



**HINCHINBROOK  
SHIRE COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE  
HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
INGHAM ON  
TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2011  
AT 9.45 A.M.

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ATTENDANCE

- Present were Councillors G. Giandomenico, A.J. Lancini, G.P. Gianotti, D.M. Bosworth and S.J. Kaurila.
- Also present was the Chief Executive Officer (R.W. Clark), Manager Environmental Health Services (T. Tanase), Acting Infrastructure Engineer (C. Gray) and Executive Secretary (B.K. Edwards).

APOLOGY

- Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cr. L.R. Molachino and Cr. P.D. Lynch and it was resolved that leave of absence be granted.

PRAYER

- The Mayor opened the meeting with prayer.

1. MINUTES

- Resolved that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2011 be approved as a correct record of proceedings and be signed by the Mayor.  
*(Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried)*

2. BUSINESS -

1. CEO REPORT OF COUNCILLOR REQUESTS

Consideration of CEO Report of Councillor Requests for the period 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 to 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted  
*(Crs. Lancini and Gianotti – Carried)*

2. OPERATIONAL ACTION 1.0 - COMMUNITY

1. QUEENSLAND MUSEUM – MUSEUM OF TROPICAL QUEENSLAND, Townsville, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, thanking Council for the opportunity to provide a deputation to Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 regarding the MTQ Community Pass. Requesting Council to enter into a new three year agreement with the Museum of Tropical Queensland enabling free entry to Hinchinbrook residents for a further three year commencing July, 2012. Forwarding copy of the presentation provided at the deputation noting that the cost increase reflects the cumulative CPI over the life of the current agreement i.e. 3.2% for July, 2010, 3.8% for July, 2011, and an estimated 3.0% for July, 2012. Also forwarding an agreement document for Council's consideration which is similar to the previous document with the exception of Clause 1.2 which has been modified to provide some discretion for the Museum to recoup some of the extra costs associated with its events and high investment short term programs.  
(044/0044)

Resolved - That Council accept the offer from the Museum of Tropical Queensland of \$5,500 per annum for three (3) years to provide free entry to the Museum for residents of Hinchinbrook.

*(Crs. Kaurila and Gianotti – Carried)*

2. COMMUNITY PLAN.

Consideration of the draft Community Plan.

Resolved – That consideration be deferred to a future General Meeting.

*(Crs. Bosworth – lapsed for want of a seconder)*

Resolved – That the draft Community Plan be adopted with amendments to follow as needs arise.

*(Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – Carried – Cr. Bosworth recorded her vote against the motion)*

3. REUNITE SERVICE PTY. LTD., Eight Mile Plains, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, informing Council of the Reunite Services Carer Assist Launch and requesting Council to spread the news of this beneficial service which makes life saving emergency care arrangements for dependant person at home when primary carer is unexpectedly absent for prolonged period. Reunite issues primary carers with a unique Primary Carer Facecard which alerts emergency services to their role as a primary care given and allows Reunite to make life saving emergency care arrangements for the dependant person at home, on the primary carers behalf. Other functions include:-

- Next of Kin information to authorities for both the primary carer, and the care recipient;
- A complete medical and care history to medical professionals when needed;
- A complete identification report to the Queensland Police Service when required;
- Information to emergency carers who may be unsure of a care recipients needs;
- A complete history of the care recipient to 000 operators when necessary.

Membership to Reunite Carer Assist costs between \$9.95 and \$22.95 per year, with the basic membership providing each essential feature described above and \$2 from every registration is donated to Carers Queensland to help provide support to the vital role unpaid carers play in the lives of the most vulnerable.

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

*(Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – Carried)*

4. SPORTS & RECREATION OFFICER – 3 MONTHLY REPORT.

Consideration of Report to Council from Sports & Recreation Officer dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 providing Council with an update on her role as Sports and Recreation Officer for the period September to December, 2011.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted and the applications listed in the Report be endorsed.

*(Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried)*

5. AUSPICE OF FUNDS.

Consideration of Report to Council from Sports & Recreation Officer dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 regarding a request received from the Department of Communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Service NQ (Colleen Reisener) for Council to auspice funding received under the Department of Communities Learning Earning Active Places (LEAP) for "Registration Funding" which will allow Aboriginal Torres Strait Islanders to funding so as they can join sports teams and have their registration fee and uniform / sports kit paid for during the season and allow for more opportunity for physical activity and remove the barrier of cost to participate; and for "Come, Play, Try" which will be used to hold a Sports Expo Day to showcase the many different sports available in the Shire.

Resolved – That Council auspice the "Registration Funding" and "Come, Play, Try" Programs and nominate Sports & Recreation Officer, Ms. Rebecca Love as the person for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services to contact regarding the administration of the funds.

*(Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried)*

6. OVERVIEW OF TYTO ART GALLERY 2011.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Arts & Cultural Officer dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 providing an update on the progress of the TYTO Art Gallery for 2011.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried)

7. INKIND SUPPORT FOR PLANNED EVENT – OPERA IN THE WETLANDS.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Arts & Cultural Officer dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 requesting Council to consider providing inkind support to a free community event (Opera in the Wetlands) in the TYTO Wetlands on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 .

Resolved – That Council provide inkind support to the value of \$5,000 to the free community event "Opera in the Wetlands" Project.  
(Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – Carried)

8. BSES FACILITY, FAIRFORD ROAD, INGHAM.  
Consideration of retention of the BSES facility on Fairford Road, Ingham.

Resolved – That the matter lay on the table.  
(Cr. Giandomenico - Carried)

3. OPERATIONAL ACTION 2.0 - ECONOMY

1. LAND COURT OF QUEENSLAND, Brisbane, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, advising the Land Court Registry is in receipt of an application dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 by A.R., E.E. & W.J. Hobbs – v- Hinchinbrook Shire Council appealing against categorization decision ss.26-27 under Local Government Regulation 2010. Further advising that the matter will be set down for Review and Directions Hearing at the first available sittings of the Court, and due notice will be given. Forwarding the *Land Court Rules 2000, sections 19 and 20* dealing with directions hearings and preparation for hearings. The Courts will endeavour to convene the hearing within six (6) months of receiving the application, however, particularly in some remote and regional areas, this timeframe may be exceeded. (013/0016)

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

2. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Cairns, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, confirming discussions on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 between Mr. Wolf Sievers, Regional Manager Wet Tropics, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) and Mayor Pino Giandomenico regarding management of Halifax Bay lands which are USL, national park and Council managed reserve. Requesting Council agreement to be part of a cooperative planning exercise over those lands as the matters at issue are the presence of unauthorised huts on all three tenures, the intention of the State to transfer the USL into national park, and the interests of users of the area. Advising that he proposed during the discussion that the State, through the Department and Council, should undertake a cooperative planning exercise which would identify formalised access and visitor infrastructure, and also an appropriate management regime for the whole area. As the Mayor expressed agreement in principle for such an exercise, requesting Council to consider its position as the planning exercise will look at existing and future use, protection of natural values, stakeholder expectation, indigenous interest, and visitor opportunities. It will also recognise a strategy for removal of unauthorised huts and structures. The exercise will be undertaken primarily by QPWS division of DERM, in conjunction with Council staff and expectation. Further advising that he is happy to attend Council to discuss the planning proposal. (077/0008)

Resolved – That the matter lay on the table.  
(Cr. Giandomenico - Carried)

3. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Townsville, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2011, advising the Department is responsible for administering the suburb / locality boundaries within the State under the *Place Names Act 1994*. In the process of capturing amended cadastral boundaries created on plan SP160667, the boundary between the localities of Ingham and Victoria Plantation needs to change to reflect the current situation and alleviate confusion in property address information and seeking Council's consent to include the whole of Lots 6 and 8 on SP160667 into the locality of Victoria Plantation by 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2011. (066/0001)

Resolved – That Council support the proposed amendment to Localities Register involving Lots 6 and 8 on SP160667 and provide the appropriate consent to the Department of Environment & Resource Management.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried)*

4. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Townsville, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, seeking Council's views and / or requirements in relation to an application received for Renewal of Special Lease 24/45817 over Lot 25 on Crown Plan CWL3258 (Sucrogen). The proposed use of the land is for Business (tramway). (077/0001)

Resolved – That Council advise that it has no objection to the Renewal of Special Lease 24/45817 application over Lot 25 on Crown Plan CWL3258 nor does it have any requirements.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried)*

5. VISTA HOMES & DESIGN PTY. LTD., Aitkenvale, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment –Rural Siting Relaxation for proposed new dwelling over Lot 6 on SP134529 at 861 Halifax Road, Forest Home. Land is zoned *Rural*. (058/0338)

Further consideration was given to an Engineering Planning Report from Acting Infrastructure Engineer dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 regarding the application.

Resolved – That the Development Application for Material Change of Use – Code Assessment –Rural Siting Relaxation over Lot 6 on SP134529 at 861 Halifax Road, Forest Home be approved subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) The structure is to be built in accordance with the Vista Homes Site and Building Plans [Approved Plan number V106, 10 pages] submitted with the Development Application; and
- (b) The appropriate building permits are obtained prior to construction.

*(Crs. Kaurila and Gianotti – Carried)*

6. SWDG PTY. LTD., CASSOWARY COAST HOMES, Tully, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, on behalf of *Aimo Erkkila trading as ALIE Pty. Ltd.* seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Code Assessment – Rural Siting Relaxation for new site office over Lot 1 on RP722550 at 3728 Abergowrie Road, Abergowrie. Land is zoned *Rural*. (058/0335)

Further consideration was given to an Engineering Planning Report from Acting Infrastructure Engineer dated 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 regarding the application.

Resolved – That the Development Application for Material Change of Use – Code Assessment –Rural Siting Relaxation over Lot 1 on RP722550 at 3728 Abergowrie Road, Abergowrie be approved subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) The structure is to be built in accordance with Cassowary Coast Homes Site and Building Plans [Approved Plan number A050-01, 8 pages] submitted with the Development Application; and
- (b) The appropriate building permits are obtained prior to construction.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried)*

*The meeting adjourned at 10.10 a.m. for morning tea and resumed at 10.25 a.m.*

7. RAMON STEVEN MARBELLI, Ingham, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Impact Assessment – From Quarry less than 5,000 tonnes to Quarry 5,000 tonnes – 100,000 tonnes of Lot 591 on FTY1586 at Broadwater Park Drive, Abergowrie State Forest. Land is zoned *Rural*. (058/0325)

Consideration was also given to a Planning Assessment Report by the Manager Engineering Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 regarding the proposed Material Change of Use.

Consideration was also given to a further Report to Council from Town Planning & Development Officer dated 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 regarding the proposed Material Change of Use.

Resolved – That the matter lay on the table.  
(Cr. Giandomenico - Carried)

8. J. MILLER, Lucinda, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2011, seeking approval of the proposed Reconfiguration of Land (subdivision) of Lot 32 on L46927 via Strata Title at 21 Carr Crescent, Lucinda. Land is zoned *Village*. (066/0229)

Further consideration was given to an Engineering Planning Report from Infrastructure Engineer dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 regarding the proposed Reconfiguration of Land.

Resolved - That Council approve the Development Application for Reconfiguring a Lot of Mr. J. Miller subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) All utility services (water, sewerage treatment, phone and electricity) to be separate and wholly located on the particular lot being served;
- (b) All facilities that serve more than one (1) lot (e.g. access driveways, and sewerage) are to be located in the common lot;
- (c) A detailed layout plan showing service locations, shared facilities, existing units and proposed lot boundaries to be submitted for approval;
- (d) The Applicant is to produce evidence to verify that the dwellings meet the requirements of the Building Code for Sole Occupancy Units prior to signing of the Survey Plan; and
- (e) Sealed car parking, property access, and road verge at access throat, to be provided in accordance with the Hinchinbrook Shire Planning Scheme and Hinchinbrook Shire Council standards, prior to signing of the Survey Plan. A drawing of these works to be submitted for approval, prior to works commencing.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried)

9. REQUEST TO EXTEND THE DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL CURRENCY PERIOD – KENNETH BARNES - RECONFIGURING A LOT: SUBDIVISION OF LAND, ONE (1) INTO TWO (2) LOTS – POMONA ROAD, TOOBANNA, LOT 14 ON RP899184.

Consideration of a Report to Council from Town Planning & Development Officer dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, regarding an application by Mr. Kenneth Barnes to extend the relevant development approval currency period by a further two years to 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2013. (065/0130)

Resolved – That an extension of time for two (2) years until the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2013 in which to complete the proposed development be granted and the applicant be advised that no further extensions will be granted.

(Crs. Kaurila and Gianotti – Carried)

10. REQUEST TO EXTEND THE DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL CURRENCY PERIOD – MARSU INVESTMENTS PTY. LTD. - RECONFIGURING A LOT: SUBDIVISION OF LAND, ONE (1) INTO SIX (6) LOTS – HELEN'S HILL ROAD, THE ORIENT - LOT 16 ON RP908282

Consideration of a Report to Council from Town Planning & Development Officer dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, regarding an application by Marsu Investments Pty. Ltd. to extend the relevant development approval currency period by a further two years to 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2013. (068/0026)

Resolved - That as the applicant has not sufficiently demonstrated intent to complete the approved development during an extended six (6) year development approval currency period, Council refuse the requested extension.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried)*

11. SITING RELAXATION APPLICATION – 28 THE ESPLANADE, CASSADY BEACH.

Consideration of Report to Council from Acting Infrastructure Engineer dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 in relation to a Siting Relaxation Application lodged by Roderick James Cathcart for a proposed garage to be erected at the street frontage (Coconut Lane) of his property at 28 The Esplanade, Cassady Beach. (061/0004)

Resolved – That Council approve the Siting Relaxation Application for Mr. Roderick James Cathcart on the grounds that the proposed garage is unlikely to impact on the outlook and privacy of neighbouring residents, and that other similar sized structures with similar setbacks have been approved and have set a precedent for this type of development in the Cassady Beach Village.

*(Crs. Kaurila and Gianotti – Carried)*

12. SITING RELAXATION APPLICATION – 31 GORT STREET, INGHAM.

Consideration of Report to Council from Acting Infrastructure Engineer dated 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 in relation to a Siting Relaxation Application lodged by Stephanie Corradini for a proposed storage shed to be erected at the rear of her property at 31 Gort Street, Ingham. (061/0004)

Resolved – That Council approve the Siting Relaxation Application for Ms. Stephanie Corradini on the grounds that the proposed storage shed is unlikely to impact on the outlook and privacy of neighbouring residents, and that other similar sized sheds have been approved and have set a precedent for this type of development throughout Hinchinbrook Shire. The proposed structure does not fall within the definitions subject to the Council delegation to the Manager Engineering Services for Class 10a Siting Relaxations in that the total length of the structure exceeds 12m.

*(Crs. Lancini and Gianotti – Carried)*

13. SITING RELAXATION APPLICATION – 11 DAVIDSON STREET, INGHAM.

Consideration of Report to Council from Acting Infrastructure Engineer dated 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 in relation to a Siting Relaxation Application lodged by Paul Barbagallo for a proposed extension to an existing highest residence to be erected on the Davidson Street frontage of the property at the corner of Davidson Street and Cockrell Street, Ingham. (061/0004)

Resolved – That Council approve the Siting Relaxation Application for Mr. Paul Barbagallo on the grounds that the proposed extension is expected to reduce existing amenity of neighbouring residents only to a marginal extent, and will not create a significant additional impact on the safety of road users in the vicinity.

*(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried)*

14. PAUL LUCAS MP, ATTORNEY GENERAL, MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, advising Council that the decision making period for the North Queensland Bio Energy Corporation Limited development application will be extended for a further 20 business days. The decision making period will now expire on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2012.

(058/0321)

Resolved – That the advice be received and noted.

*(Crs. Lancini and Bosworth – Carried)*

4. OPERATIONAL ACTION 3.0 - ENVIRONMENT

1. PRESENTATION OF STORM TIDE EVACUATION MAPPING FOR BEACH COMMUNITIES.

Consideration of presentation by Council's Infrastructure Engineer regarding Storm Tide Evacuation Mapping for beach communities.

Resolved – That the matter lay on the table.

*(Cr. Giandomenico - 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)

Consideration was also given to a late Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 regarding variation to approved contract amounts for the following contracts forming part of Hinchinbrook Shire Cyclone Yasi Recovery Works:-

- HSC 11/49 – Minor Pavement Works;
- HSC 11/56 - Road Drain Cleaning; and
- HSC 11/35 – Traffic Control Services.

*Infrastructure Engineer, J. Devietti entered the meeting.*

Resolved - That Council approve the changes in contract values for the following:-

- HSC 11/49 – Minor Pavement Works;
- HSC 11/56 - Road Drain Cleaning; and
- HSC 11/35 – Traffic Control Services.

(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried)

3. HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Ingham, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2011, advising that Committee discussed a request for additional street lighting along Miles Street, Ingham at its meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. Members expressed concerns about the lack of street lighting along Miles Street and believe this problem is being exacerbated by the presence of a number of large trees along the street which appear to be blocking the light from the existing street lights. Requesting Council to investigate the possibility of installing additional street lighting along Miles Street and to trim foliage on the trees so that they no longer block light. (044/0001)

Resolved – That the Hinchinbrook Road Safety Advisory Committee be advised that lighting about Miles Street has been inspected and is considered to be consistent with lighting provided on similar streets in Ingham. Therefore and due to budget limitations, Council is unable to agree to the request to upgrade lighting.

That Council request Ergon to investigate wattage of all Council street lights during their statewide audit of street lighting.

(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried)

*The Mayor, Cr. G. Giandomenico left the meeting at 10.44 a.m. and Cr. A.J. Lancini assumed the Chair.*

4. PRESENTATION OF STORM TIDE EVACUATION MAPPING FOR BEACH COMMUNITIES.

Consideration of presentation by Council's Infrastructure Engineer, J. Devietti regarding Storm Tide Evacuation Mapping for beach communities.

*Manager Environmental Health Services, T. Tanase left the meeting at 10.50 a.m.*

*The Mayor, Cr. G. Giandomenico returned to the meeting at 11.00 a.m. and resumed the Chair.*

*Manager Environmental Health Services, T. Tanase returned to the meeting at 11.05 am*

Resolved – That Council adopt the Storm Tide Evacuation Maps for coastal communities.  
(Crs. Kaurila and Bosworth – Carried unanimously)

*Infrastructure Engineer, J. Devietti left the meeting at 11.35 a.m.*

5. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Brisbane, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, advising they intend to prepare a new draft management plan for Giringun National Park and Girramay National Park which may also incorporate other lands managed by Queensland Parks & Wildlife Service, such as forest reserves. The Minister for Environment will invite submissions in relation to the development of the plans through public notices and relevant newspapers during the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2011. Encouraging Council to make submissions during this process which close on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2012.  
(039/0007)

Resolved – That consideration be deferred to the General Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2012.  
(Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – Carried)

6. HSC 11/104 – ANNUAL SUPPLY OF QUARRY PRODUCTS & NATURALLY OCCURRING BASE GRAVELS.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, regarding offers received for HSC 11/104 – Annual Supply of Quarry Products & Naturally Occurring Base Gravels.

Resolved – That the matter lay on the table.  
(Cr. Giandomenico - Carried)

HSC 11/104 – ANNUAL SUPPLY OF QUARRY PRODUCTS & NATURALLY OCCURRING BASE GRAVELS.  
Consideration of further Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, regarding a late submission received for HSC 11/104 – Annual Supply of Quarry Products & Naturally Occurring Base Gravels.

Resolved – That the matter lay on the table.  
(Cr. Giandomenico - Carried)

HSC 11/104 – ANNUAL SUPPLY OF QUARRY PRODUCTS & NATURALLY OCCURRING BASE GRAVELS.  
Consideration of further Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, regarding further late submissions received for HSC 11/104 – Annual Supply of Quarry Products & Naturally Occurring Base Gravels.

Resolved – That the matter lay on the table.  
(Cr. Giandomenico - Carried)

7. HSC 11/105 – ANNUAL SUPPLY AND SPRAYING OF BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, regarding offers received for HSC 11/105 – Annual Supply and Spraying of Bituminous Products.

Resolved – Council accept the best valued offer from Boral Resources QLD PTY LTD for the supply and spraying of bitumen surfacing for Council's annual supply arrangement.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried)

*Manager Technical Services, G. Weston entered the meeting at 11.40 a.m.*

8. TAYLORS SWIMMING ENCLOSURE – JOHN DORY STREET.  
Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 regarding a proposal received from the Taylors Beach Stinger Net Association Inc. to install a further set of public steps just outside the swimming enclosure at the northern end to allow those walking north from the enclosure to return to the beach immediately after the enclosure and to allow access to the beach via the public access to the enclosure off John Dory Street.

*Manager Technical Services, G. Weston left the meeting at 12.00 noon.*

Resolved – That Council continue with the progress of NDRRA funded projects at Taylors Beach Foreshore and any further or extraordinary projects be costed and the information provided to the Taylors Beach Stinger Net Association and any Council contribution to these projects be considered in the 2012 / 2013 Budget.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried)



9. PROPOSED ACQUISITIONS FOR THE EXTENSION OF JOHNSTONE STREET BEHIND CASRA'S TAVERN BAR & GRILL.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 seeking Council's further consideration and direction in relation to the proposed acquisitions for the extension of Johnstone Street behind Casra's Tavern Bar & Grill.

Resolved – That the matter lay on the table.  
(Cr. Giandomenico - Carried)

10. IMPLEMENTATION OF MERC PROCESS TO REDUCE OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE - UPDATE.

Consideration of Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 updating Council on the implementation of the recommendation of the MERC process to realize savings in Council's operational area.

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

11. COUNCIL QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – TRANSITION FROM SECOND TO THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION.

Consideration of Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 informing Council of the changes to the Quality Management System and to raise awareness of the System within the organisation.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Lancini – Carried)

12. HALIFAX EMERGENCY LIAISON PARTNERSHIP (H.E.L.P.), Halifax, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2011, advising this community group consisting of Police, Fire and Ambulance Officers in Halifax seek Council's permission to place a UHF repeater at the Halifax water tower as they have received a donation of radio equipment from UHF Com in Townsville who will install this equipment. This new repeater is to benefit emergency services and flood wardens in the Lower Herbert area and the water tower has been chosen due to its ease of access during major weather events should the radio system fail. Senior Constable Burnett of Halifax QPS is a licensed radio technician and can quickly repair the radio systems and Telstra tower in Halifax when other services are unable to reach during flooding. Sergeant Tantalo is Vice President of H.E.L.P. and has agreed that the new UHF system can be installed in the same cabinet as the existing QPS repeater at the water tower and therefore will not take up any extra space.

(040/0015)

Resolved – That Council approve the installation of the UHF repeater in the same cabinet as the existing Old Police Service repeater at the Halifax Water Tower, and provided it does not interfere with other services on the tower.

(Crs. Bosworth and Lancini – Carried)

13. URBAN CLEAN UP PROGRAM.

Consideration of a request from Cr. Maria Bosworth to include areas such as Four Mile Road in future urban clean up programs.

Resolved – That Council direct the Manager Environmental Health Services to provide a draft policy for Council consideration through the Mayor's Expenditure Review Committee process in the New Year to review current arrangements for the shire wide clean up program.

(Crs. Lancini and Gianotti – Carried unanimously)

14. W. & S. TENTO, Halifax, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, following on from their letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011, urging Council to remove 2 large pine trees on the corner of Anderssen and Musgrave Street in Halifax prior to the current wet season as they have the potential to cause damage to buildings, power lines and become a road hazard during storms and cyclones. Further advising they consider this issue a priority.

(120/0022)

Resolved – That Council refer the complaint to Ergon as the trees have the possibility of impacting the electricity supply.

(Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2011.

Resolved – That the Minutes be received and noted.

*(Crs. Lancini and Gianotti – Carried)*

2. COUNCIL ENTERPRISE BARGAINING PROCESS.

Consideration of commencement of Council Enterprise Bargaining Process in 2012.

Resolved – That Council appoint the Chief Executive Officer, Robert Clark to negotiate the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement on Council's behalf with the Mayor and a Councillor to attend as observers.

*(Crs. Kaurila and Bosworth – Carried unanimously)*

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - R.W. CLARK.

Consideration of request by Chief Executive Officer, R.W. Clark for Leave of Absence from 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2012 to 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 (inclusive) and recommending that Manager Corporate & Economic Development, Rosemary Pennisi be Acting Chief Executive Officer in his absence.

Resolved – That Council approve leave of absence for the Chief Executive Officer, R.W. Clark from 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2012 to 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 (inclusive) and that Manager Corporate & Economic Development, Rosemary Pennisi assume the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer in his absence.

*(Crs. Kaurila and Bosworth – Carried)*

*The Mayor, Cr. G. Giandomenico left the meeting at 12.30 p.m. and Cr. A.J. Lancini assumed the Chair.*

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE & ATTORNEY-GENERAL, Brisbane, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, advising in pursuance of the provisions of the *Holidays Act 1983*, the Minister has appointed Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 a holiday of Shire of Hinchinbrook for the purpose of the Ingham Annual Show. (079/0020)

2. FORREST BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC., Allingham, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, thanking Council staff for the great job done to the recovery of the Tennis Court surrounds and the lovely shelter shed and picnic setting that replaced the original destroyed by Cyclone Yasi. A lot of feedback has been received on the great look of the facility since completion and request Council pass on this correspondence to the relevant department. (079/0128)

3. ANDREW CRIPPS MP - MEMBER FOR HINCHINBROOK, Ingham, received 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, forwarding copy of letter forwarded by him to The Hon. Andrew Fraser MP, Deputy Premier, Treasurer & Minister for State Development & Trade dated 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 making representations on behalf of Council regarding Council meeting the requirements of the *Water Fluoridation Act 2008*. (046/0023)

4. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES, advising that Council's application for funding under the Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Program to construct a shade structure over the skate park was not successful. The demand for funding assistance through the Program was very high with 325 applications requesting \$59.3 million in subsidy assistance received by the Department state-wide and not all submissions were able to be financially supported. (011/0060)

5. NATIONAL AWARDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, advising that entries for the 2012 National Awards for Local Government open on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 and close on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. Forwarding flyer and 2011 Winners Book and encouraging Council to enter the 2012 awards program. (007/0085)

6. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING, Brisbane, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, advising that The Hon. Anna Bligh MP, Premier & Minister for Reconstruction released the inaugural *Queensland Infrastructure Plan – Building Tomorrow's Queensland (QIP)* on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2011. The plan identifies nearly 1,000 projects and programs across the State over the next 20 years with at least 65% of these projects and programs being located outside South East Queensland. The release of the QIP follows an extensive consultation process with the community, industry and other levels of Government held from 12<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 and 356 submissions were received during this process. Key programs incorporated into the QIP include hospital expansions, airport and port upgrades, road, public transport and active transport upgrades, industrial land acquisition and development, research alliances, education facilities and social housing. Forwarding copy of the QIP and advising the document is also available for download at [www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/qip](http://www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/qip) (040/0035)
7. HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Ingham, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, forwarding copy of letter sent to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stewart from Committee regarding traffic concerns at Macrossan Street – Mona Road Intersection, Halifax and advising that their concerns about flow of traffic through the intersection have been forwarded onto AECOM for further investigation. (033/0008)
8. DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET, Brisbane, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, forwarding Arts Queensland Regional Arts and Culture Awards publication for 2011 acknowledging the winners and finalists of the inaugural Awards. (079/0057)
9. AUSTRALIAN-ITALIAN FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, received 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, forwarding 2010 / 2011 Annual Report. (079/0027)
10. DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL AUSTRALIA, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, advising that entries for the 2012 National Awards for Local Government will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 and close on the 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. The 2012 program will include most of the awards offered in 2011 as well as new award categories including *Active Arts, Excellence in Road Safety, Improving Services to Remote Communities, Land-Use Planning – Addressing Disaster Risk and Enhancing Resilience, Rural and Remote Health and Strength in Diversity*. Also forwarding the 2011 Winners Book. (007/0085)
11. DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET, Brisbane, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, inviting nominations for the award of the Public Service Medal in the Australian Honours System. Nominations for the Queen's Birthday 2012 Honours List must be submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2012. Encouraging Council to promote the Order of Australia to ensure that Queenslanders worthy of an award are appropriately nominated. Previous recipients of awards may be considered for higher awards. Forwarding nomination forms and completion details which can also be obtained from the Australian Honours and Awards website at [www.itsanhonour.gov.au](http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au) (007/0012)
12. PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND, Brisbane, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, updating Council on Queensland's state of disaster readiness as the upcoming wet season approaches. Following the disasters of last 2010 and early 2011, an extensive program of reconstruction and recovery has been undertaken, and a range of disaster readiness measures implemented, including recommendations from the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry Interim Report. Advising the Queensland Government has released a *Disaster Readiness Update* and a *Status of Recovery* outlining the significant recovery efforts and planning that the Queensland Government has undertaken to prepare for future disasters. Forwarding copies of these documents. The *Disaster Readiness Update* is also available on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet website at [www.premiers.qld.gov.au](http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au) under Publications and Reports, and the *Status of Recovery* is available from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority website at [www.qldreconstruction.org.au](http://www.qldreconstruction.org.au) under Publications and Guides. (120/0002)

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

6. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT  
Consideration of Councillor Activity Reports as at the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 to ensure transparency and public scrutiny of Councillor workload.

Resolved – That the Report be received and noted.  
(Crs. Bosworth and Kaurila – Carried)

7. FINANCIALS

Consideration was given to a report of financial activities as at the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

Resolved - That the matter lay on the table.  
(Cr. Lancini - Carried)

8. OPERATIONAL ACTION 4.0 - GOVERNANCE

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION AND DISCIPLINE TRIBUNAL, Brisbane, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, enclosing a copy of their 2011 Report which has retained the existing 10 categories of Council but discontinue the practice of setting remuneration ranges and to move to a single rate for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors in each category. The Remuneration Schedule was published in the Government Gazette on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 and Council has 90 days in which to adopt the remuneration levels.

Chief Executive Officer's Comment – As indicated, the Tribunal has abolished the remuneration ranges and has adopted a single rate which for some Council's will mean a reduction in Councillor remuneration for those paying themselves at the highest level, and for other Council's it will be an increase. Council had adopted remuneration rates at the lower end of the scale and consequently it will mean a substantial increase for all Councillors as follows:-

Councillor	Remuneration Amount 2011	Remuneration Single Rate 2012	Increase Amount	Percentage Increase
Mayor	\$76,940	\$89,147	\$12,207	15.9%
Deputy Mayor	\$43,490	\$51,431	\$7,941	18.25%
Councillor	\$37,464	\$44,573	\$7,109	18.9%

As you can see, the percentage increases reflect the fact that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were on the minimum remuneration rate, and Councillors were \$600 above the minimum rate. This new decision removes any flexibility for Council to determine a level of remuneration and must adopt the Tribunal's single rate.

*The Mayor, Cr. G. Giandomenico returned to the meeting at 12.40 p.m. and resumed the Chair.*

Resolved – That in accordance with section 42(5) of the *Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010* (the Regulation), Council adopt the Tribunal's Report and the following Remuneration Schedule will apply as from the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2012:-

COUNCILLOR	Remuneration range determined (% of Reference Rate of \$137,149)	Remuneration range (pa)
Mayor	65%	\$89,147
Deputy Mayor	37.5%	\$51,431
Councillor	32.5%	\$44,573

*(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)*

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

1. AUSTRALIAN SAFER COMMUNITIES AWARDS.  
Consideration of Council's "Highly Commended" Award in the 2011 Australia Safer Communities Awards for the Local Area Warden System.

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

*The meeting adjourned at 12.45 p.m. and resumed at 1.00 p.m. for a working lunch with Mr. Alf Cristaudo, Mr. Peter Sheedy, Mr. Steve Guazzo, Mr. Michael Pisano, Mr. Geoff Cantamessa, Mr. Brian Tabone, Mr. Vince Russo and Mr. Sam Torrisi of Canegrowers Herbert River and Productivity Board Members Mr. Roy Pace, Mr. John Pratt, Mr. Greg Shannon, Mr. Adam Royle and Mr. Lawrence Di Bella regarding Item 2.9.1. transition and retention of BSES facility.*

*At 2.35 p.m., Council then met with Mr. Wolf Sievers, Regional Manager Wet Tropics, QPWS, and Mr. Kevin Allan, Regional Manager, DERM regarding Item 2.10.1. for management of Halifax Bay USL lands.*

9. OPERATIONAL ACTION 1.0 - COMMUNITY

1. BSES SERVICES CHANGES TO LOCAL GROWERS.

Consideration of information regarding proposed restructuring of research and development in the sugar industry including BSES and Sugar Research Development Corporation (SRDC).

Resolved – That Council receive and note discussions held regarding the new management regime for Research, Development and Extension.  
(Crs. Bosworth and Lancini – Carried unanimously)

10. OPERATIONAL ACTION 2.0 – ECONOMY

1. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Cairns, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, confirming discussions on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 between Mr. Wolf Sievers, Regional Manager Wet Tropics, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) and Mayor Pino Giandomenico regarding management of Halifax Bay lands which are USL, national park and Council managed reserve. Requesting Council agreement to be part of a cooperative planning exercise over those lands as the matters at issue are the presence of unauthorised huts on all three tenures, the intention of the State to transfer the USL into national park, and the interests of users of the area. Advising that he proposed during the discussion that the State, through the Department and Council, should undertake a cooperative planning exercise which would identify formalised access and visitor infrastructure, and also an appropriate management regime for the whole area. As the Mayor expressed agreement in principle for such an exercise, requesting Council to consider its position as the planning exercise will look at existing and future use, protection of natural values, stakeholder expectation, indigenous interest, and visitor opportunities. It will also recognise a strategy for removal of unauthorised huts and structures. The exercise will be undertaken primarily by QPWS division of DERM, in conjunction with Council staff and expectation. Further advising that he is happy to attend Council to discuss the planning proposal. (077/0008)

*Finance Manager, C. Trost entered the meeting at 3.50 p.m.*

Resolved – That Council enter into a cooperative planning exercise in the New Year with Department of Environment & Resource Management (DERM) officers regarding the management of Halifax Bay.  
(Crs. Kaurila and Lancini – Carried)

*Cr. G. Gianotti left the meeting at 3.55 p.m.*

11. FINANCIALS

Consideration was given to a report of financial activities as at the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

Resolved - That the Report be received and noted.  
(Crs. Lancini and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

*Finance Manager, C. Trost left the meeting at 3.56 p.m.*

Manager Environmental Health Services, T. Tanase left the meeting at 3.56 p.m.

Cr. G. Gianotti returned to the meeting at 3.57 p.m.

Town Planning & Development Officer entered the meeting at 4.00 p.m.

Cr. G. Giandomenico and Cr. M. Bosworth declared a material personal interest in Item 2.12.1.

12. OPERATIONAL ACTION 2.0 – ECONOMY

1. RAMON STEVEN MARBELLI, Ingham, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, seeking approval of the proposed Material Change of Use – Impact Assessment – From Quarry less than 5,000 tonnes to Quarry 5,000 tonnes – 100,000 tonnes of Lot 591 on FTY1586 at Broadwater Park Drive, Abergowrie State Forest. Land is zoned *Rural*. (058/0325)

Consideration was also given to a Planning Assessment Report by the Manager Engineering Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 regarding the proposed Material Change of Use.

Consideration was also given to a further Report to Council from Town Planning & Development Officer dated 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 regarding the proposed Material Change of Use.

Resolved – That consideration be deferred to the Council's Special Meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried)

Town Planning & Development Officer left the meeting.

13. OPERATIONAL ACTION 3.0 - ENVIRONMENT

1. HSC 11/104 – ANNUAL SUPPLY OF QUARRY PRODUCTS & NATURALLY OCCURRING BASE GRAVELS.

Consideration of Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, regarding offers received for HSC 11/104 – Annual Supply of Quarry Products & Naturally Occurring Base Gravels.

HSC 11/104 – ANNUAL SUPPLY OF QUARRY PRODUCTS & NATURALLY OCCURRING BASE GRAVELS.

Consideration of further Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, regarding a late submission received for HSC 11/104 – Annual Supply of Quarry Products & Naturally Occurring Base Gravels.

HSC 11/104 – ANNUAL SUPPLY OF QUARRY PRODUCTS & NATURALLY OCCURRING BASE GRAVELS.

Consideration of further Report to Council from Works Engineer dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, regarding further late submissions received for HSC 11/104 – Annual Supply of Quarry Products & Naturally Occurring Base Gravels.

Resolved – That consideration be deferred to the Council's Special Meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried)

14. OPERATIONAL ACTION 3.0 - ENVIRONMENT

1. PROPOSED ACQUISITIONS FOR THE EXTENSION OF JOHNSTONE STREET BEHIND CASRA'S TAVERN BAR & GRILL.

Consideration of Report to Council from Manager Engineering Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 seeking Council's further consideration and direction in relation to the proposed acquisitions for the extension of Johnstone Street behind Casra's Tavern Bar & Grill.

Resolved – That consideration be deferred to the Council’s Special Meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.  
(Crs. Gianotti and Kaurila – Carried unanimously)

3. CONCLUSION – This concluded the business of the meeting which closed at 4.15 p.m.
4. APPROVED and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

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MAYOR