

1. **OPENING & ATTENDANCE**

The meeting was declared opened by Marlene Hawkins at 6.05pm and welcome was extended to attendees and special guest Andrew Stoner.

In – attendance was – refer attendance schedule

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Jenny Pursehouse, Christine Hill, Sherral Carney, Jennifer Worthing, Debbie Jones.

3. **GUEST SPEAKER**

MOTION: that standing orders be set aside to enable special guset Andrew Stoner to address the meeting prior to the formal meeting. **Moved** Marlene Hawkins **Seconded** Peter Daniels.

Andrew spoke on what he as an MP can do for business and business people. He stated that government needed to create good economic conditions to allow business to prosper and create jobs.

He advised that there are programs available to help regional development naming Department of State & Regional Development and the Main Street Program.

Andrew closed by saying he would be happy to attend Chamber meetings on a more regular basis.

4. **6.46PM NORMAL MEETING RESUMED**

5. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 9TH SEPTEMBER 2008**

MOTION: the minutes of the meeting held 9th September 2008 be confirmed. **Moved** Marlene Hawkins **Seconded** Ken Weismantle

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

Marlene Hawkins spoke on the donation of funds to the Wauchope Country Music Festival, this item was then moved to General Business.

7. **TREASURERS REPORT**

Ken Weismantle reported current balance of funds held is \$28,352

Income: \$685 Interest from Fixed term deposit
 Three membership fees received

Expenses: Nil

8. **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Marlene reported that the Executive Committee met with Rob Oakeshott and that she met with Brendan Guest re the Timbertown Train and this matter would be followed up further.

9. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

New Memberships: CBA Port Macquarie

10. **(a) CORRESPONDENCE – IN**

Rob Oakeshott accepting invitation to meet with chamber

Wauchope CMF & Invoice

Safe Flame – candles for Christmas

PM Community College – course guide

Industrial Relations – new hairdresser awards

PMH Council – snapshots, minutes

(b) CORRESPONDENCE - OUT

Thank you to Peter Verasdonck
Invite to Rob Oakeshott
Invite to Peter Murphy – MC for AGM
Thank you to Rob Oakeshott
Thank you to Liz Paine re customer service

11. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

(a) AGM

AGM is to be held on 11th November 2008 at Wauchope Country Club, a special meeting will be held prior to the AGM to vote on the constitution. Accounts and invitations to be sent out to all members, reminder that to vote business must be a financial member.

(b) Vote on Constitution

Discussion on the two constitutions posted on the website was called for.

David Caine queried the Model rules as posted on the Website as in the previous meeting minutes it states that 'Model Rules from Department of Fair Trading were to be posted', however the Draft Rules as posted on the websites has amendments which were not mentioned on the minutes.

MOTION: That the previous motion in minutes of meeting held 9th of September be rescinded and changed to state Model Rules from Department of Fair Trading as amended be posted to the Chambers website.

Moved: Julie Muller **Seconded:** Rob Hamilton. Motion was put to the vote and passed

Further discussion was forthcoming on the constitutions as posted.

MOTION: that discussion on the Constitution be carried over to general Business as the only item for meeting on February 2009 and in the meantime Chamber members Loris Hendy, Emily Cooper & Rob Hamilton get together to look over the constitutions and bring back to Chamber any suggested amendments. **Moved:** Barry Breckenridge. **Seconded** Julie Muller. Motion was put to the vote and was passed.

(c) Meeting with Comboyne Community Centre Coordinator

Julie Muller reported that she met with Marg Duffy from Comboyne Community Centre who has been liaising with Wingham & Elands to discuss a tourism drive in the area. A meeting is to be held on Monday 27th October at Comboyne at 2.30pm and Marg would like to include member/s from the Wauchope Chamber in the meeting. **MOTION** That Julie approach Debbie Jones to represent the Wauchope Chamber at the meeting to be held. **Moved:** Karen Caine. **Seconded:** David Caine. The motion was put to the vote and passed.

(d) Department of State & Regional Development Committee Update

Rob Hamilton reported that this Committee has held its first meeting and have named the Committee "The 2446 Taskforce". The meeting discussed which direction they should take and the completion of the funding applications. To achieve a target of \$13,000 from the Department of State & Regional Development the Committee would require a funding commitment from the Chamber of up to \$10,000. He asked that the Chamber consider approving funding to the level of \$10,000 which would be used to employ a coordinator to develop a marketing plan, the Chambers Strategic Plan would be used as the basis for the marketing plan.

MOTION: That the Chamber commit to funding of up to \$10,000 to be used towards the payment of a coordinator. **Moved:** Barry Breckenridge **Seconded:** Peter Daniels. The motion was put to the vote and passed.

(e) Strategic Plan

MOTION: The Chambers Strategic Plan is to be reviewed by March 2009 **Moved:** Julie Muller. **Seconded:** Karen Caine

(f) Donation to Wauchope Country Music Festival

Marlene advised the meeting that the Wauchope Country Music Festival has not as yet been able furnish the Chamber with a copy insurance for the event as requested. They have informed the Chamber that they can put up the Chambers Banner at the festival as way of advertising.

MOTION: That the previous motion in minutes of meeting held 9th of September be rescinded and changed to state that the Chamber donate the \$1,000 to the Festival simply as a donation and not for a specific purpose. **Moved** Karen Caine. **Seconded:** Shirley Breckenridge. The motion was put to the vote and passed.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Chamber Meeting will be the AGM to be held on 11th November 2008.

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.42pm.