. **Moved** Anne Periera **Seconded** Karleen Ross

8. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Ken Weismantle and Marlene attended Sovereign Hills Christmas Party.

Marlene attended Port Macquarie Business Hub.

Marlene was a guest speaker at recent Wauchope Rotary Club meeting.

Marlene attended cocktail party for Virgin Blue inaugural flight at the invitation of Port Macquarie Hastings Council.

Motion: that the Presidents report be accepted. **Moved** Anne Periera **Seconded** Karleen Ross

9. (a) CORRESPONDENCE – IN

Port Macquarie Hastings Council - "Snapshots"

Port Macquarie Hastings Council - 2006 – 2007 annual report

Port Macquarie Hastings Council - minutes

Port Macquarie Hastings Council - draft Mid North Coast Reg Strategy – exhibition

Port Macquarie Hastings Council - acknowledgement of Fig Tree proposal submission

Salivation Army – Thankyou

AAA Tourism – Free Listings for Wauchope Businesses

Melinda Robinson – Timbertown Commercial Manager – Tourism

(b) CORRESPONDENCE - OUT

Thank you – Members of Christmas Committee

Thank you – Karen Cane & Ross Prince – Social Committee

Congratulations – Breckenridge Farm Stay

Andrew Stoner – Opposing Criminal Infringement Notice Scheme

Motion: that the inward correspondence be accepted and outward correspondence be endorsed.

Moved Anne Periera **Seconded** Karleen Ross

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Five Year Strategic Plan

Motion that the 5 year plan as tabled be adopted by the Chamber as a rolling plan. **Moved** Debbie Jones **Seconded** Carolyn Fowler that be adopted in its present form.

Motion was put to the vote: Result 20 for, 1 against & 1 abstain.

7. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on 11th March 2008

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.