



**HINCHINBROOK
SHIRE COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
INGHAM ON
TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY, 2012
AT 9.35 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

- Present were Councillors G. Giandomenico, A.J. Lancini, G.P. Gianotti, D.M. Bosworth, S.J. Kaurila, P.D. Lynch and L.R. Molachino.
- Also present was the Chief Executive Officer (R.W. Clark), Manager Environmental Health Services (T. Tanase), Manager Engineering Services (B. Leach), Manager Corporate & Economic Development (R.F. Pennisi) and Executive Secretary (B.K. Edwards).

PRAYER

- The Mayor opened the meeting with prayer.

1. MINUTES

- Resolved that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 24th January, 2012 be approved as a correct record of proceedings and be signed by the Mayor.
(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried)

2. BUSINESS -

1. CEO REPORT OF COUNCILLOR REQUESTS

Consideration of CEO Report of Councillor Requests for the period 19th January, 2012 to 2nd February, 2012.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted and a Nil Report be recorded.
(Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried)

2. OPERATIONAL ACTION 1.0 - COMMUNITY

1. THE QUEENSLAND COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NORTHERN DIVISION, Trebonne, 14th December, 2011, advising that they will be hosting a Regional Meeting from 3rd to 6th July, 2012 attracting approximately 100 members from across the northern region and seeking Council support / assistance for their "Meet and Greet" through the provision of access to facilities at the TYTO Precinct free of fees with the possibility of incorporating a Mayoral Reception in the event.

Further consideration was given to a Report to Council from Customer and Corporate Services Officer dated 24th January, 2012 regarding use of the TYTO Precinct facilities for this function.

Resolved – That Council provide assistance in the sum of \$200 (excl. GST) as the event fulfils Council's Support for Events Policy guidelines.
(Crs. Kaurila and Molachino – Carried)

Cr. Maria Bosworth attended the meeting at 9.40 a.m.

Cr. G. Giandomenico declared a conflict of interest in Item 2.2.2. as he is a member of the Bent Rods Car Club and left the meeting and did not participate in the discussions or resolution thereon.

Cr. A. Lancini assumed the Chair.

2. BENT RODS CAR CLUB INC., Ingham, 24th January, 2012, advising they would like to organise a one day car show (show and shine and swap meet) event this year at either the Aerodrome or Showgrounds complex and seeking the same or more in-kind support from Council as was provided to previous Car Show organisers. Further advising that this will be a family, community orientated event with no burnouts, camping, super cruise or wet T-shirt competition.

Resolved – That Council agree in principle to support the event and defer the matter pending Council meeting representatives from the Bent Rods Car Club at the Deputation Day on Thursday 16th February, 2012.

(Crs. Lynch and Bosworth – Carried)

Cr. G. Giandomenico returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

3. NAIDOC WEEK INITIATIVES, Brisbane, 17th January, 2012, requesting Council's financial support towards the 2012 NAIDOC Week School Initiative Competitions (1st – 8th July, 2012) which are coordinated in partnership with Department of Education & Children's Services, Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations, Department of Health and Ageing, Catholic Education and Department of Premier and Cabinet. The initiatives bring education to all students on cultural diversity involves communities, elders, government departments and councils in a whole of community approach that assists in the overall reconciliation process. Requesting Council to consider providing financial assistance in the sum of \$450 towards the design, printing and distribution of entry forms for the (colouring-in, short story, creative / essay writing competitions) that are distributed to all primary and secondary schools within the local government area.

Resolved - That Council provide a donation of \$200 (excl. GST) towards the NAIDOC Week initiatives from the Support for Events budget.

(Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – Carried)

4. REEF GUARDIAN SCHOOLS ANNUAL INGHAM NETWORKING MEETINGS. Requesting use of the TYTO Conference Centre for their Reef Guardian Schools Annual Ingham Networking Meeting to be held on 27th February, 2012 from approximately 4.00pm to 6.00pm, with an hour set up / pack up either side.

Resolved – That as Council is a Reef Guardian Council, Council provide a donation of \$225 (excl. GST) to GBRMPA to use the facilities at the TYTO Conference Centre for their Reef Guardian Schools Annual Ingham Networking Meeting, subject to it being left in a clean and tidy state.

(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried)

Customer & Corporate Services Officer, D. Olivero and Manager Engineering Services, B. Leach entered the meeting at 10.00 a.m.

5. INGHAM GARDEN AND ART FEST, Ingham, 3rd January, 2012, requesting inkind sponsorship to the value of \$3,050 for the Ingham Garden and Art Fest for Friday 20th and Saturday 21st July, 2012 as follows:-

Labour (parks and gardens staff including plant vehicles)	\$2,000
5 porta-loos delivered to site and removed	\$550
20 rubbish bins – rubbish and recycle with plastic liners delivered to site and removed	<u>\$500</u>
	<u>\$3,050</u>

Further advising that a meeting would need to be held with the Works Manager in early April, 2012 regarding availability of equipment and services, and a meeting with the Manager Technical Services in mid January, 2012 regarding the site plan of the Botanical Gardens, power and water access and erecting Garden Fest signs along Ingham roads for the event.

(012/0002)

Resolved – That Council support the inaugural Ingham Garden & Art Fest and provide inkind support to the value of \$3,050 from the 2012 / 2013 Budget comprised of:-

Labour (parks and gardens staff including plant vehicles)	\$2,000
5 porta-loos delivered to site and removed	\$550
20 rubbish bins – rubbish and recycle with plastic liners delivered to site and removed	<u>\$500</u>
	<u>\$3,050</u>

(Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – Carried)

Customer & Corporate Services Officer, D. Olivero left the meeting at 10.04 a.m.

3. OPERATIONAL ACTION 2.0 - ECONOMY

1. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Ingham, 21st January, 2012, advising that the Chamber received a grant under the AusIndustry Small Business Advisory Service in July, 2011 for them to deliver individualised assistance to 120 local disaster affected businesses (including farmers, harvester operators, retail, service and any other business who has been impacted). The timeframe for deliver of the program is July, 2011 to June, 2012 and the President, Mary has undertaken the role of Project Manager for the program and effective 31st December, 2011 the Chamber has engaged 51 businesses to participate in the program. Further advising that the Chamber requested AusIndustry in Canberra to extend the term past the 30th June, 2012 which AusIndustry has declined. The Chamber is investigating additional, alternate funding opportunities that may allow this type of assistance to continue past June, 2012 and assuming they reach the 120 business target for the project, there are still many others requiring assistance and the logistics of canvassing them all individually is not achievable in the 12 month timeframe allows. Requesting Council to support the Chamber in any capacity it can and welcoming further assistance towards this program. (120/0022)

Resolved – That Council provide a letter of support to the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in sourcing additional funding opportunities.

That Council also petition AusIndustry to rethink their decision to decline the extension.

(Crs. Kaurila and Molachino – Carried)

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.15 a.m. and resumed at 10.30 a.m.

Manager Environmental Health Services, T. Tanase was not present when the meeting resumed.

2. HINCHINBROOK ECONOMIC RECOVERY REPORT.
Consideration of the Hinchinbrook Economic Recovery Group Report on the Impacts of Severe Weather Events on Industry Sectors and Small Business in the Hinchinbrook Shire and seeking Council's endorsement of recommendations in the Report.

The Report provides the following recommendations for consideration by Council:-

1. *The Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA's) be reviewed to improve access and uptake, including the reinstatement of the NDRRA's 'Interest Subsidy Scheme':*

As many businesses and no-for-profit organisations in the region are already carrying high levels of debt - often as a consequence of previous natural disasters - they are often either reluctant or unable to take on further debt through the NDRRA's 'Exceptional Measures: Special Concessional Loans' assistance package.

With many businesses in the region already highly-leveraged, consideration should be given to the reinstatement of the NDRRA 'Interest Subsidy Scheme'. The 'Interest Subsidy Scheme' is the most effective measure to assist businesses to meet their existing financial obligations and address cash flow issues experienced during the post-disaster period.

Action: Hinchinbrook Shire Council to write to the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments requesting consideration be given to reinstatement of the NDRRA 'Interest Subsidy Scheme'.

2. *That the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority (QRAA) 'Exceptional Disaster Assistance Scheme' guidelines, (Section 8 "Eligibility"), be modified to allow those businesses and primary producers who earn less than 50% of their income from that business or primary production to be eligible for assistance.*

Many small business operators or primary producers in the region must also undertake paid employment, as their farms or small businesses do not provide sufficient income to support them and their families. Depending on the productive capacity of the farm/business and market prices, income from paid employment may often exceed income from the business or farm resulting in the small business operators or primary producer being ineligible for assistance.

Action: Hinchinbrook Shire Council to write to the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments requesting consideration be given to the modification of the QRAA guidelines to allow those businesses and primary producers who earn less than 50% of their income from that business or primary production to be eligible for assistance.

3. *Extension of the provision of NDRRA financial assistance to businesses in the disaster zone not directly affected by the disaster but suffering consequential, delayed losses due to damage to infrastructure or the environment which impacts on the business activities of their key customers (eg. harvesting contractors).*

The economy of the Hinchinbrook Shire is dominated by the sugar industry which generates over 90% of the Shire's income. While cane harvesters may not be directly affected by the natural disaster, (and are therefore not eligible for NDRRA assistance), damage sustained by their key and sole customers, cane growers, affects the business activities of this sector, threatening their commercial viability.

Action: Hinchinbrook Shire Council to write to the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments requesting consideration be given to the extension of existing NDRRA financial assistance to businesses not directly affected by the disaster but suffering consequential, delayed losses.

4. *The NDRRA 'Clean up and Recovery' grants be made available for at least 12 months after the natural disaster is declared.*

Many rural property owners face difficulties in accessing their properties in the aftermath of a cyclone or flooding events as infrastructure to access the properties is often damaged or destroyed. In these circumstances clean-up of the property may be delayed for months. While access to the 'Clean-up and Recovery' assistance has been extended until January 2012, (12 months after Cyclone Yasi), in this instance, it is recommended that the period in which 'Clean-up and Recovery' assistance may be accessed be permanently extended to 12 months.

Action: Hinchinbrook Shire Council to write to the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments requesting consideration be given to the permanent extension of the NDRRA 'Clean-up and Recovery' grants claim period to 12 months after the disaster event.

(It should be noted that since this report was completed, the Government has now extended the deadline for primary producers to apply for up to \$25,000 grant funding for Cyclone Yasi restoration work to the 30th June, 2012 which in effect implements what this recommendation was seeking to achieve).

5. *That financial assistance be provided to households and nursing homes to assist them with the installation of water tanks in existing buildings.*

The loss of power throughout the region for extended periods in the wake of natural disasters also causes disruption to the supply of other essential services such as water. The installation of water tanks would effectively address this issue.

Action: Hinchinbrook Shire Council to write to the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments requesting consideration be given to the introduction of financial assistance or subsidy for the purchase and installation of water tanks in residences, including nursing homes.

6. That financial assistance be provided to households for modifications to power (fuse) boxes to enable the safe, direct connection of generators to household wiring. The ability to directly connect generators to household wiring should also be considered as a requirement for the building of future homes/residential facilities.

Power loss is a regular occurrence in the wake of natural disasters across the region, with outages often extending for weeks. Accordingly, households and businesses have become reliant on the use of generators to provide alternative power supply during these periods.

Action: Hinchinbrook Shire Council to write to the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments requesting consideration be given to the introduction of financial assistance or subsidy to enable the safe, direct connection of generators to household wiring.

Resolved – That Council adopt and support the Report recommendations and forward it to the following State Government Ministers requesting the recommendations be adopted and incorporated into future financial support for those businesses and communities affected by natural disasters:-

- The Hon. Paul Lucas MP, Attorney-General & Minister for Local Government & Special Minister of State;
- The Hon. Andrew Fraser, Deputy Premier, Treasurer & Minister for State Development & Trade –
- The Hon. Jan Jarratt MP, Minister for Tourism, Manufacturing and Small Business –
- The Hon. Craig Wallace, Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure
(*Crs. Molachino and Kaurila – Carried*)

Cr. Gianotti left the meeting at 10.28 a.m.

3. HON. PAUL LUCAS MP, ATTORNEY-GENERAL & MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE, Brisbane, 31st January, 2012, advising that he has re-assessed the North Queensland Bio-Energy development application for multifunctional sugar, ethanol and electricity generation plant at the corner of Como Road and the Bruce Highway, Toobanna and decided to issue a development permit, subject to conditions. Forwarding copies of the decision notice and conditions of approval and requesting the Council to note that this decision cannot be appealed in the Planning & Environment Court. (058/0321)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.
(*Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried*)

4. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Atherton, 17th January, 2012, seeking Council's views and / or requirements for permanent road closure of Road License 4898, described as Lot 1 on RL4898 over part of Martin's Lane, Long Pocket adjoining Lot 1 on CWL1337.

Resolved – That Council object to the proposed permanent road closure on the basis that Martin's Lane, Long Pocket is required for road purposes being haulout access to the cane siding.

That the Department also be advised that Council intends to examine whether the existing temporary closure should be relinquished.
(*Crs. Kaurila and Molachino – Carried*)

Cr. Gianotti returned to the meeting at 10.45 a.m.

5. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Atherton, 8th December, 2011, advising that a temporary road closure application over partial area of Neames Inlet Road and Costa Road, Macknade was made by Mrs. C. Mastrippolito on the 15th November, 2007 to legalise encroachments (cane) growing on the road reserves. The Department received an email from Mr. G. Mastrippolito on the 24th February, 2009 stating that Mrs. C. Mastrippolito did not wish to proceed with her application. The Department sent a letter on the 2nd June, 2011 to Mr. and Mrs. Mastrippolito requesting them to remove all improvements following the first rotation and to execute and return a statutory declaration stating that this had occurred. They were also requested to not undertake any further planting or development once the crop was removed and the area was to be left in a clean and tidy state with all improvements removed. To date the Department has not received a signed statutory declaration and the Department inspected both areas on the 1st December, 2011 where it was noted that the encroachments were still located over both road reserves. As the roads are the responsibility of Council, referring this matter to Council for resolution. (017/0002)

Resolved – That Council advise the Department of Environment and Resource Management that we believe that the cane plantings are not impacting on the roadway and these issues fall within the Department's responsibility.
(Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – Carried)

Acting Infrastructure Engineer, C. Gray entered the meeting at 10.50 a.m.

6. SITING RELAXATION APPLICATION – 12 HEARD STREET, INGHAM.
Consideration of Report to Council from Acting Infrastructure Engineer dated 1st February, 2012 in relation to a Siting Relaxation Application lodged by Mr. Ian Lepinath to construct a proposed extension (garage) to an existing house at 12 Heard Street, Ingham.

Resolved – That Council not approve the Siting Relaxation Application for Mr. Ian Lepinath on the grounds that safety to pedestrians would be compromised by an enclosed construction.
(Crs. Molachino and Gianotti – Carried – Cr. Bosworth recorded her vote against the motion)

7. SITING RELAXATION APPLICATION – 5 ACACIA STREET, HALIFAX.
Consideration of Report to Council from Acting Infrastructure Engineer dated 27th January, 2012 in relation to a Siting Relaxation Application lodged by Mr. Stanley John Trevor to construct a proposed storage shed at the rear of his property at 5 Acacia Street, Halifax.

Resolved – That Council approve the Siting Relaxation Application for Mr. Stanley John Trevor on the grounds that the proposed storage shed is unlikely to impact on the outlook and privacy of neighbouring residents and conforms to the principals of the Queensland Development Code Section 1.2.
(Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried)

8. BRAZIER MOTTI PTY. LTD., Townsville, 3rd October, 2011, on behalf of *Sucrogen (Herbert) Pty. Ltd.* seeking approval of the proposed reconfiguration of land (subdivision) into six lots via lease (exceeding 10 years) of Lot 2 on SP218606 at Helen's Hill Road, Helen's Hill. Land is zoned *Rural*. (068/0043)

Consideration was also given to an Engineering Planning Report by the Acting Infrastructure Engineer dated 2nd February, 2012 regarding the proposed reconfiguration.

Resolved – That the proposed development not be approved in its current form as lot sizes, road frontage requirements, and the proposed access arrangements are not compliant with the Hinchinbrook Shire Planning Scheme – 2005.
(Crs. Lynch and Kaurila – Carried)

Acting Infrastructure Engineer, C. Gray left the meeting at 11.05 a.m.

9. G. & A. WESTON, Macknade, 19th January, 2012, seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment – Close to Rural Boundary - Siting Relaxation over Lot 2 on SP235345 at 131 Bullock Paddock Road, Macknade. Land is zoned *Rural*. (058/0340)

Further consideration was given to an Engineering Planning Report dated 2nd February, 2012 from Acting Infrastructure Engineer regarding the application.

Resolved – That the Development Application for Material Change of Use – Code Assessment - Close to Rural Boundary – Siting Relaxation over Lot 2 on SP235345 for proposed storage shed associated with an existing residence at 131 Bullock Paddock Road, Macknade be approved subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) The structure is to be built in accordance with the siting details provided on the siting plan (Approved Plan number 1/2012 - Proposed New Shed 16x10 – 131 Bullock Paddock Road, Macknade – dated 4th January, 2012) submitted with the Development Application; and
- (b) The appropriate building permits are obtained prior to construction.
(Crs. *Molachino and Gianotti* – Carried)

4. OPERATIONAL ACTION 3.0 - ENVIRONMENT

1. FORREST BEACH HOTEL FISHING CLUB, Allingham, 29th January, 2012, following informal discussions with Mr. Bruce Leach and Mr. Graham Weston, seeking Council assistance with pruning and cleaning of mangroves at Cassady Creek boat ramp and requesting that Council obtain a permit with Department of Environment and Resource Management and supply necessary equipment for the Club and other volunteers to complete the necessary work.
(044/0008)

Resolved – That consideration be deferred pending receipt and consideration of further pruning and cleaning costs and the Forrest Beach Hotel Fishing Club be advised of this decision.

(Crs. *Kaurila and Gianotti* – Carried)

2. CYCLONE YASI NDRRA RECOVERY PHASE.
Consideration of Council's NDRRA Restoration Program Summary Report in conjunction with AECOM.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.

(Crs. *Gianotti and Lancini* – Carried)

3. ANNUAL WORKS PROGRAM.
Consideration of advancing the bitumen sealing of Kirkwood's Road into the current program to coordinate such work with proposed NDRRA restoration work.

Resolved – That Council advance the sealing of Kirkwood's Road (Ch. 300 to 1,800) in this current Works Program and the program be rearranged to ensure that it is accommodated within the existing funds.

(Crs. *Gianotti and Lancini* – Carried)

4. YANK'S JETTY.
Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Technical Services dated 3rd February, 2012 on the refurbishment process at Yanks Jetty based on recent Engineering Reports and discussions with the Department of Transport and Main Roads – Marine Division.

Resolved – That Council submit the cost of refurbishing Yank's Jetty to future funding programs.

That Council approach Townsville Enterprise Limited to place Yank's Jetty on their list of regionally significant projects

(Crs. *Lynch and Kaurila* – Carried)

5. OPERATIONAL ACTION 4.0 - GOVERNANCE

1. STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT TEAM (SMT) MEETING MINUTES.
Consideration was given to the Minutes of the SMT Meeting held on the 31st January, 2012.

Resolved – That the Minutes be received and noted.

That the Mayor and Cr. Patrick Lynch attend the Enterprise Bargaining Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15th February, 2012 at 2.00 p.m. at the Depot on Martin Street, Ingham.

(Crs. *Kaurila and Lancini* – Carried)

2. 2012 GENERAL MEETING DATES.

Consideration of amending the Council General Meeting date scheduled for 24th April, 2012 due to the Government's change to the Local Government elections from the 31st March, 2012 to the 28th April, 2012. Suggested new date for Council General Meeting is Tuesday 17th April, 2012.

Resolved – That Council approve to change the General Meeting from Tuesday the 24th April, 2012 to Tuesday the 17th April, 2012 due to the change in the Local Government Election date.

That Council approve the following proposed Mayor's Expenditure Review Committee (MERC) dates:-

- Wednesday 22nd February, 2012;
- Wednesday 7th March, 2012;
- Wednesday 14th March, 2012; and
- Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th May, 2012.
(Crs. Kaurila and Molachino – Carried)

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

1. HON. PAUL LUCAS MP, ATTORNEY-GENERAL & MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE, Brisbane, 19th January, 2012, advising that the Queensland Government is committed to supporting and strengthening the viability of the State's property and construction industry during challenging economic climate. Acknowledging the important role of Local Government as primary decision-maker in the planning and development assessment process and the Queensland Government continues to introduce a range of reforms and initiatives to assist the sector. Detailing issues related to the infrastructure charges reform and the introduction of the new charges framework which allows Local Governments the flexibility to determine infrastructure charges for their areas providing the charge does not exceed the maximum adopted charge. The introduction of the maximum charge has resulted in substantially reduced infrastructure charges in both the commercial and residential sectors compared to what was payable before the introduction of the charges. This reduction will help promote construction activity and jobs growth across the State and acknowledging the Councils that have further reduced or discounted charges below the maximum charge. Urging Councils to work with the development industry to investigate and consider a "rebate system" to reduce charges payable for applications decided prior to 1st July, 2011 to align with the new maximum charges framework.
2. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Brisbane, 30th January, 2012, thanking Council for its recent submission in relation to the preparation of a new draft management plan for the Giringun and Girramay National Parks which will be considered when preparing the draft management plan and Council will be invited to comment further once the draft plan has been finalised. (039/0007)
3. QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, Brisbane, 20th January, 2012, advising that the Authority's key emphasis is now on further mobilising construction for substantial works across the State. \$793.9 million in reconstruction projects have been completed, a further \$1,958.1 million work of projects under construction or out to tender, and \$905.5 million in projects soon to be released. Requesting Councils to finalise the preparation of all submissions and provide these to the Authority prior to the end of June, 2012. Further advising that the Premier and Minister for Reconstruction issued a number of Ministerial Directions under the *Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act* to allow the Authority to administer prior and recent disaster events such as Queensland Monsoonal Flooding and Tropical Cyclones Olga, Neville, Ului and Paril (January to April, 2010), Northern Central and South West Queensland Flooding (22nd December, 2009 to 8th January, 2010). (120/0022)

4. ANDREW CRIPPS MP, Ingham, received 20th January, 2012, forwarding copy of letter received by him from The Hon. Andrew Fraser MP, Deputy Premier and Treasurer and Minister for State Development and Trade dated 17th January, 2012 regarding provision of funding \$3,104,080 to Council under the Queensland Fluoridation Capital Assistance Program for all water treatment plants. The approved funding represents the assessed lowest life cycle cost for the safe implementation of fluoride to the regulated water supplies and should Council wish to implement a more complex solution than would reasonably be required as proposed in Council's Fluoridation Concept Design Report, any shortfall in funding is to be met by the Council. Further advising that Council's request of the 21st November, 2011 in relation to a single funding agreement is being contemplated for the amalgamation of the five approved fluoridation projects, within the existing overall approved maximum funding, to afford the Council implementation cost flexibility. In relation to an indication of extension to the regulated implementation date, Council is responsible for seeking Queensland Health approval for any changes to the current regulated fluoridation date of 31st December, 2011.
(046/0023)
5. QUEENSLAND FIRE RURAL SERVICE – RURAL OPERATIONS, Townsville, received 2nd February, 2012 forwarding copy of letter sent to Stone River residents regarding a public meeting to be held by Rural Operations and the Stone River Rural Fire Brigade at the Stone River CWA Hall on Wednesday 22nd February, 2012 at 8.00 p.m. to ascertain if the community support the introduction of an equipment levy to help cover the operating costs and purchase of a new fire fighting vehicle / equipment for the local rural fire brigade.
(040/0023)

Cr. Gianotti left the meeting at 12.19 p.m.

Resolved – That the list of correspondence be received and noted.
(*Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – Carried*)

REPORT OF CLUBS / ORGANISATIONS RECEIVING SUPPORT FOR EVENTS / INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS POLICIES - FUNDING

1. INGHAM LADIES BOWLS CLUB INC.
Financial assistance paid towards the Ingham Ladies Bowls Club Inc. to host the Allamanda Fours Bowling Competition on 19th March, 2012.

Resolved – That the list be received and noted.
(*Crs. Molachino and Kaurila – Carried*)

Cr. Gianotti returned to the meeting at 12.20 p.m.

6. OPERATIONAL ACTION 1.0 - COMMUNITY

1. HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COMMUNITY PLAN.
Consideration of minor amendments to the Community Plan to incorporate an action item in relation to access across Palm Creek in Ingham during major flood emergencies and recognition of the cane industry as our main agricultural industry.

Resolved – That Council include amendments to the Community Plan to strengthen mention of the sugar industry and include the pedestrian access across Palm Creek.
(*Crs. Molachino and Kaurila – Carried*)

7. OPERATIONAL ACTION 2.0 - ECONOMY

1. PUBLIC ACCESS TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION.
Consideration of the provisions of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (the Act) regarding making documents "available for purchase and inspection" at the shire office and also available for download from Council's website.

Resolved - That in accordance with the requirements of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (the Act) all local government planning and development documents mentioned in the Act as "*available for purchase and inspection*" may be made available for download (at no cost) from Council's website and all documents defined as "*available for purchase and inspection*" continue to be (as required by the Act) available for inspection during business hours at Council's Lannercost Street Office and the charge for supplying a copy of the document, or part thereof, will be as per Council's schedule of fees and charges.
(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried)

8. OPERATIONAL ACTION 3.0 - ENVIRONMENT

1. REPLACEMENT OF CYCLONE DAMAGED BUILDING (BLD366) – INGHAM SHOWGROUNDS.
Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Technical Services dated 3rd February, 2012 seeking Council's direction in relation to replacement of cyclone damaged building at the Ingham Showgrounds.

Resolved – That Council approve the replacement of building # 366 at the Ingham Showgrounds with a four bay colourbond shed, subject to written approval from the Insurance Company.

That Council accept and thank the Herbert River Pastoral & Agricultural Association for their contribution of \$12,000 towards the reconstruction.

That the Ingham Showgrounds Advisory Management Committee approve the location or relocation of the replacement shed.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lynch – Carried)

3. CONCLUSION – This concluded the business of the meeting which closed at 12.30 p.m.
4. APPROVED and adopted this 21st day of February, 2012.

MAYOR