

ORFORD/TRIABUNNA REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 22ND OF NOVEMBER, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Graeme Elphinstone Deputy Mayor Jenni Crawford, Mayor Bertrand Cadart, John Hall, Dale Pearce, Vonda Hall, Geoff Whitton, Council General Manager David Metcalf, Jane Wing, Tony Wright.

APOLOGIES

Kathy Freeman, Chris Peterson, Mel Kelly, Mick Fama, Denis Bignold, Noel Burnell, Carl Bresnehan.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Graeme that the previous minutes as circulated be accepted, seconded by John Hall and carried.

It was agreed that business arising be postponed until later in the meeting due to time available for our guests.

GUEST SPEAKER DAVID METCALF

David outlined his business and management background, having spent the previous 5 years in local government as General Manager on the West Coast. David had also managed a Music sales/ importing business, and worked for Boral in NSW.

In the first 6 week at this Council he has been collecting facts and opinions. He is a strong believer of planning schemes to ensure future sustainability with rationalised resource allocation etc.

His goal is to get staff into the best roles and positions.

He believes with good planning and budgeting this council can be in a solid financial position- on the West Coast the Council owned 80% of equipment and had a large financial contingency.

He outlined water scheme progress in Coles Bay and Bicheno.

David sees a big future for tourism and is keen to improve the presentation of some local townscapes.

GUEST DEPUTY MAYOR JENNI CRAWFORD

Jenni talked about her role in Council. She expressed that her focus is on improving communication between Council and ratepayers. She is very interested in sustainability, and healthy options such as bike tracks. She also spoke about road safety concerns, with the possibility of diversions around existing road 'black spots'.

GUEST MAYOR BERTRAND CADART

Bertrand briefly outlined his philosophy in terms of his perceptions of the role of Mayor. He sees himself more in a leadership role for the community, and the administrative role is for the General Manager. His goal is to achieve a sense of community -with residents being happy and proud of their local government.

He believes an office in Swansea is imperative as this is the geographical centre of our municipality. The large issue of water quality will be taken from local Councils, to be controlled by the State Government.

There was general discussion about some key issues.

Sustainability of small Councils

Federal grants -do we get our fair share? Is it worth pursuing grant applications by groups of Councils.

Affordable housing was also considered a concern, as there are employment opportunities lost due to a lack of affordable accommodation.

For follow-up

A protocol of Communication - lobby group for Triabunna?

GENERAL BUSINESS

Membership subscriptions.

John will communicate with potential members.

Marina area.

A temporary pontoon is being investigated. Councillor Howard Harris has been looking into a pontoon- hire or buy options.

Use of the old bridge concrete from McClaines Creek re-development.

Several options were discussed, including a breakwater on the Prosser River mouth.

Maria Island ferry- Parks and Wildlife have begun a tender process. Keith Pybus 's Eco Tours boat I currently providing a service.

Meeting closed at 9.40

Next meeting 19th December, 7.30 p.m. Tandara Hotel.