

**MINUTES WAUCHOPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2008**

1. OPENING & ATTENDANCE

The meeting was declared opened by Marlene Hawkins at 6.03 pm and a welcome was extended to attendees and new member Elsa Toms from the Hastings Valley Fine Arts Assoc. Welcome was also extended to Guest Speaker Pieter Verasdonck.

In attendance – refer attendance schedule

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Loris Hendy, James Dunn, Peta Simmons, John & Eva Cassegrain.

3. GUEST SPEAKER

Motion: that standing orders be put aside to enable presentation to occur prior to formal meeting.

Moved Julie Muller **Seconded** Marlene Hawkins

Pieter Verasdonck from the Department of State & Regional Development outlined his Departments role in helping Regional Development. He also presented to the meeting some initiatives that have already been put in place by other Chambers in the Northern NSW Region.

Pieter then gave an overview of how the Wauchope Chamber could commence some action with a view to applying for \$1 for \$1 funding to help.

Marlene thanked Pieter for attending.

There was then discussion around how the Chamber can commence the process of forming an action plan and move forward with a funding application.

4. 7.00PM NORMAL MEETING RESUMED

Motion: that the Chamber supports Julie Muller in her efforts to get together a committee to process action plan. **Moved** Rob Hamilton **Seconded** Peter Daniels.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 10TH JUNE 2008

Motion: the minutes of the meeting held 12th August 2008 be confirmed. **Moved** Sue Carson **Seconded** Rob Hamilton.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

Jenny Pursehouse stated that no invitation was to be sent to Chamber members asking for people interested in forming a sub committee to pursue the Heavy Vehicle Deviation plan as she received offers from several people at the meeting.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

Ken Weismantle reported that current balance of funds held is \$27,531.

Income: \$66 Momentum Insurance
 \$4 Interest earned

Expenses: \$550 Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce
 \$NSW Business Chamber

Motion: the Treasurers report be accepted. **Moved** Ken Weismantle. **Seconded** Marlene Hawkins.

8. PRESIDENTS REPORT

The President reported that she attend the Port Macquarie Chamber Business Awards Night and that Blue Cow design won the award for Wauchope business.

The President also attended the Camden Haven Chamber meeting at the Kew information centre. The information centre has asked if any person or persons from Wauchope would be able to volunteer to man the info centre for a few hours each week.

Other Chamber members who also attended this meeting elaborated on Camden Havens plans for the future direction of the Info Centre with the new Highway going through. They see Kew as the Gateway to Port Macquarie and surrounding areas and are looking at ways to draw travellers off the Highway into the area.

Marlene then gave an overview of the recent Executive meetings as per minutes tabled.

9. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Memberships: Hastings Valley Fine Arts Association

10. (a) CORRESPONDENCE – IN

Invite from Camden Haven Chamber re meeting Kew Info Centre
Thankyou from Port Macquarie Chamber re their Business Awards
Thankyou form Dick Persson re council meeting in Wauchope
5 X Council minutes & business papers
Open letter to members – Debbie Jones
ANZ Bank Statement
Rob Oakshot would be pleased to respond to correspondence after outcome of election

(b) CORRESPONDENCE - OUT

Thankyou to Dick Persson re council meeting in Wauchope
Presidents reply to Debbie's letter
Neil Porter (Council) re bus trip agenda
Ron Oakshot re CBD Masterplan
Resignation from Adrienne Van Spanje from Executive Committee.

Motion: that resignation from Adrienne Van Spanje be accepted. **Moved** Marlene Hawkins **Seconded** Peter Daniels

Carolyn Fowler volunteered to fill temporary vacancy on Executive committee until AGM is held.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Excellence in Service Awards

Nominations will open in this weeks Gazette. A letter will be sent our to all business setting out the Awards process and the timeline.

(b) Excellence in Service Workshop

Rob Hamilton has pursued the Excellence in Service Workshop and has been successful in having Liz Paine from Port Macquarie Hastings Council agree to run a two hour workshop at Wauchope Country Club on 19th September from 12pm to 2pm. Cost for workshop will be \$400 with no limit on the number of attendees. Chamber members will be notified of workshop via the Gazette and by email.

Motion: that the Chamber covers the \$400 cost. **Moved** Ann Periera **Seconded** Karleen Ross

Amendment to Motion: that Chamber pay the \$400 however have a cover charge of \$10 per participant **Moved** Rob Hamilton. After further discussion this amendment to motion was rescinded.

Motion: that the Chamber covers the \$400 cost. **Moved** Sue Carson. **Seconded** Marlene Hawkins. This motion was then passed.

(c) CBD Masterplan & Heavy Vehicle Deviation

This item was moved to a later date.

(d) Bus trip with Administrator /Council Meeting at Wauchope

This item was moved to a later date.

(e) Sponsoring Insurance for Wauchope Country Music Festival

Wauchope Country Music Festival Committee has requested that he Chamber donate \$1000 sponsorship to used to pay for Insurance.

Motion: that the Chamber supports this Sponsorship in principal subject to request being received in writing which also shows benefit/advertising Chamber will receive for sponsorship. **Moved** Rob Hamilton **Seconded** Nicole Graham

(f) Update on Constitution

Motion: that the Draft Constitution that is currently on the Website for perusal be removed and that Model Rules from Department of Fair Trading be put in its place. The reason for this is that there has not been enough interest/comment shown in the Draft Constitution. **Moved** Marlene Hawkins
Seconded Ken Weismantle

After discussion the motion was rescinded.

Motion: that both the Draft Constitution and the Model Rules be put on the Website for perusal and that at the next Chamber meeting a decision is to made as to which constitution will go to a Special Meeting for approval or declinal. **Moved** Pop Carney. **Seconded** Ken Weismantle

(g) Fundraiser at Modishe for Starlight Foundation and Pre-School

Carolyn Fowler spoke re fundraiser scheduled this Saturday night 13th September and lack of support, she asked that anyone who is able to attend get in touch with her.

12. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on 7th October 2008

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.